



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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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 146

# **NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US /**

## **Day of Pentecost**

*Sunday, May 28, 2023 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Day of Grace”*

*MVLC Sanctuary Choir and MVLC Handbell Choir*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Stand.*

# KYRIE • "KYRIE"

*Behold, I Make All Things New*

*Cantor sings verses; **congregation sings refrain.***

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

**REFRAIN: ALL**

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ky-ri-e e-lei-son. Lord, have mercy up-on us. Chri-ste e-lei-son. Christ, have mercy up-on us.

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer -  
- cy up - on us.  
Chri - ste e - lei - son. Christ, have mer -  
- cy up - on us.

For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain.**

For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **To Amen.**



## 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 • "VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS"

*Songs and Prayers from Taizé 41*

*Cantor sings refrain; then all repeat.*

*Cantor sings verses; congregation sings refrain.*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Veni Sancte Spiritus". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The music is marked with *pp* (pianissimo) at the beginning and end. The lyrics are written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ve - ni san - cte Spi - ri - tus. Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a long note on "tus." and "us." indicating a sustained sound.

Come, Holy Spirit,  
from heaven shine forth  
with your glorious light.  
Veni Sancte Spiritus. **Refrain.**

Come, Father of the poor.  
Come, generous Spirit.  
Come, light of our hearts.  
Veni Sancte Spiritus. **Refrain.**

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Great Spirit,  
you have lit upon each of us  
a flame to serve you  
in all that we do.

Ignite your flame,  
and help us to burn  
brightly for you.

We pray these things  
in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Sit.*

# ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE


*Behold, I Make All Things New*

**Leader:**



Al-le-lu-ia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life. —

**5 ALL:**



Al-le - lu - ia! — Al-le - lu - ia! — Al-le - lu - ia —

10

Al-le - lu - ia! — Al-le - lu - ia! — Al-le - lu - ia —

## READING

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

### Romans 8:14-39

<sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.



<sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

*Stand.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY • "SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 396

*Refrain*



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

# CREED

Together, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection,  
let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*At the conclusion of each petition:*

Risen Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection,  
we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God;  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Sit.*

## OFFERING

All who are led by the Spirit of God  
are children of God.

We receive a spirit of freedom.  
We receive a spirit of generosity.

Let us give to the Lord  
freely and generously.

# OFFERTORY

*Stand.*

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "YOU CALL US TO THE FEAST"

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1. You call us to the feast Where You pre -

4. Re - ceive our thanks, O Christ, For gifts You



side with grace. In bro - ken bread and

here sup - ply— Our life re - newed, our



of - fered cup You meet us face to face.

hope re - stored Through love that can - not die.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Make us thankful, every day, O God,  
for the gifts that alight upon us from your bounty.

Guide us to use these offerings to your glory  
for the health of your people and this creation.

**Amen.**

# GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Behold, I Make All Things New*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff begins with a 'Leader:' part, followed by an 'ALL:' part, and ends with a 'Leader:' part featuring a triplet. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. — And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts.' The second staff starts with 'ALL:' and ends with 'Leader:'. The lyrics are: 'We lift them to the Lord. — Let us give thanks to the Lord our — God. —'. The third staff is labeled 'ALL:'. The lyrics are: 'It is — right — to give our thanks — and praise. —'. The fourth staff is a piano accompaniment consisting of chords and arpeggiated patterns, with 'Mmmm' written below the notes.

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,  
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 • "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

*Behold, I Make All Things New*

*Sing each line once.*



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might



2. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho-san - na in the high - est



3. Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord

*To conclude, we will sing all three lines at the same time;  
doing such twice.*

*You choose which line (1, 2, or 3) you want to sing each time.*

*(So you will sing line 1, line 2, line 3, line 1/2/3, line 1/2/3.)*

## 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 and know Christ,  
broken and poured out for you.

*Sit.*




# LAMB OF GOD • "LAMB OF GOD"

*Behold, I Make All Things New*



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, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

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*If you need an alcohol-free element or a gluten-free element, then please let your server know.*

*If you are not baptized, then we welcome you to come forward to receive a blessing.*

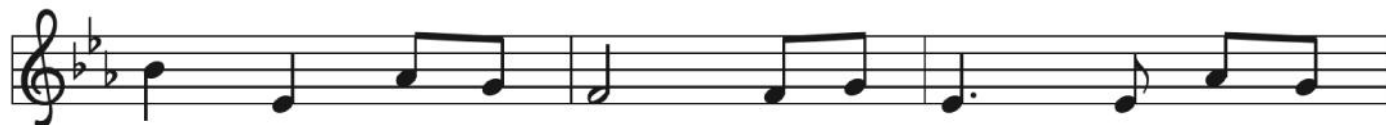
*If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.*

# COMMUNION HYMN • "LOAVES WERE BROKEN, WORDS WERE SPOKEN"

All Creation Sings 966



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

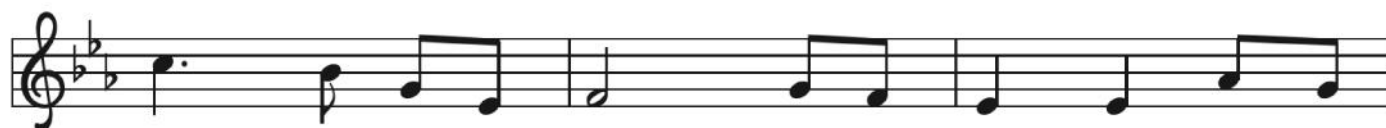


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

## *Refrain*



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

# COMMUNION HYMN • "LOVING SPIRIT"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 397*



- 1 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
- 2 Like a moth-er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
- 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
- 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
- 5 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.  
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.  
hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.  
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.  
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

*Stand.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,

**in you we live and move and have our being.**

**With your word and this meal of grace,  
you have nourished our life together.**

**Strengthen us to show your love  
and serve the world in Jesus' name.**

**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. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of your Son, that we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

Love the commandments,  
keep them, honor them,  
do right by your neighbors,  
and listen to the Spirit.

**Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN • "EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT"

All Creation Sings 942

*Refrain*



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing



in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the




spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.



1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,

2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,

3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,



*Refrain*

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
asked . . . . my Lord if all was mine.  
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

## 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 Ken and Sandi Swanson  
in honor of the birthdays  
of their two oldest grandchildren.

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*Both services*

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- J PRESIDER: Pastor Eric Bostrom.
- J ASSISTING MINISTER: Bob Linden.
- J DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
- J VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- J ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Gray, Sandy Knierim, Karen Lonn, Helen Oren.

*8:15 a.m.*

- J USHERS: Joe Anderson, Skip Harrison (head usher), Chris Ray.
- J GREETER: Eileen Newton.
- J LECTOR: Eileen Newton.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Genie Lennon, Michelle Schweickl.
- J SOUND: Don Neptun.

*10:45 a.m.*

- J USHERS: Erik Knierim (head usher), Ken Johnson, Terry Johnson.
- J GREETERS: Diane Nelson, Lindy Nelson.
- J ACOLYTE: Nate Schaefer.
- J LECTOR: Chris Schaefer.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Terry Jensen, Pastor Glenn Petersen.
- J SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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