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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.

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Words spoken by the assembly are in boldface type.

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Fourth Sunday in
Lent

Sunday, March 27, 2022 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Announcements

Stand.

Call to Worship

Grace and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Call to Confession

Trusting the grace promised to us in Jesus Christ.,
let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Kneel or stand.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

we confess that we have strayed from your ways.

Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance.

**You gave us the earth for our home,
but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty.**

**You gave us neighbors to love,
but we pursue selfish ambitions.**

**You gave us the commandments
that lead to human flourishing,
but we break your law and forsake your love.**

Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance.

**Draw our wandering hearts back to you
that we may find freedom in obedience to your love.**

Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

As a parent welcomes home a wayward child,
so God embraces all who return in true repentance.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Stand.

Kyrie • "Lord, Have Mercy"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 157

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.
mer - cy. A - men.

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.

Opening Hymn • “Build a Longer Table”

All Creation Sings 1062



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, seeker of the lost:
draw your children back to your loving embrace,
restore to us our inheritance,
and reconcile our hearts to you,
that we may become ambassadors
of your reconciling love to all the world.
Through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit we pray.

Amen.

Sit.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Joshua.

Joshua 5:9-12

The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter to the Corinthians.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand.

Gospel Acclamation • “Let Your Steadfast Love”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion Setting 8



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable:

“There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit.

Sermon

Pastor Briana R. Merkle.

Stand.

Hymn of the Day • “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 608



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? “Come home, come home!”
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home.” Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, “O sin - ner, come home!”

Apostles' Creed

Together, we 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 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.**

**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

Drawn close to the heart of God,
we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God,
on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

Offering

We give to the Lord of our tithes and offerings.

You can mail an offering to:

Mountain View Lutheran Church
3505 - 122nd Ave E
Edgewood WA 98372

You can give electronically:

ONLINE via the MVLC WEBSITE

-) Visit www.mtviewlutheran.org.
-) Hover over the “GIVE” dropbox.
-) Choose “Make a Donation via Bank Account” or “Make a Donation via Credit/Debit Card.”
-) Fill out all information on the page and then click the blue “GIVE” button.
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-) NOTE: Online giving is a one-time gift unless you check “Make this Gift Recurring.”

Offertory

10:45 a.m.

“Steal Away”

MVLC Sanctuary Choir

Stand.

Offering Prayer

Together, we pray.

**Extravagant God,
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.
Now we gather at your feast
where you offer us the food that satisfies.
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

