

Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church

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LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, March 1, 2026 Second Sunday in Lent

All in for the Unknown - Answering any call from God involves entering whole-heartedly into the unknown.

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

"Abide with Me"

ELW 629

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

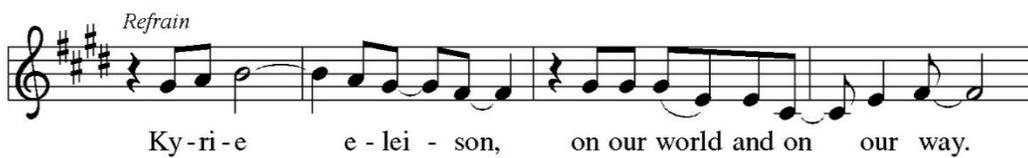
Greeting

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

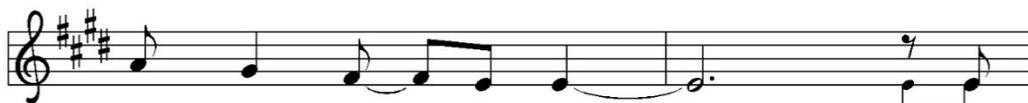
C: **And also with you.**

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.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Faithful One, we fear what we do not know and hesitate to accept uncertainty. Yet you are faithful. You call us to where we are meant to be, even when we can't perceive it. Give us trust in your faithfulness, that we might answer your call with ready hearts. Amen.

Scriptures

Genesis 12:1-4a

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?

² My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴ He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day
nor the moon by night.

⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

⁸ The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

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Gospel Acclamation



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



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



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Gospel

John 3:1-17

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹ "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message and Sunday School Dismissal

Sermon

Song of the Day

"Way Maker"

VERSE 1

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A E Bsus

You are here, mov - ing in our midst; I wor - ship You, I wor - ship You.

4 C4m A E Bsus

You are here, work - ing in this place; I wor - ship You, I wor - ship You.

8 **CHORUS**

1 C4m A

You are here, You are Way Mak - er, Mir - a - cle Work - er,

11 E Bsus 1 C4m 2 C4m B

Prom - ise Keep - er, Light in the dark - ness, my God, that is who You are. You are are. You are here,
You are here,)

VERSE 2 & 3

A E Bsus C4m

touch - ing ev - 'ry heart; I wor - ship You, I wor - ship You. You are here,
turn - ing lives a - round; I wor - ship You, I wor - ship You. You are here,

19 A E Bsus C4m

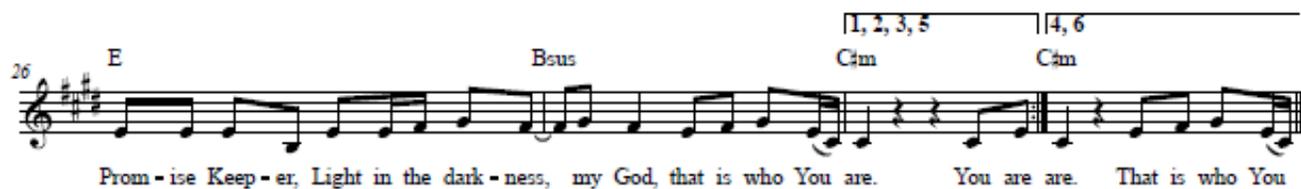
heal - ing ev - 'ry heart; I wor - ship You, I wor - ship You. You are here,
mend - ing ev - 'ry heart; I wor - ship You,

23 **CHORUS**

1 Bsus C4m 2 A

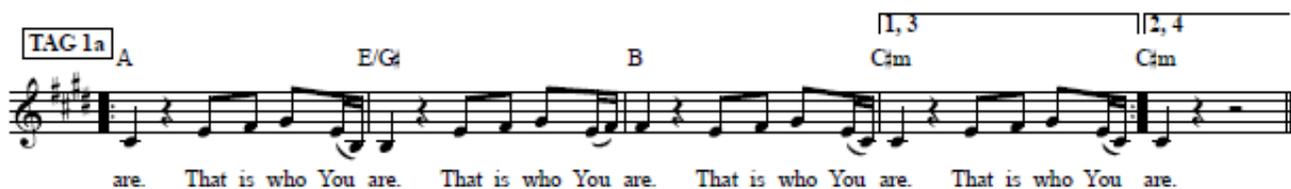
yeah, I wor - ship You, Lord. You are Way Mak - er, Mir - a - cle Work - er,

26 E Bsus C#m C#m |1, 2, 3, 5 |4, 6



Prom - ise Keep - er, Light in the dark - ness, my God, that is who You are. You are are. That is who You

TAG 1a A E/G# B C#m C#m |1, 3 |2, 4



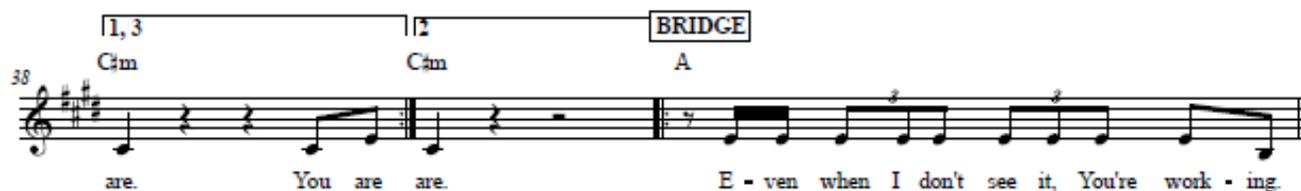
are. That is who You are.

