

*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.*
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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.

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 340

EMMAUS ROAD

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 27, 2025 • 10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE


WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.


GATHERING

Meet Me at the River of Love

Intro 4 Chorus



Meet me at the ri - ver of love, meet me at the ri - ver to

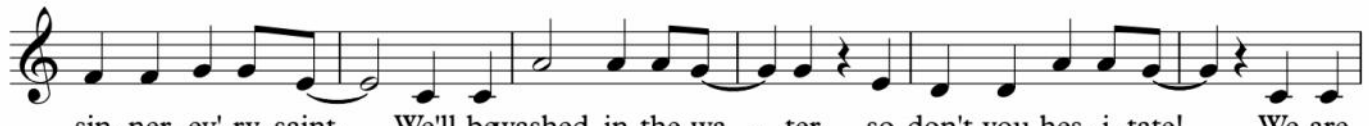


praise our God a-bove. Meet me at the ri - ver, meet me at the ri - ver,

Verse 1



meet me at the ri - ver of love. We'll be washed in the wa - ter, ev'-ry




sin-ner, ev'-ry saint. We'll be washed in the wa - ter, so don't you hes-i-tate! We are




washed in the wa - ter, bap tized and set free. We are washed in the wa - ter, so

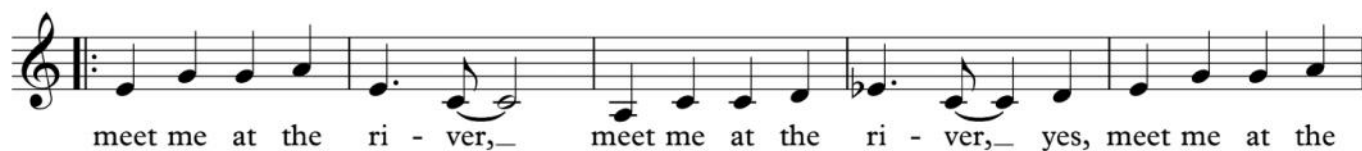
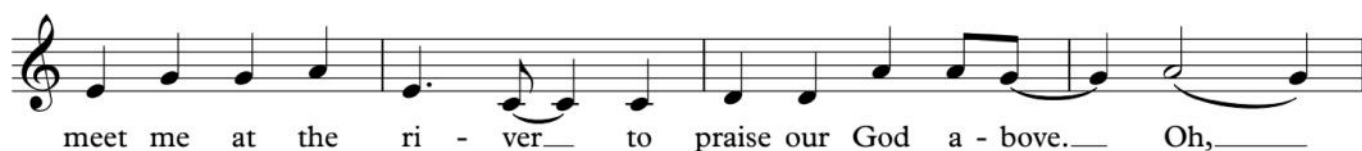
to Chorus Verse 2



come and meet me! All are wel-come at the ri - ver, the



new and the old. All are wel-come at the ri - ver, the meek and the bold. All are



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.

INVOCATION

Meet Me at the River of Love

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In the name of the Fa-ther, in the name of the

Son, and the Ho - ly Spi - rit, A - men.

CONFESSION

Meet Me at the River of Love

Intro



(hum)

Verse 1/2



Grac-cious God, have mer-cy on us. We turned from you
Turn us to you and to your Spi-rit. We want to live



and we turned to sin. We re - pent, Lord, for -
in new life in Je - sus. We re - pent, Lord, for -



give us. We re - pent, for all we have done.
give us. We re - pent, for-give us____ Lord, A -

Outro



men.____ A - men.____ (hum)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Christ comes with healing light
into our locked places and shadowy hurts,
resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life.

