



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.

SUMMER NARRATIVE LECTIONARY

Time after Pentecost:

OLD TESTAMENT WISDOM & POETRY

Sunday, August 13, 2023 • 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

*All may make the sign of the cross,
+ the sign that is marked at baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of our neighbors.

Kneel or stand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings.
We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy:

you are freed and forgiven

in the name of + Jesus Christ.

Amen.


Stand.

KYRIE • "KYRIE"

With One Voice 601 • Ghana



1,3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE • "TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM"

Gather, Third Edition 795

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Beckoning God,
you are our creator and provide for all our needs,
especially our neglected need for love.

Gather us into families, communities, marriages, and friendships
that will love us in ways that protect us, make us strong,
and awaken beauty within and around us.

And when human love fails, may your perfect and complete love
embrace us with the assurance that we are your Beloved Children.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Amen.

Sit.

READING

A reading from the Song of Solomon.

Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7

¹⁰My beloved speaks and says to me: “Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; ¹¹for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. ¹²The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. ¹³The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

⁶Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. ⁷Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of his house, it would be utterly scorned.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE • "CELTIC ALLELUIA"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 174

Sing twice.

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

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the song "Celtic Alleluia". Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!" are written below the notes on both staves. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff also ends with a double bar line.

READING

A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

Mark 8:35-37

“³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "COME AND SEEK THE WAYS OF WISDOM"

All Creation Sings 971



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

CREED

Together, let us confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by 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.**

**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

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns,
let us offer our prayers for the church,
those in need, and all of creation.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Hear us, O God,
your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray,
in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself,
Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

OFFERING

“For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven.”

—ECCLESIASTES 1:1

Now is a time to *share* with a generous spirit.

Every minute of every day, God is making all things new, giving and giving and giving again, and you are called to be part of God’s work of generosity: you are called to give; to surrender your time, talent, and treasure to this God-work of making all things new.

You are called to give. We are called to give. This morning’s offering will now be given and received!

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



OFFERTORY

*“Arise, My Love”
Ellen Leapaldt, voice.*

Stand.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "THANKS TO GOD, AUTHOR OF LIVING"

Samoa

Thanks to God, au - thor - of - liv - ing, who has nur - tured us with

grace, free - ly lov - ing and for - giv - ing, leav - ing none with - out em -

brace. We bring prais - es and thanks - giv - ing. Al - le -

We bring prais - es and thanks - giv - ing, Al - le,

lu - ia joy - fully sing. We bring prais - es and thanks -

Al - le - lu - ia joy - fully joy - fully sing. We bring, we bring prais - es and thanks -

giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia joy - fully sing.

giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia joy - fully sing.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things.

Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE 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 our joy,
that we should at all times
and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful 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.

And 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"

All Creation Sings • Holy Communion, Setting 11 • Puerto Rico



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly 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.



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



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



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



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table.

Come, eat what is good.

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.

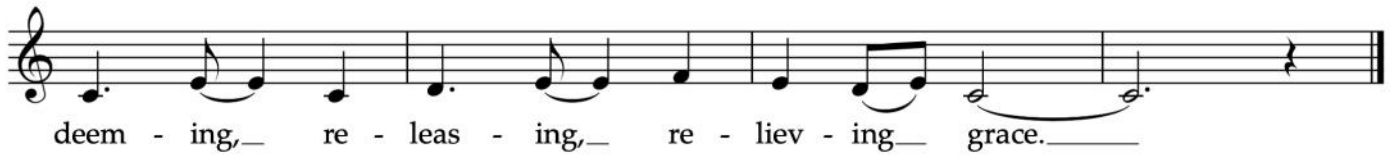
Come, you who have tried to follow
and you who live with a sense of failure in your following.

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.

LAMB OF GOD • "LAMB OF GOD"

Sweden



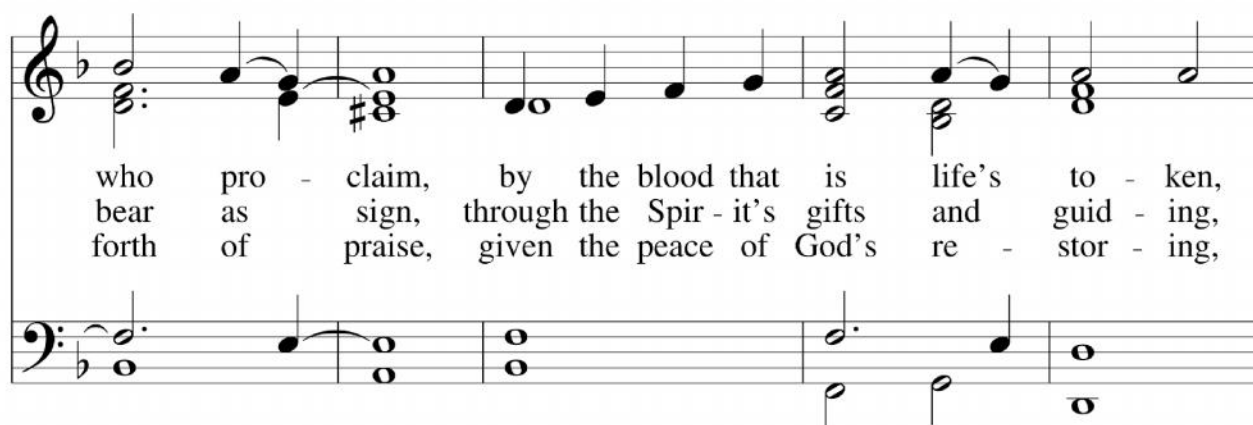
COMMUNION HYMN • "WITH THE BODY THAT WAS BROKEN"

