Wonderful Counselor MIGHTY GOD

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Everlasting Father

Prince of Peace

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

Time after Pentecost: ISAIAH 9

Sunday, June 11, 2023 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 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.

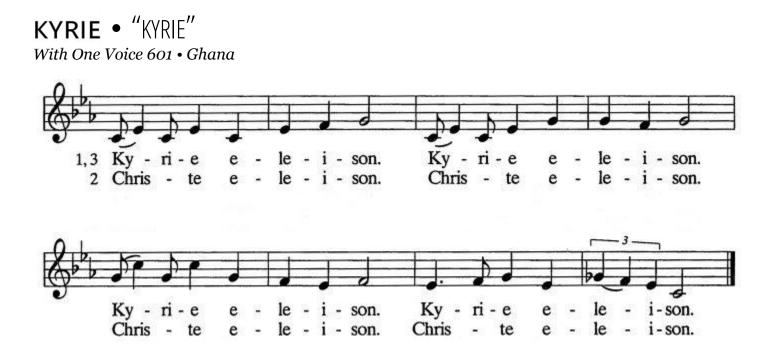
DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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.



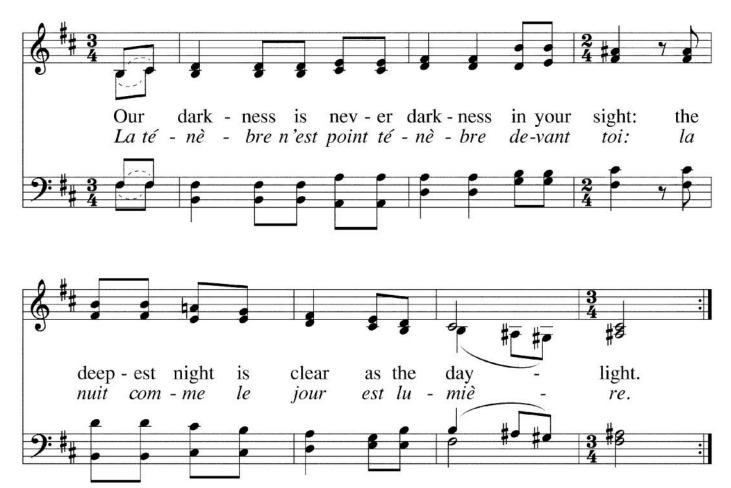
GREETING

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 • "OUR DARKNESS"

Songs & Prayers from Taizé



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of light, there can be overwhelming obscurity in this world.

But you shine your light and increase joy, and for your brilliance we are grateful.

Amen.

Sit.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE • "CELTIC ALLELUIA"

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Sing twice.



READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 9:1-7

¹But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 4For the voke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

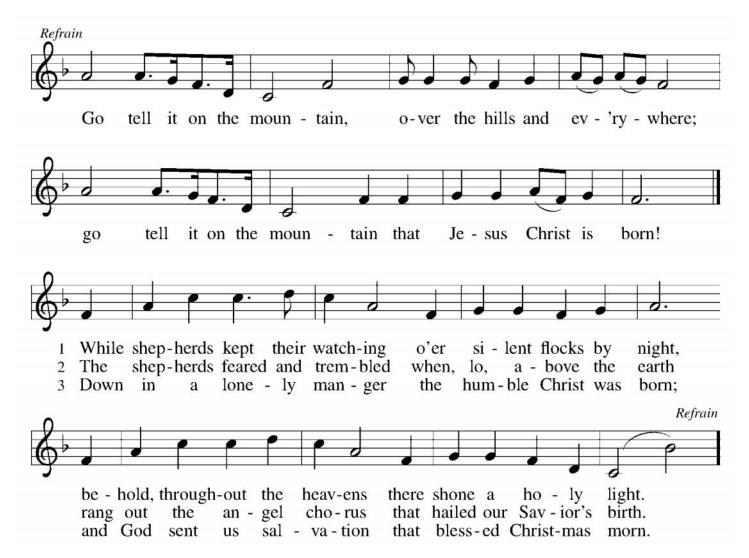
CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN"

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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

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

At the conclusion of each petition:

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

Sit.

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

BLESSING OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Remember and trust in your foundation, a foundation laid over these eighteen years:

a foundation of family and friends and faith community, a foundation of hard work, of discovering the gifts, skills, and passions you were given by your creator.

Step forth on this new journey, trusting that you have a sure foundation, carrying all that you have learned with you.

In this new venture:

see yourself as a servant of God's good creation.

Find joy in new relationships, and be sustained by old and trusted ones.

Believe that God has begun something good in you, and that God will see you through any growing pains as you discover new rhythms of life.

Know—in your deepest sense of knowing purpose and meaning in each day, as a beloved child of God.

Go forth,

marked by the cross of Christ and with the power of the Spirit in you, to be a blessing in the world.

Amen.

OFFERING

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,' says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." -MALACHI 3:10

Giving is not just about sacrifice. It is God's way of ritually introducing us into the flow of sowing and reaping that is the subcurrent of his creation. Participate in the harvest that God has for us by sowing your gift with him today.

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



OFFERTORY

10:45 a.m.

"I Am Not Alone" MVLC Sanctuary Choir, featuring Elsa Lysne

Stand.