As God's own forgiven people,
go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world
in the name of Jesus Christ.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Meet Me at the River of Love

Intro 4 Verse

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of B-flat major (two flats), and 4/4 time. It consists of nine staves of music. The first staff begins with an 'Intro' section of four measures, followed by a 'Verse' section. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The score includes repeat signs and first/second endings. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

Lord God_ hea-ven-ly King, Al-migh-ty God, we praise you.. We
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your Glo - ry, and
Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, the Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world. Have mer - cy!
Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, the Lamb of God, oh
Ho - ly one, you are the Lord most high.
Chorus
You are ho-ly. You are ho-ly You are ho-ly and the Lord most high.
1.
With the Spi-rit. With the Spi-rit. With the Spi-rit in the glo-ry of God.
2.
glo - ry of God.. A - men! A -
men! A - men!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Mysterious and Divine Presence,

Too often our hearts burn within us
because our bodies know before our minds that you are here
working in us and through us in this world.

Open our eyes, and help us to recognize you in all places and in all people,
for the sake of the one whose presence is never far, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Sit.

TEMPLE TALK • MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Meet Me at the River of Love

Intro 4 Chorus

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia to the Lord! Al - le - lu - ia!

Verse

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia to the Lord! Lord, to

whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life! To

Chorus

whom shall we go? We go to you, oh Lord! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia to the Lord!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia to the Lord!

READING

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Deacon Traci Vatne.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed are you, holy God. From the beginning you have led your people through water from death into new life. In the deadly waters of the flood you saved Noah's family and the animal kingdom in the ark. Out of dehumanizing slavery, you led Moses and your people through the deadly water of the Red Sea, to become God's free and faithful people. In the waters of the River Jordan, your Son was baptized by John the Baptist, the heavens were torn apart, the Holy Spirit descended, and a voice spoke, "You are my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." And now we gather around this same water of death, life, promise, and story. Go before us and lead us from death to life, from bondage in sin to the freedom to love, from despair to hope, from loneliness to community, from fear to courage. Tear apart the barrier between heaven and earth. Descend upon us and fill us with the Holy Spirit. Open our hearts to hear the Creator of the Universe speak to us: "You are beloved, I am well pleased with you." May this water bring an end to our tears and begin the reign of grace upon our world: your Kingdom come, your will be done. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Ainsley, I ask you now to affirm your baptism, to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Ainsley:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Ainsley:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Ainsley:

I renounce them.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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 to the dead.**

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Ainsley, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and our mission to be a community following Christ, to LOVE with an open heart, GROW with a curious mind, and SHARE with a generous spirit.

In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you a member of his Church.

In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word, God's loving purpose for you and all creation.

You have been called to be a witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

- 丿 to live among God's faithful people,
- 丿 to hear his Word and share in his supper,
- 丿 to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- 丿 to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and
- 丿 to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Ainsley:

Yes, by the help of God.

Hands are laid upon Ainsley.

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit
you have made Ainsley your own.

You forgave her all her sins and brought her to newness of life.

Continue to strengthen her with your Holy Spirit,
and daily increase in her your gifts of grace:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us welcome Ainsley.

**We welcome you into this body in Christ
and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

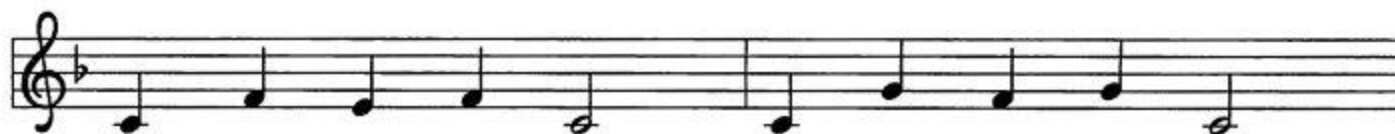
SERMON

Deacon Traci Vatne.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "DAY OF ARISING"

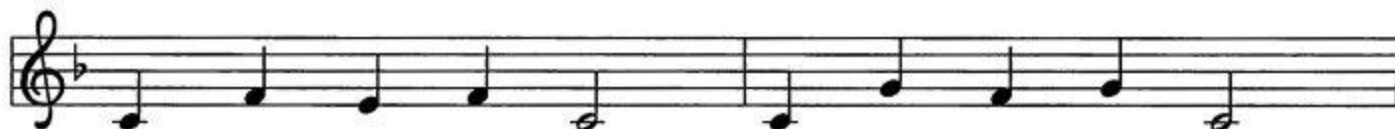
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 374



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
 blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
 This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
 bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
 yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
 when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
 Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
 our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
 there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
 that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

God of resurrection and new life,
we come before you in prayer
for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

At the conclusion of each petition:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God,
trusting that you are always with us;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Sit.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Bountiful are God's gifts to us.

