





NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 327

FORGIVEN at JESUS' FEET Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 23, 2025 • 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.
- Child care is available for children ages 5 years and under in the Child 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.**

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

OPENING HYMN • "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY" Evangelical Lutheran Worship 413



GREETING

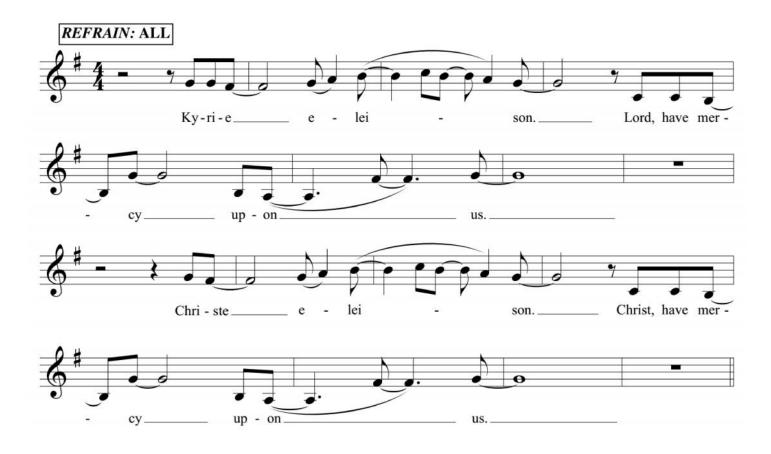
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE • "KYRIE" Behold, I Make All Things New

Cantor sings verses; congregation sings refrain.

In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. To Amen.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Forgiving God,

Too often we take your forgiveness for granted.

Too often we cling to our sin, believing that it is our right to harbor resentments and hatred.

Be merciful to us, and show us the depth of healing that is offered when you forgive, for the sake of the one who recognized total surrender to forgiveness and offered it willingly, Jesus Christ our healer.

Amen.

Sit.

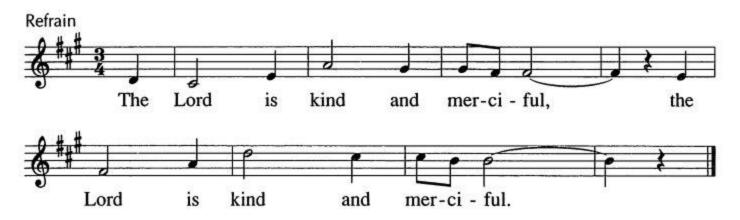
TEMPLE TALK

Sue Potter, Nourish Pierce County.

PSALM • "THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL"

Gather, Third Edition 75 • Psalm 103

Cantor sings refrain; **then all repeat.** Cantor: verses; **congregation: refrain.**



Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all my being bless God's name; bless the Lord, and forget not God's benefit.

Refrain.

God pardons all your iniquities, and comforts your sorrows, redeems your life from destruction and crowns you with kindness. *Refrain.*

Merciful, merciful, and gracious is our God; slow to anger, abounding in kindness. *Refrain.*

Stand.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Behold, I Make All Things New



READING

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 7:36-50

³⁶One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. 37And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. 38She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner." 40 Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." 41" A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" 43Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly."

⁴⁴Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." ⁴⁸Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

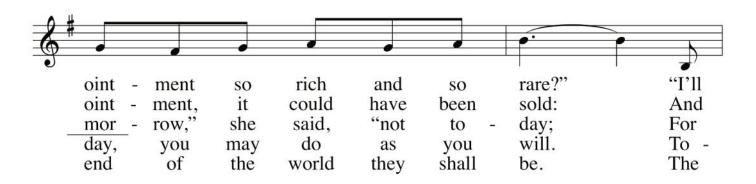
Pastor Eric Bostrom.

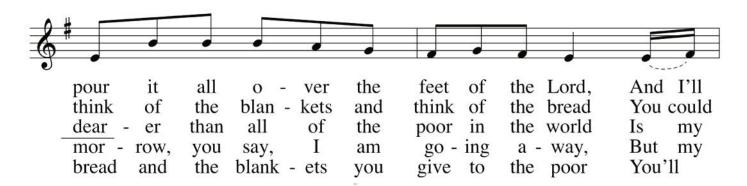
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HYMN OF THE DAY • "SAID JUDAS TO MARY"

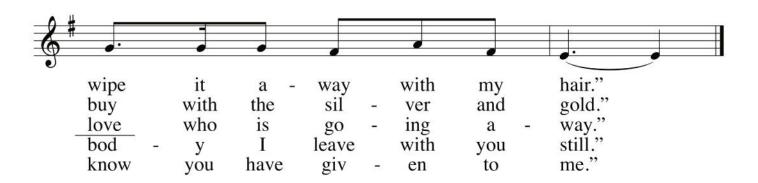
Hymns for the Gospels 37











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

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

At the conclusion of each petition:

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

An unnamed woman went to a Pharisee's home to worship Jesus in thanks for her new life.

