

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

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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Care Area, across from the Life Together Hall.*

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.

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 305

GOLDEN CALF

Sunday, October 6, 2024 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator, the strength of all creatures, we honor you.
Listen to the thoughts of your people.

We honor your Spirit who renews the world
and calls us to care for your creation
to the East, to the South, to the West, and to the North.

We live by ways you have entrusted to us
within the circle of life.

We turn our bodies to the Four Directions as we pray the following prayers. Begin by turning toward the East and continue to turn, with each prayer, in a clockwise direction.

We face East:

In the East, the place of dawning, there is beauty in the morning,
there the seeker finds new visions as each sacred day is born.
All who honor life around them, all who honor life within,
shall shine with light and glory when the morning comes again.
And we pray,

Come Holy Spirit, come.

We turn to the South:

In the South, the place of growing, there is wisdom in the earth,
both the painful song of dying and the joyful song of birth.
As the Earth gives up her lifeblood so that her children's hearts may beat,
so we give back to her our reverence for the holy ground beneath our feet.
And we pray,

Come Holy Spirit, come.

We turn to the West:

In the West, the place of seeing,
there is born a vision of the servant of the servants,
who proclaimed the Gospel to us.
Guide us at the end of each day and fill us with your peace.
And we pray,

Come Holy Spirit, come.

We turn to the North:

In the North, we look to God our Creator, who cleanses our earth
with snow, wind, and rain.
To Jesus, who fills us with the wideness of mercy and grace
and lovingly embraces all the people.
And to the Holy Spirit, who comes to inspire us.
And we pray,

Come Holy Spirit, come.

GATHERING HYMN • "BENEATH THE TREE OF LIFE"

Holy Communion, Tree of Life Setting

Refrain



Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of life.



Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of



life— root of wis - dom, branch of peace, fruit of



heal - ing and re - lease. Come and



gath - er be - neath the tree of life.

Verses

1. Here we raise the sav - ing cross of
 2. Flow - ing from this tree of grace and

Je - sus, sing - ing praise to him who
 pas - sion, Oh how sweet the taste, how

To Refrain
 leads us on from death in - to new life.
 deep and rich the well - spring of your love.

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



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord:



C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all. **A** 1. For the
A 2. For your



reign of God, and for peace through - out the
peo - ple here who have come to give you



world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
thanks, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the

Lord: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord: Lord, have mer-cy, mer - cy on us all.

fend us, O God: A - men.

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.

Faithful God of an unfaithful people,

The people of Israel doubted your power
and turned to other gods to fulfill their needs.

We too, turn to other gods,
seeking acceptance, power, and independence.

Show us how to live humbly in you,
and walk in your ways,
in the name of the one who offered true power to all humanity,
Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Holy Communion, Tree of Life Setting



C Al - le - lu - ia,



Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For



you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -



ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

READING

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Exodus 32:1-14

¹When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” ²Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” ³So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.” ⁶They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

⁷The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” ⁹The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

¹¹But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” ¹⁴And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME"

All Creation Sings 1082



1 O God, you search me and you know me.
 2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing.
 3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,
 4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,
 5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,



All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.
 You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,
 you have known its mean - ing through and through.
 still I search for shel - ter from your light.
 gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.



When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:
 and with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:
 You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:
 There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:
 For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:



ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.
 in ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.
 God of my pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.
 e - ven the dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
 safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

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

Challenged by God's Word in Christ,
let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

At the conclusion of each petition:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God,
we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in the saving grace your freely give,
both now and forever.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

All we have and all we are has come from God,
so let us worship God with our offerings.

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



OFFERTORY

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.



