

share

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.

SUMMER NARRATIVE LECTIONARY

MVLC Mission Statement:
love, grow, SHARE.

Sunday, September 3, 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 THIS MOMENT"

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1. Take this mo - ment, sign, and space; Take my
2. Take the time to call my name, Take the
3. Take the tired - ness of my days, Take my
4. Take the lit - tle child in me, Scared of
5. Take my tal - ents, take my skills, Take what's



friends a - round; Here a - mong us
time to mend Who I am and
past re - gret, Let - ting your for -
grow - ing old; Help him/her here to
yet to be; Let my life be



make the place Where your love is found.
what I've been, All I've failed to tend.
give - ness touch All I can't for - get.
find his/her worth Made in Christ's own mold.
yours, and yet, Let it still be me.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Generous God,
your blessings and mercies are more than we can count.

Fill the clay jars of our life with the Spirit
of your abundant grace and never-ending love.

We offer our lives as vessels to be poured out,
sharing your spirit, grace, and love with the world and our neighbor.

Inspire us to share our time, treasure, talents, and stories
with generous multiplication.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sit.

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 '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. 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 12:41-44

⁴¹[Jesus] sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "COMMONWEALTH IS GOD'S COMMANDMENT"

All Creation Sings 1036



- 1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
- 2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
- 3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,



Ta-les set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.
stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.
bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.



Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha: com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

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

Remembering the caring and generous works of God,
we pray for the church, creation,
and the needs of our neighbors.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Remember us according to your steadfast love
as we offer these and the prayers of our heart,
trusting in your compassion
made known through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

OFFERING

God has given us a mission to Love, Grow, and Share.

Now is the time in our worship when we live out our mission to **SHARE** *with a generous spirit*. The money we share now and electronically is not being given simply to a budget or to pay the church's bills. We give to God because this is how we exercise our generosity muscles.

So let us **SHARE** now with a generous spirit, trusting that God will multiply our gifts and strengthen our faithfulness.

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



OFFERTORY

*“Oceans”
The Band for God’s Sake.*

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




Lamb of God who takes our_ guilt a - way,



Lamb of God who_ takes our_ guilt a - way,



Lamb of God who_ takes our_ guilt a - way, re -



deem - ing, re - leas - ing, re - liev - ing_ grace._____

COMMUNION HYMN • "YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 484



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

COMMUNION HYMN • "LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 471



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

COMMUNION HYMN • "ONE BREAD, ONE BODY"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 496



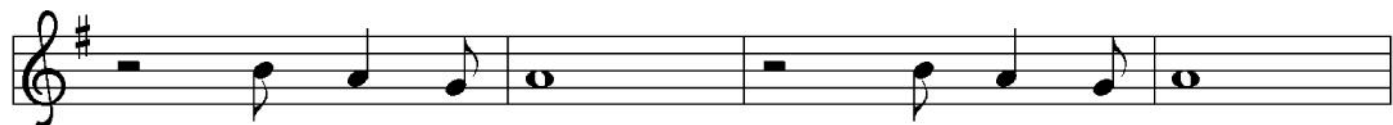
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing 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,



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

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 • "FROM THIS HOUSE"

"paperless" song • Ben Allaway

From this house, to the world,
we will go, hand in hand.

We will love, we will grow, we will share.

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 Kelvin and Angela Machumu
in honor of their first wedding anniversary.*

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Wednesday Midweek Meal and Gatherings *resume on Wednesday, September 13, 2023*

Join us for faith, food, fellowship, and fun!

Each Wednesday evening:

- › Dinner in the Life Together Hall at 5:30 p.m.
- › Classes/worship/activity together at 6:30 p.m.
- › Choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

Last year, we learned about Holy Communion at MVLC, including baking various types of bread; discussed our mission statement; and learned more about one another in meaningful conversations.

This year's activities will include midweek worship; funeral planning; a guided, creative Liturgy Workshop; a hymn sing; and more!



> gatherings day <

As a community following Christ,

Sunday, September 10, 2023

- J)Worship at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
- J)Gathering Day education at 9:30 a.m. for all ages.
- J)Backpack blessing for children and youth during worship.
- J)Blessing of educators during worship.

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