







NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 304

THE PROMISE of PASSOVER

Sunday, September 29, 2024 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please turn off all cell phones.

If you are visiting with us today, we extend to you a particular welcome and invite your questions and comments.

Our entire worship service is printed in this worship folder for your convenience.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.

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In the order of service, the words that are spoken by a leader are in regular type.

Words spoken by the assembly are in boldface type.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship God, who gifted us with life and Creation to sustain life.

We praise God for the wondrous Creation.

Come, let us follow Lord Jesus Christ, who inspires us to hope and act for justice and righteousness.

We give glory to God, who restores the groaning Creation and the vulnerable.

Come, let us move with the Holy Spirit, striving to establish justice and produce the firstfruits of hope.

We praise God for the abundant life that is assured to all Creation.

Heavenly Triune God and Creator of all, we gather here, made in the image of the Creator,

Who created in love.

We gather in the name of the redeemer, our Savior Jesus Christ,

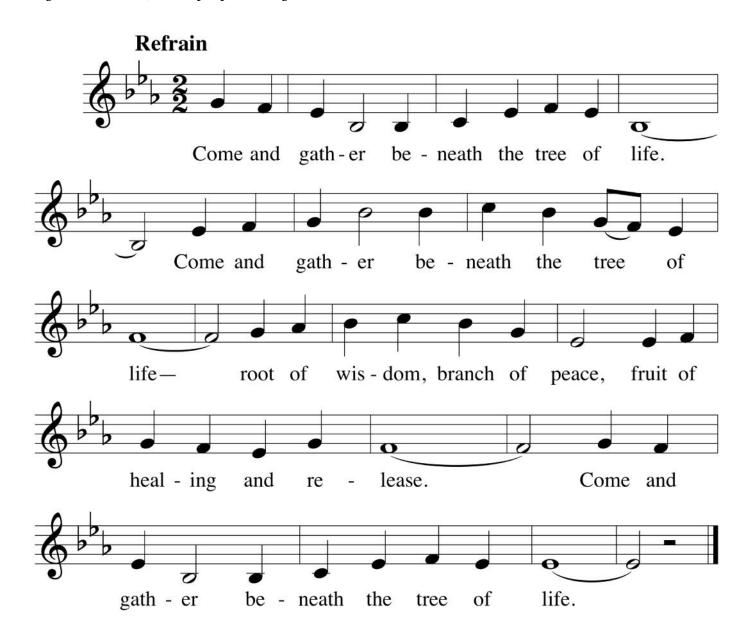
Who reconciles all of Creation.

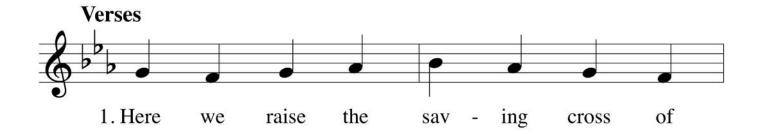
We gather in the presence of the life Giver, your Holy Spirit,

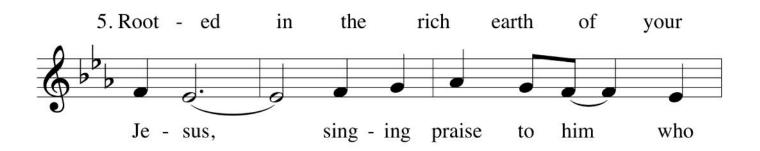
Who inspires new life and instills hope.

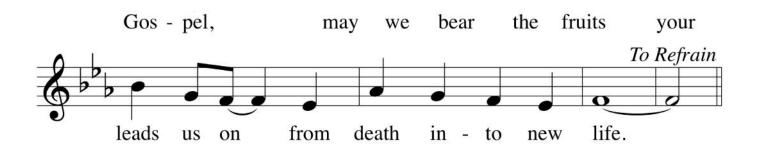
GATHERING HYMN "BENEATH THE TREE OF LIFE"

Holy Communion, Tree of Life Setting









Word has plant - ed deep with - in our hearts.

GREETING

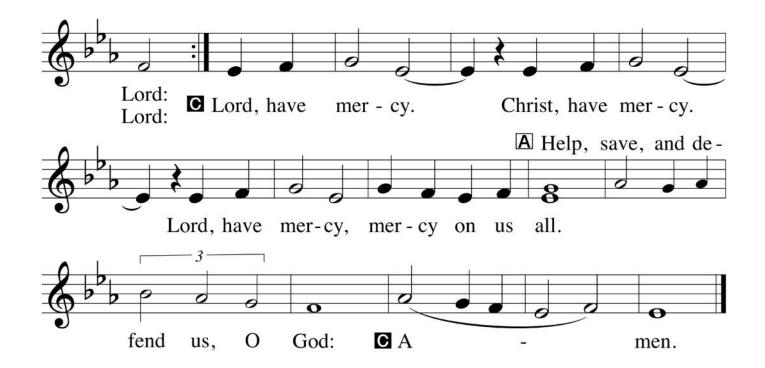
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

Holy Communion, Tree of Life Setting





Gathering Hymn reprise:

Come and gather beneath the tree of life.

Come and gather beneath the tree of life—root of wisdom, branch of peace, fruit of healing and release.

