

# Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church

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## LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

**Sunday, February 22, 2026 First Sunday in Lent**

*All in for Creation - Being all in for creation begins with acknowledging that we are part of it.*

### **GATHERING**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Welcoming One Another with Christ's Peace**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

*Because Lord of the Valley is a welcoming church, we take a moment to share Christ's peace and greet one another, especially if there is someone you haven't met, so that we can worship together in peace and unity.*

#### **Confession & Forgiveness**

**P:** We gather in the name of God +,  
who created us,  
who was born to be with us,  
who guides us still.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** Good and gracious God,

**C:** **We have sinned**  
**and fallen short of the good you desire for us and for all creation.**  
**We have used the earth for its bountiful resources,**  
**but sometimes we forget to marvel at its beauty.**  
**We have doubted your ability to provide**  
**and hoarded more than we need.**  
**We have ignored the needs of the vulnerable,**  
**and when you called us to follow you to greater wonders,**  
**we remained where we were and clung to control.**  
**Forgive our sin and our selfishness.**  
**Draw us out of ourselves,**  
**more deeply into your love,**  
**and more fully into a world in need.**

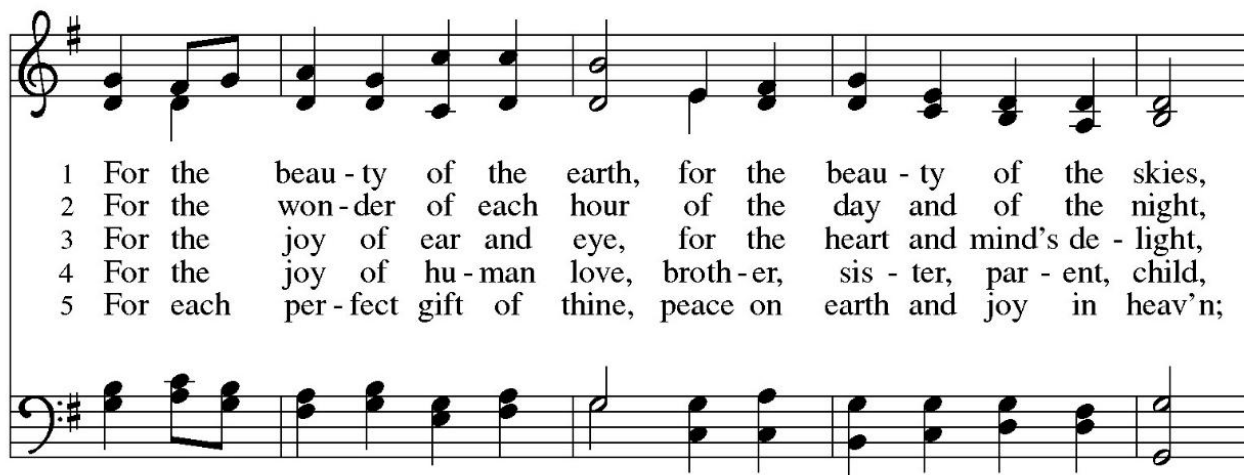
P: God knows our sin before we do  
and meets every confession with abundant grace.  
In Christ we are alive and completely forgiven.  
God's goodness has the final word.  
May this gift of forgiveness renew our faith and lighten our load  
so that we are prepared to care for the world God so loves.

C: Amen.