CHORUS A E Bsus 4th time to Coda



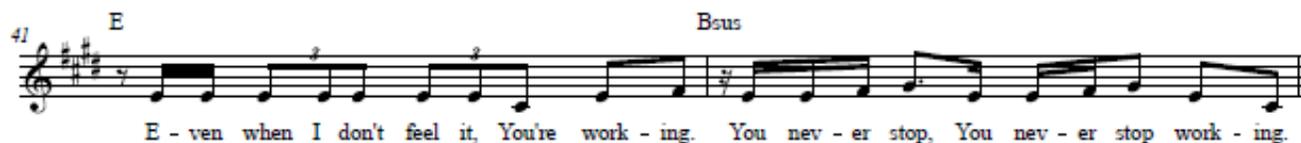
Way Mak - er, Mir - a - cle Work - er, Prom - ise Keep - er, Light in the dark - ness, my God, that is who You

38 |1, 3 |2 BRIDGE A C#m C#m



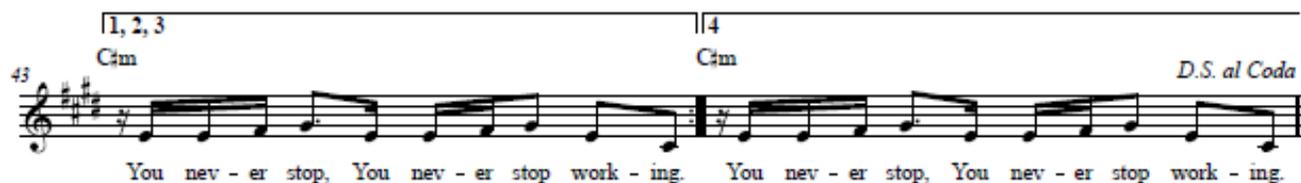
are. You are are. E - ven when I don't see it, You're work - ing.

41 E Bsus



E - ven when I don't feel it, You're work - ing. You nev - er stop, You nev - er stop work - ing.

43 |1, 2, 3 |4 D.S. al Coda C#m C#m



You nev - er stop, You nev - er stop work - ing. You nev - er stop, You nev - er stop work - ing.

Apostles' Creed

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 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

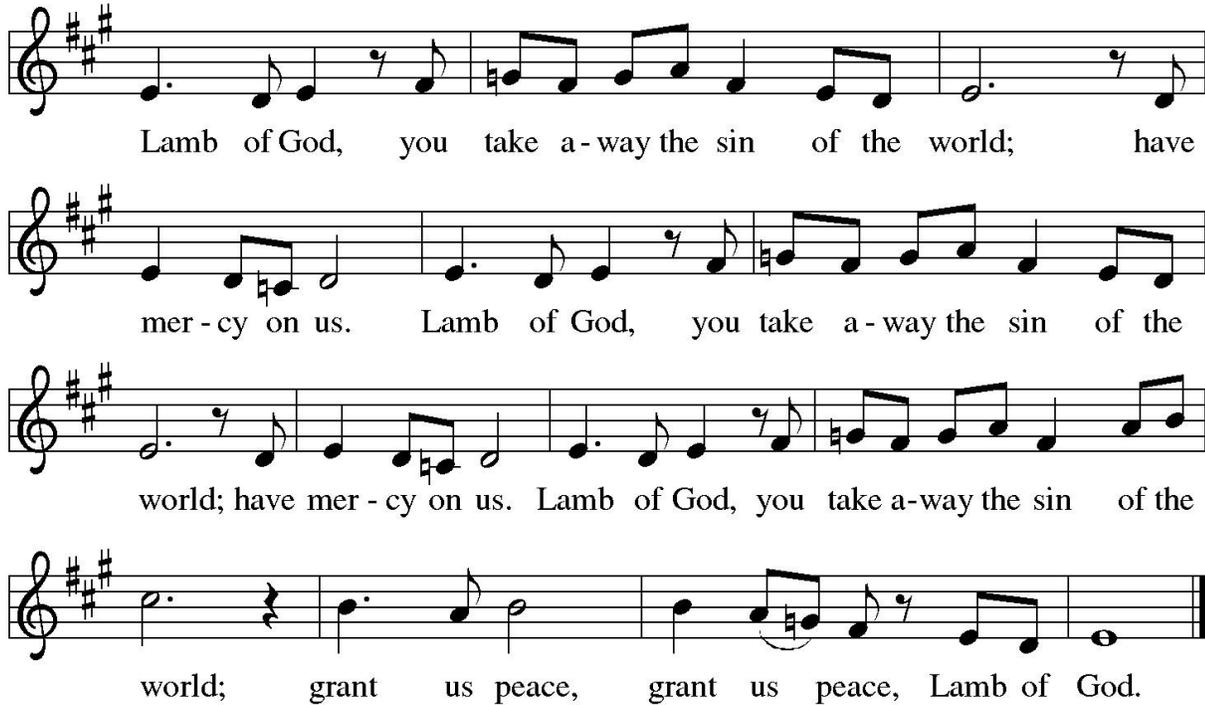
P: Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.

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

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

ELW 611



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Dismissal

A: For All That Has Been:

C: **Thanks!**

A: For All That Will Be:

C: **Yes!**

A: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God! And we will!**