



*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 342

ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH BAPTIZED

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 11, 2025 • 8:15 a.m. and 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

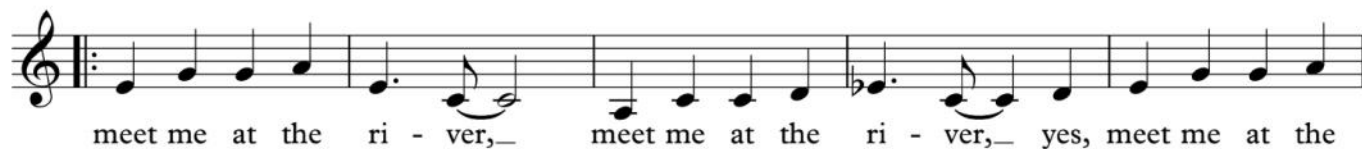
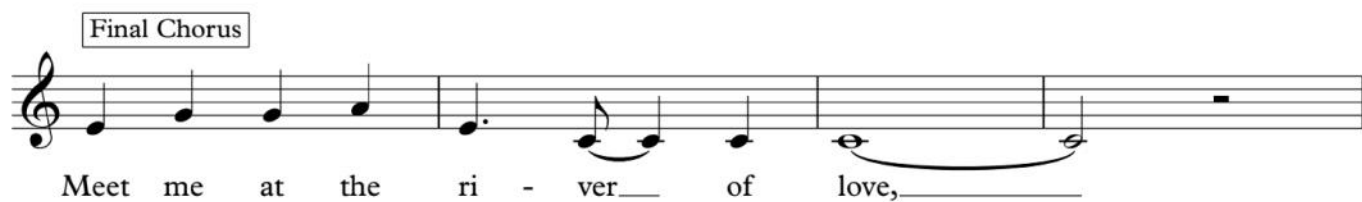
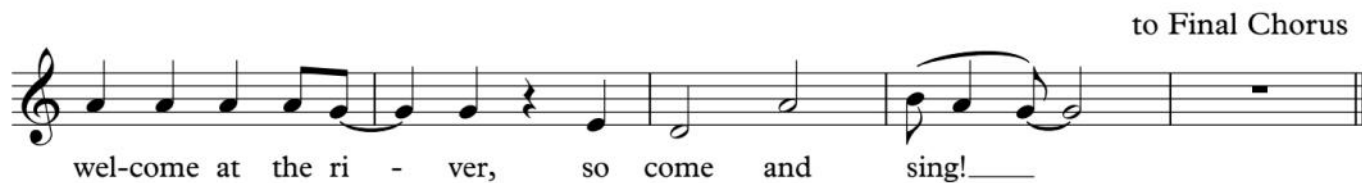
to Chorus Verse 2



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

Sung by the leader/cantor.

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

Amen.

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.

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 consists of nine staves. The first staff begins with an 'Intro' section of four measures, followed by a 'Verse' section. 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 'Chorus' section begins on the sixth staff and includes two first endings. The first ending leads to the second ending, which concludes with 'A - men!'. The lyrics for the chorus are: '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!' The score uses various musical notations including eighth, quarter, and half notes, rests, and repeat signs.

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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.

Fulfillment of the prophecies,
with Scripture and water
you claim people as your own.

Claim us with water and the word,
so that we may rejoice in the life
given to us through the gift of the Holy Spirit,
for the sake of the one
whose spirit lives in us, 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 8:26-39

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.
³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

8:15 a.m.

Children's Choir • Rock Ministry

10:45 a.m.

Pastor Eric Bostrom

SERMON

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "COME TO THE WATER OF LIFE"

All Creation Sings 955



1	All	who	are	thirst - y	for	mer - cy,		all	who	are	thirst - y	for
2	All	who	are	thirst - y	for	heal - ing,		all	who	are	thirst - y	for
3	All	who	are	thirst - y	for	beau - ty,		all	who	are	thirst - y	for
4	All	who	are	thirst - y	for	jus - tice,		all	who	are	thirst - y	for



love;	all	who	are	thirst - y	for	love,	for	mer - cy,
touch;	all	who	are	thirst - y	for	touch,	for	heal - ing,
truth;	all	who	are	thirst - y	for	truth,	for	beau - ty,
peace;	all	who	are	thirst - y	for	peace,	for	jus - tice,



come:	come	to	the	Wa - ter	of	life.
come:	come	to	the	Wa - ter	of	life.
come:	come	to	the	Wa - ter	of	life.
come:	come	to	the	Wa - ter	of	life.

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

Offering what we have for the sake of others
is a discipline of pruning—letting go of our possessions,
our time, and even ourselves—
to extend the gospel witness into the world.

Be generous in your ministry of giving.

You need not fear; you abide in the vine.

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



OFFERING

*10:45 a.m.
MVLC Choir*

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.

