



*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.*
-) 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.

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 341

STEPHEN'S WITNESS

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 4, 2025 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE


WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.


GATHERING

Meet Me at the River of Love

Intro **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

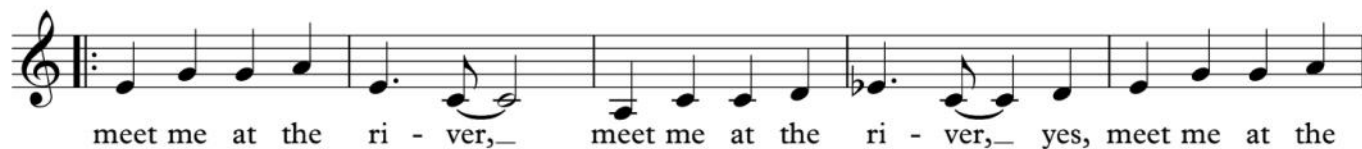
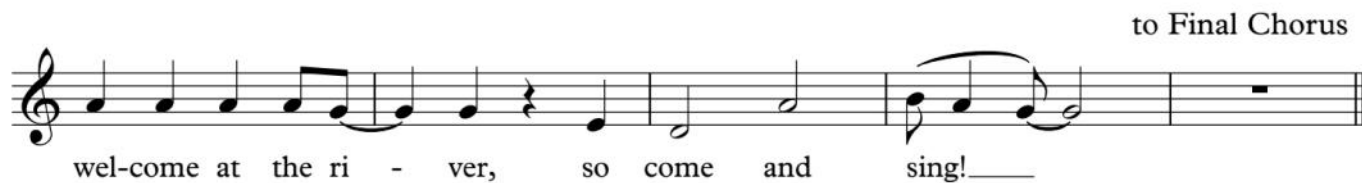
to Chorus **Verse 2**



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

Sung by the leader/cantor.

In the name of the Father,
in the name of the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Meet Me at the River of Love

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

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 begins with an 'Intro' section consisting of four measures of a whole note chord (B-flat, D-flat, F, B-flat). This is followed by a 'Verse' section of 16 measures. The lyrics are: '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.' The verse concludes with a final whole note chord. The 'Chorus' section follows, marked with a double bar line and repeat signs. It consists of two lines of four measures each. The first line of the chorus has the lyrics: 'You are ho-ly. You are ho-ly You are ho-ly and the Lord most high.' The second line has the lyrics: 'With the Spi-rit. With the Spi-rit. With the Spi-rit in the glo-ry of God.' The chorus is repeated twice, with the first ending leading back to the beginning of the chorus and the second ending leading to a final 'A - men!' with a fermata. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, as well as rests and dynamic markings.

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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.
With the Spi-rit. With the Spi-rit. With the Spi-rit in the glo-ry of God.
glo - ry of God.. A - men! A -
men! A - men!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy Giver and Receiver of Life,

Your martyr, Stephen, shined with the light of your Holy Spirit.

When his opponents took his life,
he offered up his spirit to you,
and prayed mercy for theirs.

Make Stephen an example of faith and courage
for all your followers,
for the sake of the one
who brought light and life to this world, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Sit.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

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

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 6:1—7:2a, 44-60

¹Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. ²And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, ⁴while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." ⁵What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. ¹⁰But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. ¹¹Then they secretly instigated some men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." ¹²They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council. ¹³They set up false witnesses who said, "This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law; ¹⁴for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us." ¹⁵And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

¹Then the high priest asked him, "Are these things so?" ²And Stephen replied:

"⁴⁴Our ancestors had the tent of testimony in the wilderness, as God directed when he spoke to Moses, ordering him to make it according to the pattern he had seen. ⁴⁵Our ancestors in turn brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that God drove out before our ancestors. And it was there until the time of David, ⁴⁶who found favor with God and asked that he might find a dwelling place for the house of Jacob. ⁴⁷But it was Solomon who built a house for him. ⁴⁸Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made with human hands as the prophet says,

⁴⁹'Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my footstool.
What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord,
or what is the place of my rest?
⁵⁰Did not my hand make all these things?'

⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. ⁵²Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. ⁵³You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it."

⁵⁴When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. ⁵⁵But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶Look, he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Chelsea Globe.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 659



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

CREED

Together, let us confess our faith.

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

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:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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 our 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.