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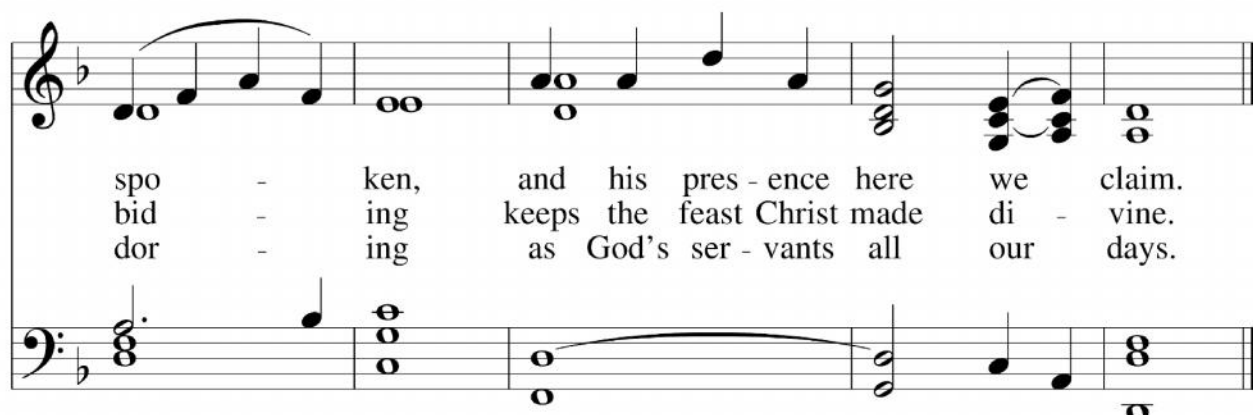
1 With the bod - y that was bro - ken, to the bod - y
2 In the cross of Christ con - fid - ing, by the cross we
3 Fed by break-ing and out - pour - ing, joined in break-ing -



who pro - claim, by the blood that is life's to - ken,
bear as sign, through the Spir - it's gifts and guid - ing,
forth of praise, given the peace of God's re - stor - ing,



for the life found in his name: so the Word-made-flesh has
with these gifts of bread and wine: so the church in faith a -
sent in peace to live al - ways: so we show forth our a -



spo - ken, and his pres - ence here we claim.
bid - ing keeps the feast Christ made di - vine.
dor - ing as God's ser - vants all our days.

COMMUNION HYMN • "BREAK NOW THE BREAD OF LIFE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 515



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

COMMUNION HYMN • "IN THIS FEAST OF LOVE"

All Creation Sings 962



1 In this feast of love, in this
2 In this bread and wine, in this
3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us



feast of love, Lord, you share your
bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
peace, O Lord; fill us with the



blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

Stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, generous God,
**for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.**

**Send us now as a community following Christ,
to LOVE with an open heart,
GROW with a curious mind,
and SHARE with a generous spirit.**

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.

O God of tender compassion,
**as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those
who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our
sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound. May they be
sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the
Bread of Life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

BLESSING

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead
our Lord Jesus, + the great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will,
working among us that which is pleasing in his sight,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

SENDING

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Flowers on the altar today
are given to the glory of God
by Craig Murray and Carol Powers
in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary.*

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Fundraising Meal for the Zahir Family

Sunday, August 20, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Life Together Hall

Mountain View Lutheran Church has been walking closely with an Afghan refugee family of six. The Zahir family is Muhammad, Behista, and their four school-age children. Muhammad was a doctor in Afghanistan working with Doctors Without Borders. Our church is walking closing with this family because Gene and Karen Quandt opened up their Edgewood home for several weeks and Pat Clement, a neighbor of the Quandts, became a champion for the Zahir family, providing transportation and help getting drivers licenses, signing up for ESL classes, and navigating the enrollment of their kids in school.

The Zahir family needs a vehicle because right now they have no transportation except for walking. So, our church is hosting an Afghan Meal that will be cooked by the Zahir family and supported by Mountain View friends. A free-will donation will be taken to raise money for a vehicle. A generous donor has already given \$5,000 to be used as matching dollars for this family in need. So, our goal with this meal is to turn \$5,000 into \$10,000.

Muhammad Zahir will share the story of his family in Afghanistan and their journey to America. Please invite your friends, neighbors, and family members that you feel would like to support the Zahir family building a life in our community.



You can also donate toward a vehicle for the Zahir family by using this QR code.

- Once you scan the QR code, a giving form will appear.
-) Click on the **One-time** option.
 -) In the **Amount** box type the amount you would like to donate.
 -) From the **Fund** drop down list, scroll to the bottom and select **Special Offering**.
 -) In the **Note** box, type in "Zahir Family."
 -) Complete the form with your information and click **Give**.