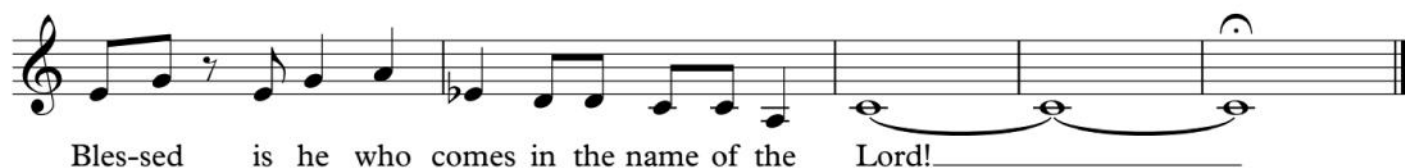
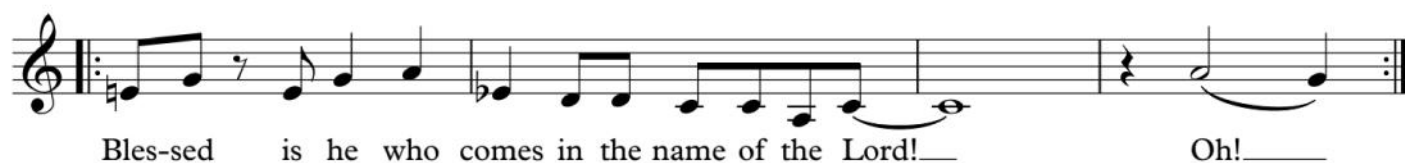
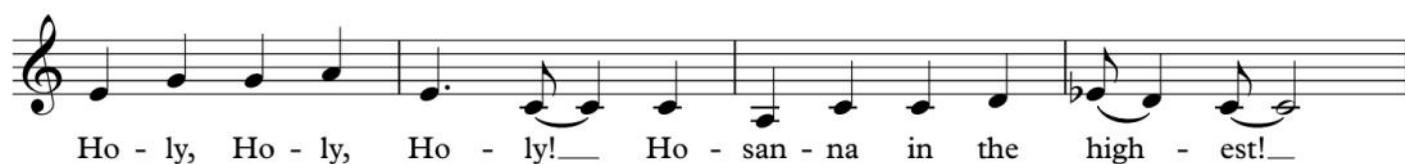
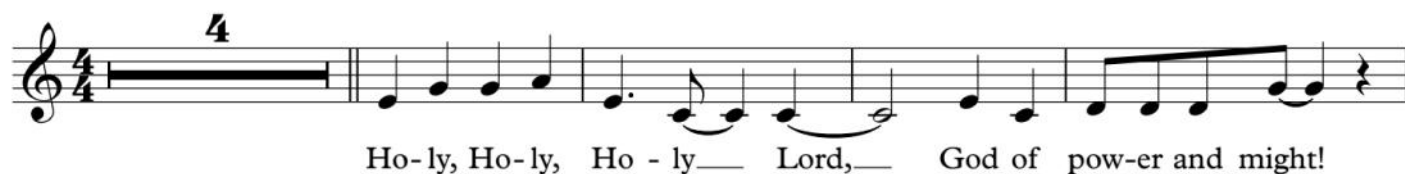
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Detailed description: The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time, using a key signature of one flat (Bb). The first line begins with an 'Intro' section consisting of a 3-measure rest, followed by a 'Verse' section. The verse starts with a half note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4, then continues with a series of eighth notes: D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3. The lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world. Have' are aligned with this melody. The second line contains three endings. Ending 1 consists of a half note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4. Ending 2 consists of a half note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4, followed by a 3-measure rest. Ending 3 consists of a half note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4. The lyrics 'mer-cy on us. Lamb of mer-cy on us. Lamb of_ mer-cy on us,_ mer-cy on us,_' are aligned with these endings. The third line continues the melody with a half note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4, followed by a 3-measure rest. The lyrics 'mer-cy and grant us peace. Grant us peace. Grant us peace.' are aligned with this melody.

COMMUNION HYMN • "LIKE THE MURMUR OF THE DOVE'S SONG"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 403



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch-es of the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

COMMUNION HYMN • "ONE BREAD, ONE BODY"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 496

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



Refrain

wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

COMMUNION HYMN • "CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART"

Worship & Praise 35

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve

you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that

I might be re - newed. So fill me and

heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -

ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

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 • "BAPTIZED AND SET FREE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 453



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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 Ellen Leapaldt
in celebration of National Music Week
and everyone that makes music a part of their lives!*

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

8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Emily Thompson, Betsy Tunstall, Terry Wolfe.
- J GREETER: Anne Roff.
- J LECTOR: Janet Larson.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Gloria Ratcliffe, Anne Roff.
- J SOUND: Henry Peck.

10:45 a.m.

- J USHERS: Mark Cantrell (head usher), David Nichols, Diane Nelson, Lindy Nelson.
- J GREETER: Nathan Nichols.
- J LECTOR: Karen Urstad.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Lynn Nichols, Paige Nichols.
- J SOUND: Megan Hutton.

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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