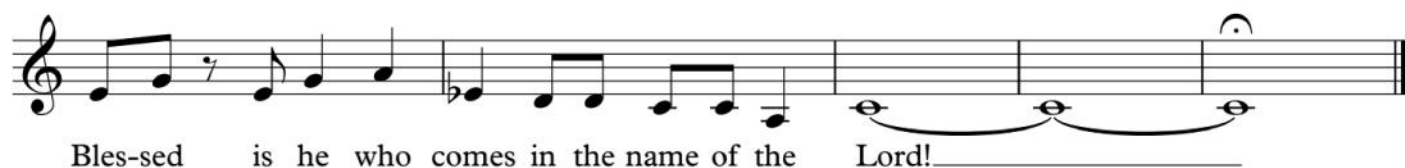
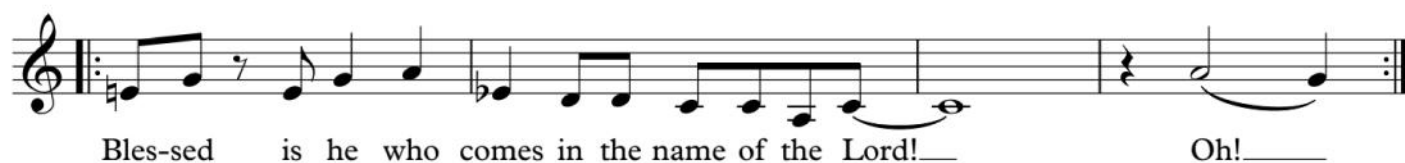
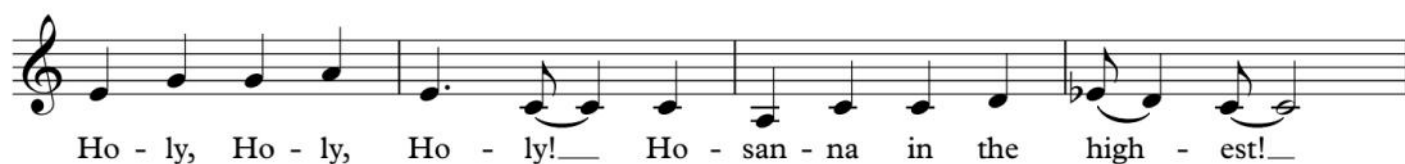
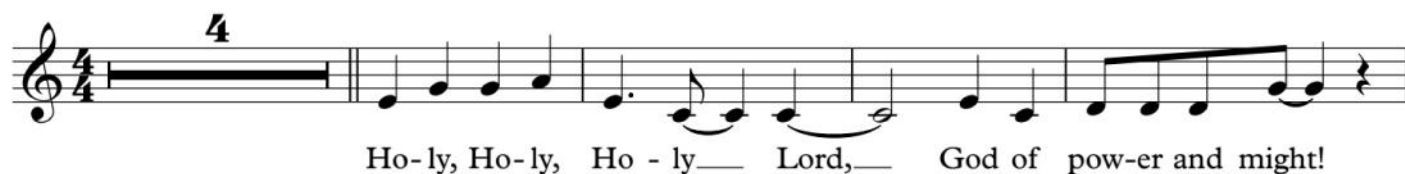
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and joy,
that we should at all times
and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection
of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself
to take away our sin,
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels,
cherubim and seraphim,
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 • "THIS IS CHRIST'S BODY"

All Creation Sings 967

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble and a bass staff, both in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,
with mer - cy and love.

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the notes.

bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

The third system of musical notation, which concludes the hymn. It features a final cadence in both the treble and bass staves. The lyrics are written below the notes.

COMMUNION HYMN • "BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 656

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system contains four lines of lyrics. The second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with many chords and some melodic lines.

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

COMMUNION HYMN • "FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS"

All Creation Sings 1003

Optional descant

Could it be for such a time as this?

Could it be that we are called for such a time as this?

Could it be for such a time as this?

Could it be that we are called for such a time as this?

Stand.

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

Amen.

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

Sung by the leader/cantor.

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
and give you peace.

Amen.

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

Roll Down, Justice!



1. 'Til all the jails are
2. 'Til age and race and
3. By pray - ing through our



emp - ty _____ and all the bell - ies
gen - der _____ no long - er sep - a -
do - ing, _____ and sing - ing though we



filled; _____ 'til no one hurts or
rate; _____ 'til pul - pit, press, and
fear, _____ by trust - ing that the



steals or lies, and no more blood is
pol - i - tics are free of greed and
seed we sow will bring God's har - vest



spilled: _____ God _____ has work for us to do,
hate:
near:



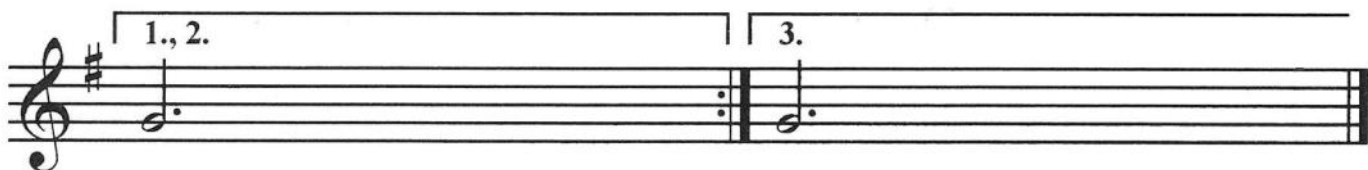
God_____ has work for us to do, 'til



God's will is done, and all things are made new,



God_____ has work for us,_____ work for us to



do!

do!

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 Genie Lennon
in honor of her twin sister Maxine.*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY • 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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- J ALTAR GUILD: Janice Harrison, Diksha Knierim, Sandy Knierim, Karen Lonn.

8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Vic Lindstrom, Ken Swanson (head usher), Sandi Swanson.
- J GREETER: Joanne Lindstrom.
- J LECTOR: Penelope Neptun.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Lori Neptun, Betsy Tunstall.
- J SOUND: Henry Peck.

10:45 a.m.

- J USHERS: Tom Fairchild, Rick Hansen, Bob Yost (head usher).
- J GREETER: Diksha Knierim.
- J LECTOR: John Dahle.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Karen Hansen, Carol Powers.
- J SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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Mountain View Community Center's Kilometers 4 Kids FUN RUN 2025

Walk, jog, or skip to support local students! Join us for a family friendly fun run!

Registration includes an official 2025 K4K t-shirt (if registered by May 13th) and celebratory treat.

Thanks to our sponsors, every lap completed by our registrants will raise one dollar to support our summer youth programs! Complete your laps and get special treats and swag from our sponsors! Don't wait, register today!

Location: Mt. View Elementary
Date: Saturday, June 7, 2025
Time: 10:00 am - 12 noon

Registration Cost: \$25 per adult | \$15 per youth

The \$25 ADULT registration fee provides supplemental food for one student for a month.

The \$15 YOUTH registration fee provides a new backpack for one student.

Register at www.mtviewcommunitycenter.org/kilometers-4-kids