Like her, Christ sets us free with gifts of mercy, grace, and love.

Our sins are forgiven, and our lives are made whole.

Let us pour out our thanksgivings before God.

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



OFFERING

10:45 a.m. Choir Anthem "Oh, Sing to the Lord a New Song" • John Leavitt

OFFERING HYMN • "LET THE VINEYARDS"

Behold, I Make All Things New



OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

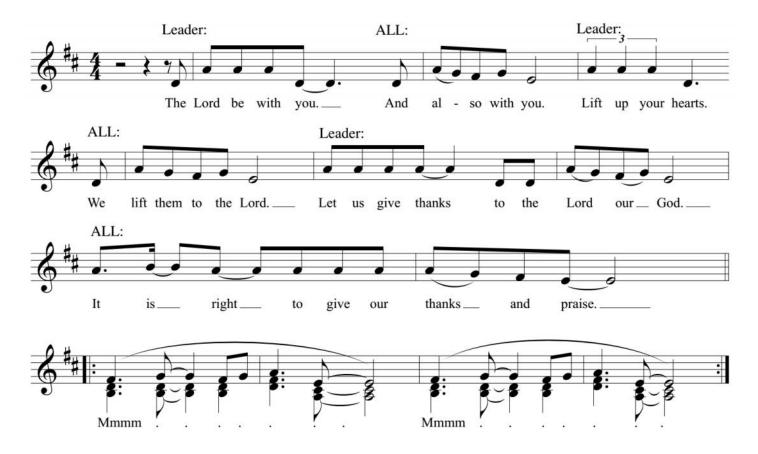
Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Behold, I Make All Things New



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, Almighty God, through our Savior, Jesus Christ,

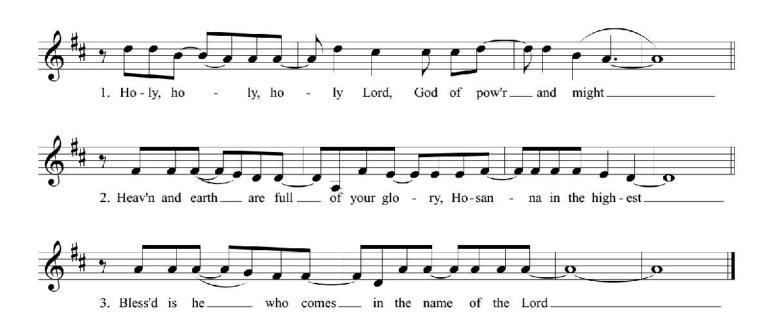
who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

So, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS • "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

Behold, I Make All Things New

Sing each line once.



To conclude, we will sing all three lines at the same time; doing such twice.

You choose which line (1, 2, or 3) you want to sing each time. (So you will sing line 1, line 2, line 3, line 1/2/3, line 1/2/3.)

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

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

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.

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

because the gifts of God are free.

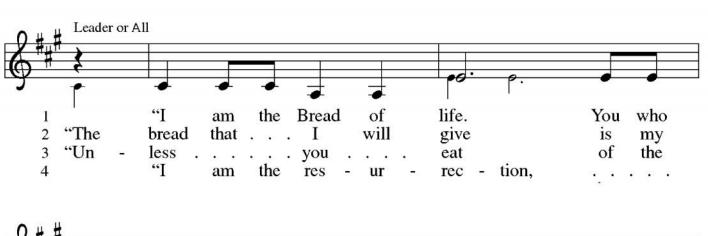
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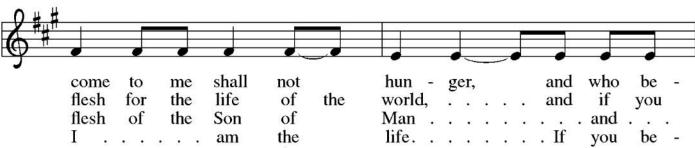
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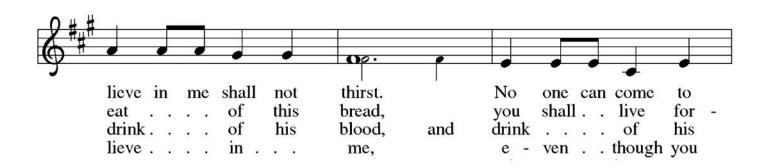