In gratitude, let us offer our hearts
and the fruit of the labor to God's service.

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



OFFERING

Stand.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "PRAISE TO YOU, O GOD OF MERCY"

Worship & Praise 119



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy! Thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us! Thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy! Thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: thanks be to you for -
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us: thanks be to you for -
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! ev - er! Strong is your faith - ful - ness,



strong is your love, re - mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of



life with us. ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

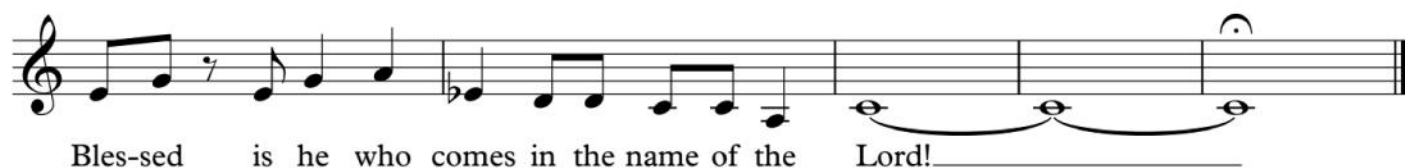
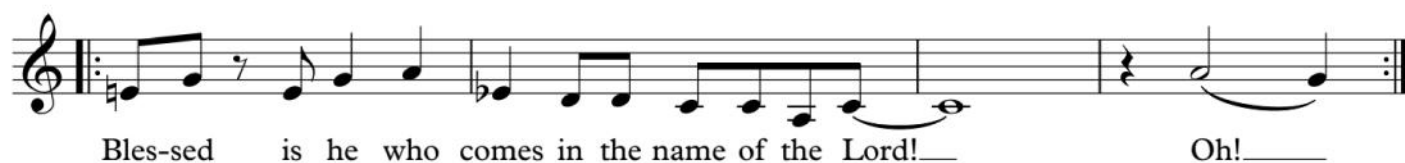
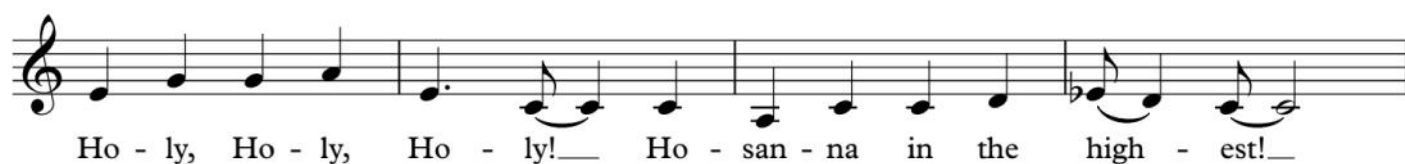
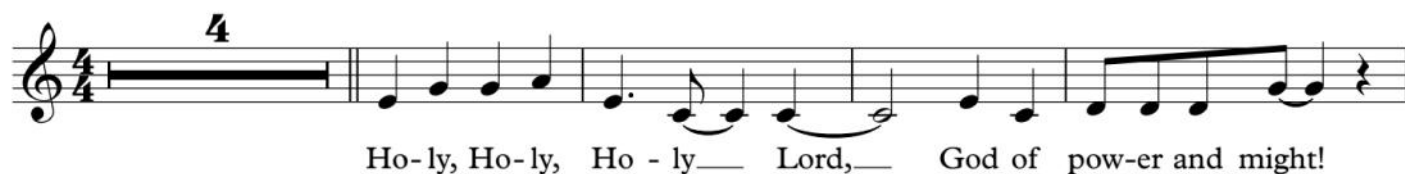
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good
that we should everywhere,
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection
of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the Lamb who gave himself
to take away our sin;
who in dying destroyed death,
and in rising brought us eternal life.