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

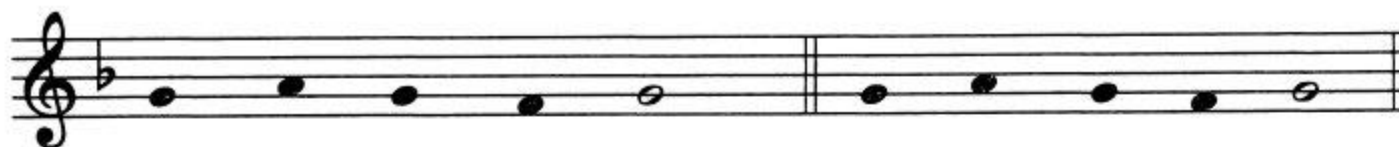
OFFERING PRAYER

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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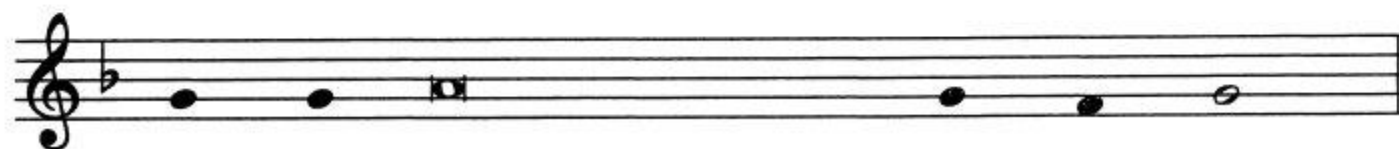
P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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"

Holy Communion, Tree of Life Setting



C Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,



God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your



glo-ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san - na, ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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"

Holy Communion, Tree of Life Setting



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the



world: have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the



world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

COMMUNION HYMN • "LORD, BE GLORIFIED"

Worship & Praise 89



1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

COMMUNION HYMN • "JESUS, REMEMBER ME"

Evangelical Lutheran Church 616

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in-to your king - dom.

The first system of the hymn is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The lyrics 'Je - sus, re - mem-ber me' are aligned under the first four notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The accompaniment starts with a half note G3, followed by a quarter note A3, a quarter note B3, and a half note C4. The lyrics 'when you come in-to your king - dom.' are aligned under the last four notes. The system ends with a double bar line.

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in-to your king - dom.

The second system of the hymn continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It also consists of two staves. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, and a half note G5. The lyrics 'Je - sus, re - mem-ber me' are aligned under the first four notes. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with a half note D3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note F#3, and a half note G4. The lyrics 'when you come in-to your king - dom.' are aligned under the last four notes. The system ends with a double bar line.

COMMUNION HYMN • "I RECEIVED THE LIVING GOD"

With One Voice 700



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Stand.

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.

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- J ALTAR GUILD: Diksha Knierim, Sandy Knierim, Angela Machumu.

8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Skip Harrison (head usher), Gary Larson, Janet Larson, George Rowe.
- J GREETER: Gloria Ratcliffe.
- J ACOLYTES: Addison Williamson, Olivia Williamson.
- J LECTOR: Addison Williamson.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Genie Lennon, Chris Ray.
- J SOUND: Henry Peck.

10:45 a.m.

- J USHERS: Diksha Knierim, Erik Knierim (head usher), Lindy Nelson, Marlene Wright.
- J GREETER: Carol Powers.
- J LECTOR: Jim Hushagen.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Terry Jensen, Carol Powers.
- J SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

SENDING HYMN • "STAND IN THE CONGREGATION"

Worship & Praise 131



1 I will stand in the con - gre - ga - tion and I will ex -
 2 I will stand in the con - gre - ga - tion and I will . . .
 3 We will join as a con - gre - ga - tion and we will ex -



alt you; I will stand in the con - gre - ga -
 praise your name; I will stand in the con - gre - ga -
 alt you; we will join as a con - gre - ga -



- tion and I will ex - alt
 - tion and I will . . . praise your name. Let the
 - tion and we will ex - alt you. With your
 We will



chil-dren of your sal - va - tion lift their prais - es too!
 peo-ple in ev - 'ry na - tion I will shout this praise!
 sing . . . as all cre - a - tion lifts the song a - new!



Hal - le - lu - jah!

³E \flat B \flat sus B \flat Gm⁷ Cm⁷
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Fsus F B \flat A \flat /B \flat B \flat
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

A \flat /B \flat B \flat E \flat Fm/E \flat E \flat Fm/E \flat
 Let the chil - dren of your sal - va - tion lift their

E \flat E \flat ⁷/G A \flat Fm⁷ E \flat A \flat M⁷/B \flat B \flat ⁷ E \flat Fm/B \flat E \flat
 prais - es too! Hal - le - lu - jah!

SENDING

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Flowers on the altar today
are given to the glory of God
by Ken and Sandi Swanson
in honor of Ken's 75th birthday.*

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