We give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

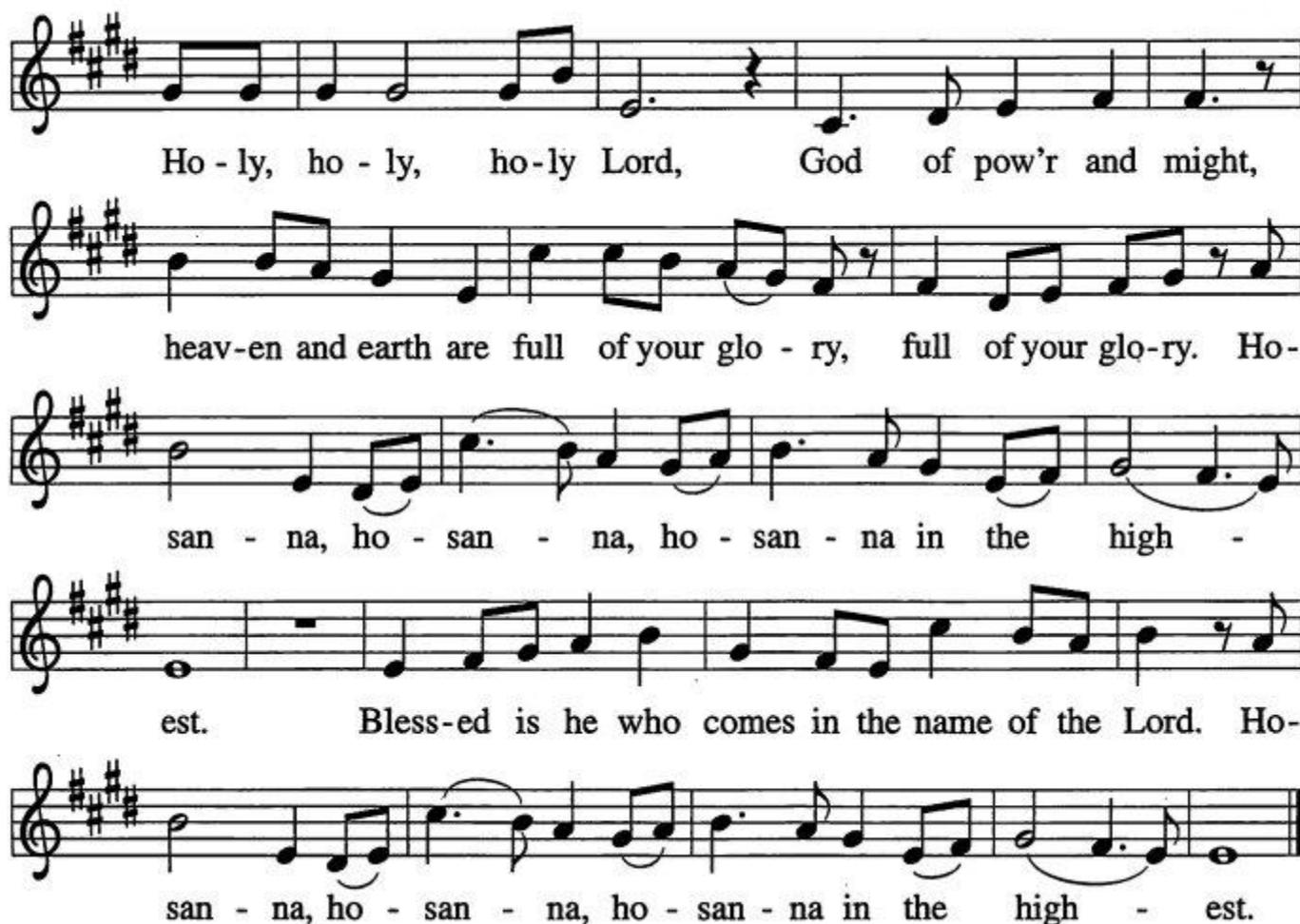
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion Setting 8



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

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

Here is food and drink for the journey.
Take and be filled.

Sit.

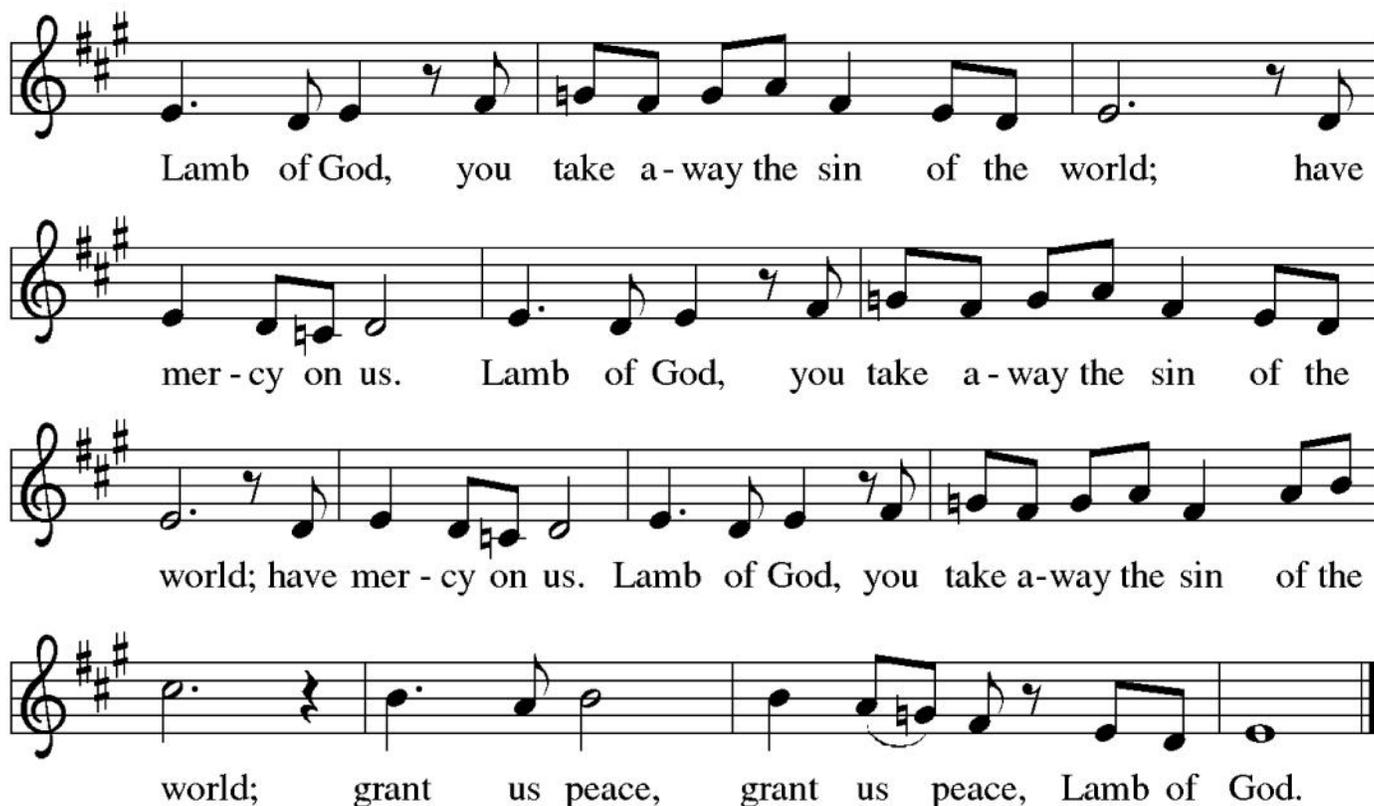
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All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.