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

SANCTUS

Meet Me at the River of Love



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

Come to the table of grace.
Receive the gift of new life.

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.

LAMB OF GOD

Meet Me at the River of Love

Intro Verse

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world. Have

1. 2. 3.

mer-cy on us. Lamb of mer-cy on us. Lamb of mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us,

mer-cy and grant us peace. Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN • "EAT THIS BREAD"

With One Voice 709

The image displays a musical score for a communion hymn, consisting of two systems of vocal staves. Each system includes a treble and a bass staff, both with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the staves.

System 1:

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.

System 2:

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

COMMUNION HYMN • "HERE IS BREAD"

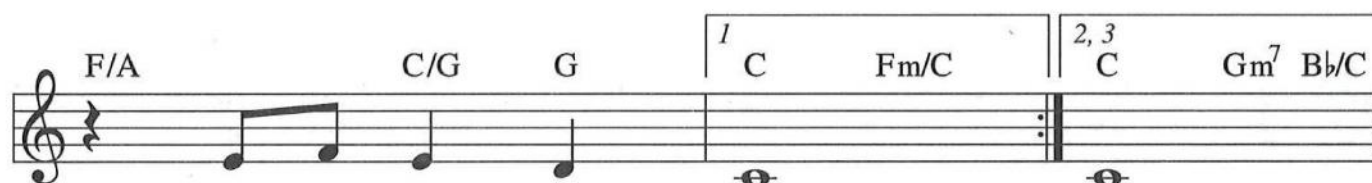
Worship & Praise 58



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us,



he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine,
 he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace,
 he is with us. We'll pro - claim till he comes

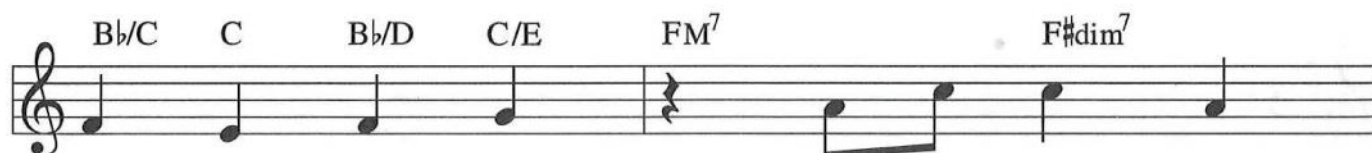


Christ is with us here.
 feast on Je - sus here.
 Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Refrain



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is



life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment,



by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

COMMUNION HYMN • "COME TO THE TABLE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 481



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.

Stand.

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world.
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,
bless those who go forth to share
your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers.
In your love and care, nourish and strengthen
those to whom we bring this communion,
that all may feast upon your abundant love
made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

Meet Me at the River of Love

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. It starts with a whole rest marked with a '3' above it, followed by a quarter rest, a quarter note G, a half note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. The lyrics 'The Lord bless you and keep you, the' are written below the notes. The second staff continues with a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. The lyrics 'Lord make his face shine u-pon you and be gra-cious to you, and give you peace.' are written below the notes. Above the second staff, the tempo marking 'molto rit.' is written, followed by a dashed line. A '3' is written above the first three notes of the second staff, indicating a triplet.

3

The Lord bless you and keep you, the

molto rit.

3

Lord make his face shine u-pon you and be gra-cious to you, and give you peace.

Stand.

SENDING HYMN • "NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 367



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

SENDING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

*Flowers on the altar
are given to the glory of God
by Rikki and Marnie McManus
in honor of their wedding anniversary.*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 4, 2025 • 12 noon • Life Together Hall

We gather as a congregation to conduct the business of the church:

- electing members of the 2025-2026 Church Council.
- electing members of the 2025-2026 Nominating Committee.
- electing members of the Mission Endowment Fund.

All voting members are encouraged to attend.

You must be present in person to be able to vote.

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