COMMUNION HYMN • "I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE"

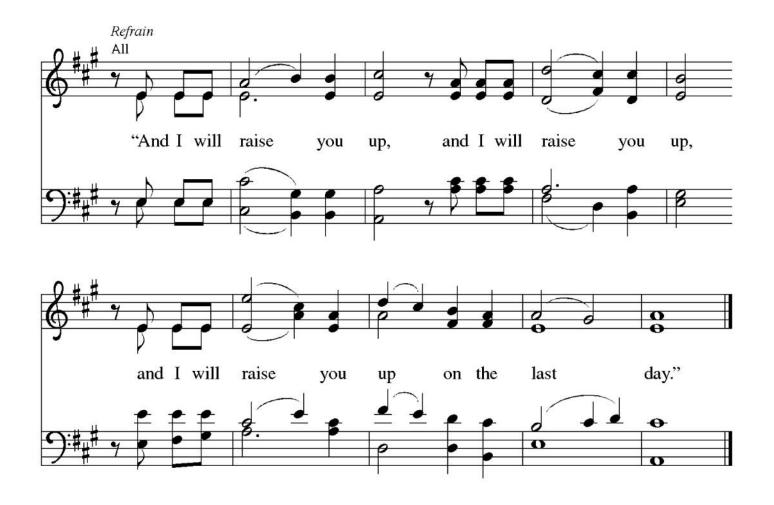
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COMMUNION HYMN • "COME TO THE TABLE"

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Come to the ta-ble of mer-cy, pre-pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun-gry and thirst-y, come, and your souls will be fed.



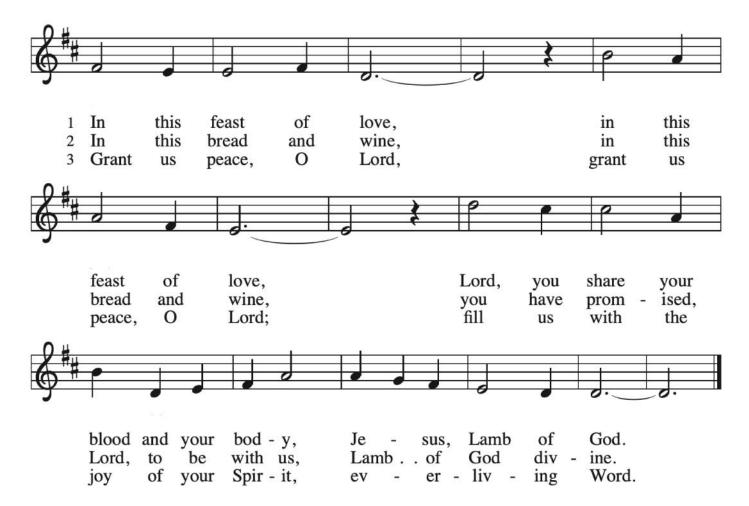
Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re-ceive from his nail-scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal-va-tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

COMMUNION HYMN • "IN THIS FEAST OF LOVE"

All Creation Sings 962



Stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God,

at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.

Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.

In the name of Christ we pray, 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.

Compassionate God,

as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

Amen.



SENDING HYMN • "GOD HAS WORK FOR US TO DO"

Roll Down, Justice!





SENDING

Go in peace.

Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by the MVLC Altar Guild.

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- PRESIDERS: Pastor Eric Bostrom, Deacon Traci Vatne.
- ASSISTING MINISTER: Bob Linden.
- DIRECTOR of MUSIC: Amy Boers.
- VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- ALTAR GUILD: Janet Larson, Diane Nelson, Diana Smith.

8:15 a.m.

- USHERS: Gary Larson, Chris Ray, Karen Slavens, Ken Swanson (head usher).
- GREETER: Sandi Swanson.
- LECTOR: Dotty Shireman.
- ACOLYTES: Penelope Neptun, Grace Sevigny.
- COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Flora Larson, Lori Neptun.
- J SOUND: Henry Peck.

10:45 a.m.

- USHERS: Mark Cantrell (head usher), Ken Johnson, Terry Johnson, Marlene Wright.
-) GREETER: Marlene Wright.
- LECTOR: Jim Hushagen.
- ACOLYTE: Camdon Cornell.
- COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Carolee Berntsen, Karla Briggs.
- SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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