If gluten-free wafers are required for health reasons, then please ask the pastor serving communion for a wafer.

Lamb of God • “Lamb of God”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion Setting 8



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn • “What Wondrous Love Is This”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 666



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Communion Hymn • “When It Seems the Day Will End”

All Creation Sings 1034



1 When it seems the day will end, and all
2 When it seems the day will end, sink - ing
3 When it seems the day will end, and a



light gives way to fear, we will speak your name a -
low un - der our skin, we are dead and born a -
cold - ness fills our bones, we will walk the way you've



gain to re - mind us you are here.
gain, and with you now en - ter in.
been, and our hearts will be your home.

Refrain



New life ris - ing, New life ris - ing, ash - es fall - ing, ash - es fall - ing,



joy and weep - ing, joy and weep - ing, in your call - ing. in your call - ing.

Stand.

Prayer after Communion

Blessed Jesus,
in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need.

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.

Eternal God,

**whose glory is revealed
in the crucified and risen Lord,
bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament
with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound.
Amen.**

Blessing

You are children of God,
anointed with the oil of gladness
and strengthened for the journey.

Almighty God,
motherly, majestic, and mighty,
+ bless you this day and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn • “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Sending

Go in peace.

Jesus meets you on the way.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Adult Education

This morning • 9:30 a.m. • Life Together Hall

Second class of a five-week series.

PLU Professor Brenda Ihssen teaches on the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Sundays in Lent.

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Both services

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-) PRESIDER: Pastor Eric Bostrom.
-) WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Geoffrey Boers.
-) DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
-) VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
-) ALTAR GUILD: Marie Philipsen, Dotty Shireman, Sandi Swanson, Betsy Tunstall.

8:15 a.m.

-) USHERS: Joe Anderson, Chris Ray, Ken Swanson (head usher).
-) GREETER: Kathy Harris.
-) ACOLYTES: Alison Hutton, Colin Hutton.
-) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Terry Freed, Walt Freed.
-) LECTOR: Diane Tyler.
-) SOUND: Megan Hutton.

10:45 a.m.

-) USHERS: Mark Cantrell (head usher), Lindy Nelson, Bob Yost.
-) ACOLYTES: Dutcher Adams.
-) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Barb Edmonds, Diane Nelson.
-) LECTOR: Ken Edmonds.
-) SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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Holy Week *worship at* Mountain View Lutheran Church

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4/10 • Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday worship at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

We begin our Holy Week journey toward the Cross and Resurrection.

4/14 • Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 p.m.

Absolution, foot washing, Holy Communion, Last Supper of our Lord.

4/15 • Good Friday

Good Friday worship at 7:00 p.m.

Meditations upon the Cross and Christ crucified.

4/16 • Easter Vigil

Easter Vigil worship at 7:00 p.m.

From darkness to light in stories of God's presence in salvation history.

4/17 • Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday worship at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Proclamation of the joy-filled hope of the Resurrection.