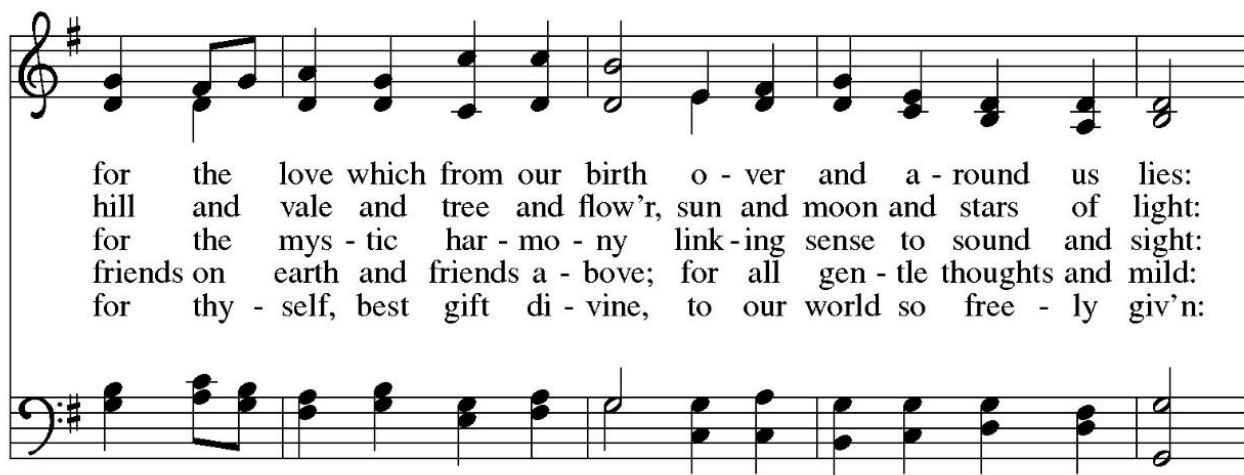
## Gathering Song

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



*Refrain*  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

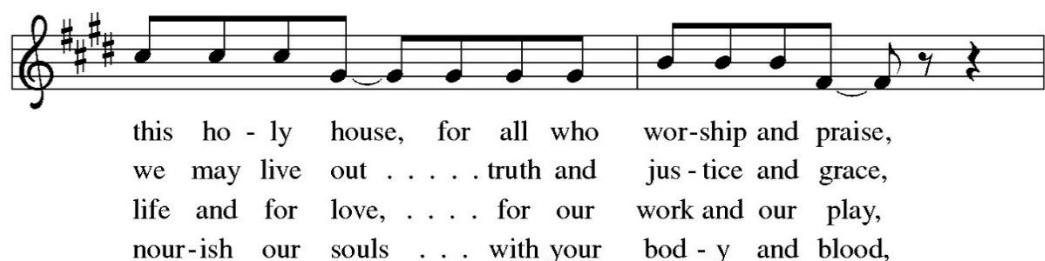
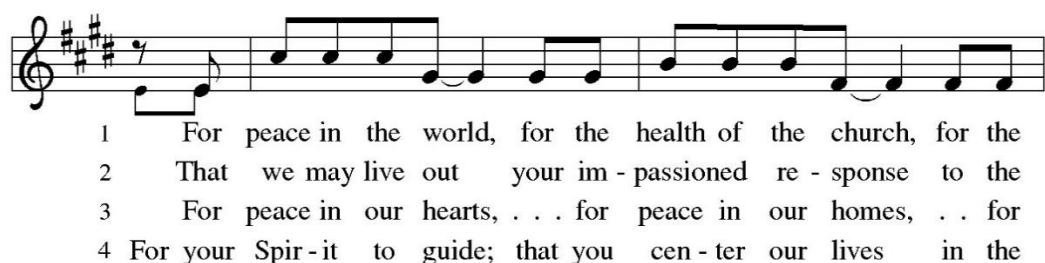
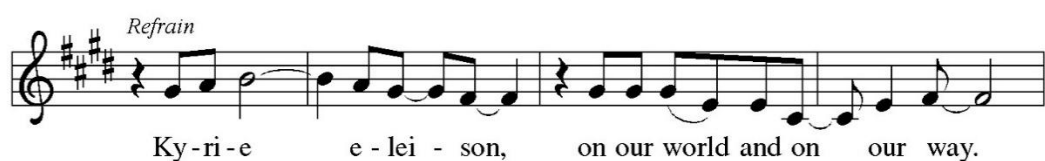
## Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and  
the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

## Kyrie

A: *Kyrie eleison* means "Lord have mercy." Let us sing for God's mercy in every part of the world where it is needed, asking that we may be part of bringing God's kingdom "all in" for the sake of God's love for the world.



## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**C: Creator, you made a magnificent cosmos and crafted us human beings as part of it. Draw us into a fuller relationship with the water, air, creatures, and plants you made as our kindred. Where we have done harm, empower us to repair, that we live in harmony with one another, all creation, and you. Amen.**

## WORD

### Scriptures

#### Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

R: The word of God for the people of God.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### Romans 5:12-19

<sup>12</sup>Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned <sup>13</sup>for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

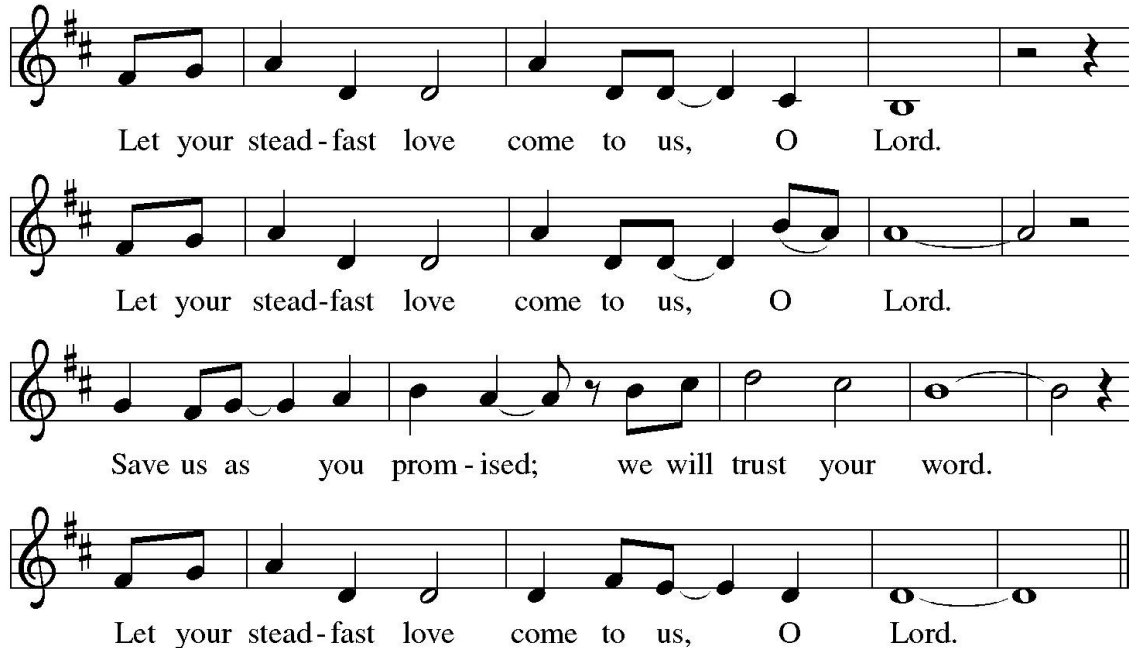
<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

R: The word of God for the people of God.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



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

### Matthew 4:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup> But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'  
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.' "

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

R: The word of God for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message and Sunday School Dismissal

## Sermon



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth - ful, strong; drive far the shad - ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor  
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,  
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in  
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:  
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -  
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:  
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



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

### Prayers of the People

A: God of all,  
 C: hear our prayer.

### MEAL

### Offering

## Offering Prayer

A: God our provider,  
C: **we return to you a portion of all that you have given us.**  
**Bless and use these gifts,**  
**our hands, our hearts, our ministry,**  
**to care for the world you so love.**  
**Now prepare us to receive you at this table**  
**and again in the world beyond our doors.**  
**In Jesus' name we pray.**  
**Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**  
P: Lift up your hearts.  
C: **We lift them to the Lord!**  
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy to thank you, O God...