Come and gather beneath the tree of life.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of dreams and hope,

On the night of the Passover the sacrificed lamb became a sign of freedom and you freed the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt.

In Jesus, you sacrificed your son as a gift, thereby freeing all humanity from sin and death.

Help us live into this new life, teaching us to serve you in faithfulness as you have served us.

To you we offer our gratefulness in the name of the one who turned slavery into new life, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Sit.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

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READING

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 3Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. 4If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. 5Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. 7They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. 10 You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹The Lord said to Moses: ²Consecrate to me all the firstborn; whatever is the first to open the womb among the Israelites, of human beings and animals, is mine.

³Moses said to the people, "Remember this day on which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, because the Lord brought you out from there by strength of hand; no leavened bread shall be eaten. ⁴Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out. ⁵When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore to your ancestors to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall keep this observance in this month. ⁶Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a festival to the Lord. ⁷Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen in your possession, and no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory. ⁸You shall tell your child on that day, 'It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "BUILD US UP, LORD"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 670



CREED

Together, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Hear us, O God

Your mercy is great.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Let us give as God has so abundantly given to us.

You can participate in the Offering electronically by scanning the QR code and filling out the online form.



OFFERTORY

8:15 a.m. Choir Anthem

"There's a Wideness in Gods' Mercy" by Brenda Portman

Stand.

OFFERING HYMN • "COME, LET US BRING"

Holy Communion, Tree of Life Setting

Sung in canon. Group 1 = band side. Group 2 = pulpit side.



- 1. Come, let us bring the warm and fra-grant bread.
- 2. Come, let us bring the sweet a bun-dant wine.



Come, let us bring the warm and fra-grant bread. Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun-dant wine.



Bro-ken here so all God's peo-ple might be fed. In this cup we taste the joy of grace di-vine.



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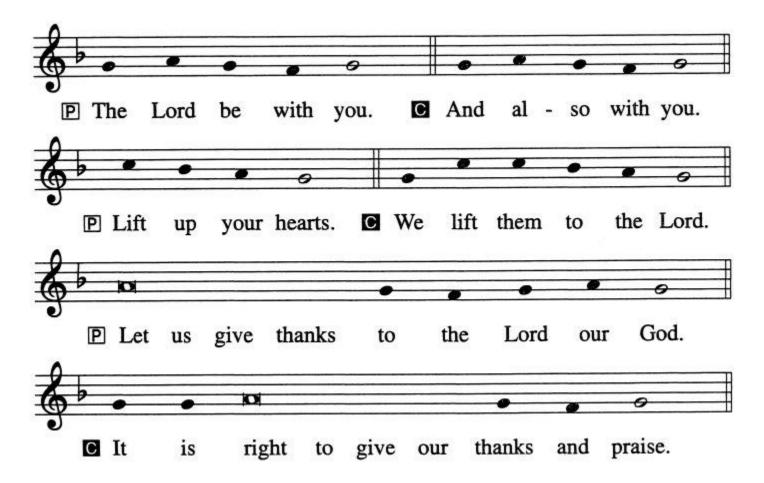
OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, Holy God, mighty and immortal, through Christ, our Lord, who on this day broke the bonds of death, opening to us the way of everlasting life and giving us a foretaste of the feast to come.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

SANCTUS • "HOLY"

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

Sit.

DISTRIBUTION

At Mountain View Lutheran Church we practice an open communion table, which means that everyone is welcome to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. (You don't have to be a member of MVLC.)

If you need an alcohol-free element or a gluten-free element, then please let your server know.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.

WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE

This is the table, not of the Church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who are loved by God, whether you feel loved or not.

It is for those who desire to grow in love with God.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little.

You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before.

Come, you who have tried to follow and you who live with a sense of failure in your following.

Come, not because the Church invites you; it is Christ who invites you to be known and fed and loved here.

Please come. Receive the gifts of God for all the people of God.

LAMB OF GOD • "LAMB OF GOD"

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COMMUNION HYMN • "SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN"

Worship & Praise 21



COMMUNION HYMN • "THIS IS CHRIST'S BODY"

All Creation Sings 967



COMMUNION HYMN • "YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART"

Evangelical Lutheran Church 484



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,

you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table.

Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

DEACON SENDING

Deacons are called to "make Christ and his redemptive love known by word and example." (1 Timothy)

Such love is expressed in the extension of Holy Communion to those who are homebound or hospitalized.

Gracious God,

grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful, + bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "THE DAY OF RESURRECTION!"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 361

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SENDING

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Anne Roff in memory of her husband Rick.

As a community following Christ, we **LOVE** with an open heart, **GROW** with a curious mind, and **SHARE** with a generous spirit.

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Both services

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- VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Harris, Dotty Shireman, Diana Smith, Mervina Sturgeon.

- USHERS: Ken Swanson (head usher), Betsy Tunstall.
- GREETER: Sandi Swanson.
- ACOLYTE: Penelope Neptun.
- LECTOR: Jeanne Anderson.
- COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Anne Roff, Michelle Schweikl.
- SOUND: Gene Quandt.

10:45 a.m.

- USHERS: Erik Knierim (head usher), Marlene Wright, Bob Yost.
- GREETER: Diksha Knierim.
- LECTOR: Jim Hushagen.
- COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Carolee Berntsen, Diksha Knierim.
- SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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