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

Samoa



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*

0 Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er might, and 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 in the high - est. Ho - san - na, Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of our God. ho - san-na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER • "CAMBODIAN LORD'S PRAYER"

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COMMUNION

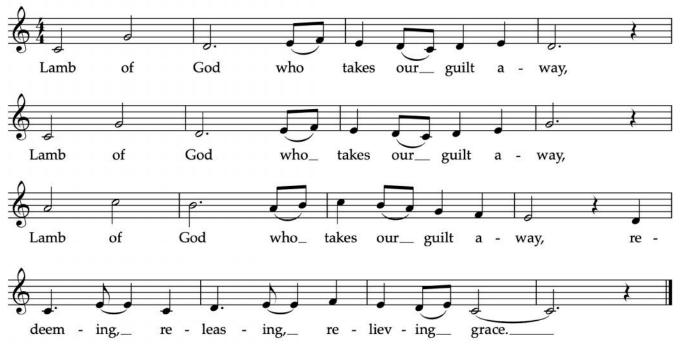
All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

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.

LAMB OF GOD • "LAMB OF GOD"



Sweden

COMMUNION HYMN • "SOUL, ADORN YOURSELF WITH GLADNESS"

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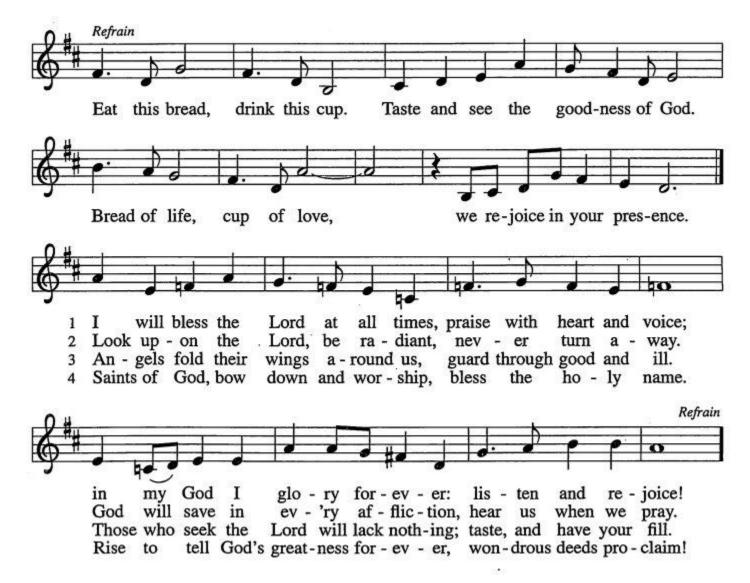




Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed is our joy.

COMMUNION HYMN • "EAT THIS BREAD, DRINK THIS CUP"

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Stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, generous God,

for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.

Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.

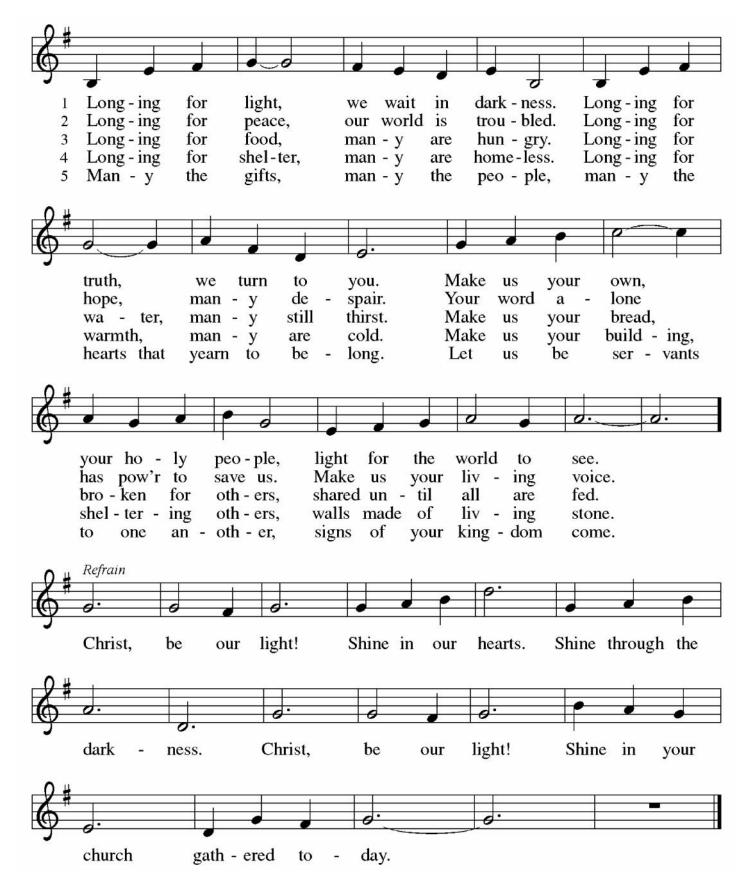
BLESSING

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 • "CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 715



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 Jim and Debbie Hushagen in celebration of their fifty-second wedding anniversary.

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Both services

- PREACHER: Pastor Briana Merkle.
- PRESIDER: Pastor Briana Merkle.
- ASSISTING MINISTER: Todd Kelley.
- DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
- VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Gray, Kathy Harris, Janet Larson.

8:15 a.m.

- USHERS: Joe Anderson, Janice Harrison, Skip Harrison (head usher), Walt Freed.
- GREETER: Janet Larson.
- ACOLYTE: Ezra Holden.
- LECTOR: Diane Tyler.
- COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Terry Freed, Kathy Harris.

10:45 a.m.

- USHERS: Mark Cantrell (head usher), Lindy Nelson, Kandy Rose, Bob Yost.
- **GREETER:** Barb Edmonds.
- LECTOR: Ken Edmonds.
- COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Barb Edmonds, Diane Nelson.
- SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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