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

- P: Creator, you made a wondrous world and called it good...  
And so we remind each other and the world:
- C: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

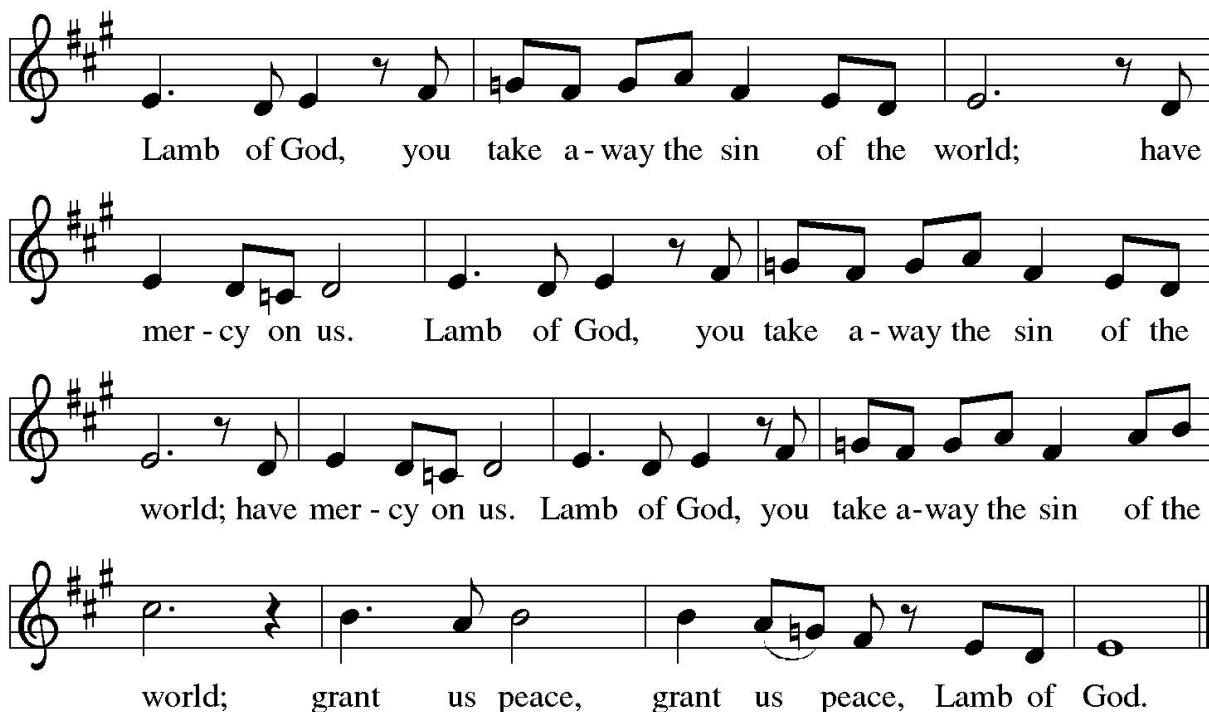
## Lord's Prayer

- P: Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.
- C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## Distribution of Communion

*We invite all who come in faith to the Lord's Table as we celebrate Holy Communion in our worship today. For those who prefer, grape juice and gluten free wafers are available, let the server know as you approach. Those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

## Lamb of God



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.

## Prayer after Communion

- P: May this gift of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: **Amen.**



A: Let us pray...Holy God,  
C: you have revealed yourself to us again in the holy mystery of bread and cup.  
Strengthen us by your presence, draw us closer to one another as the Body of Christ,  
and send us to reveal you in our all our words and ways. Amen.

## **SENDING**

### **Blessing**

### **Sending Song** "God of Wonders"

#### **Verse 1**

Lord of all creation.  
Of water earth and sky.  
The heavens are your tabernacle.  
Glory to the Lord on high

#### **Chorus**

God of wonders beyond our galaxy you are holy, holy.  
The Universe declares your majesty you are holy, holy.  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth

#### **Verse 2**

Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness  
I will call your name by night

#### **Chorus**

God of wonders beyond our galaxy you are holy, holy.  
The Universe declares your majesty you are holy, holy.  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth

#### **Bridge**

Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth  
Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth

## **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God! And we will!