

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.

*Instructions for in-person worship.* 

- ) Keep your mask on at all times, except when receiving communion.
- Enjoy the presence of one another as we "speak the peace," wave, smile, make the sign of the Cross. Please do not embrace, hug, kiss, or elbowbump anyone but for immediate family members you are seated with.
- ) Please do not attend worship if you are currently sick with any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, nausea, or diarrhea.
- ) Please do not attend worship if you had close personal contact with anyone who has been diagnosed or is awaiting test results for COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
- Notify the Church Office if you receive a positive COVID-19 test result within 7 days of attending a worship service. Your name will be kept anonymous unless required for reporting to the Department of Health.



Sunday, January 9, 2022 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

#### Prelude

"Land of Rest" Brenna Sage, piano

Welcome and Announcements

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

#### Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

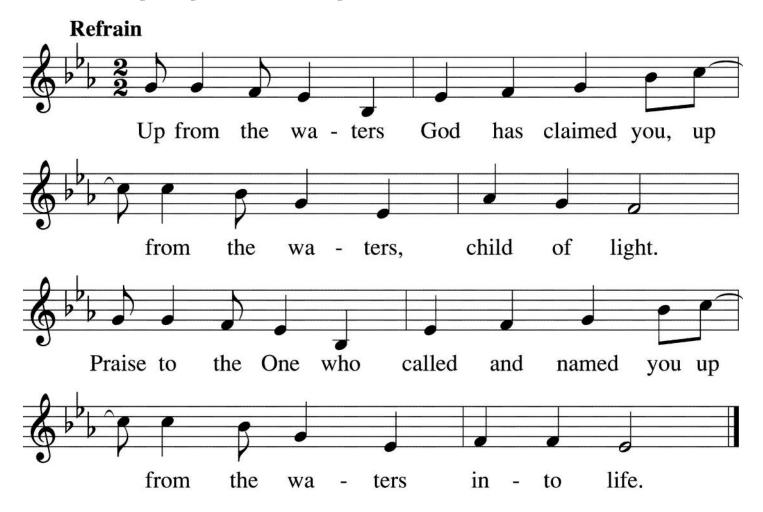
We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

#### Amen.

## **Baptismal Remembrance** • "Up from the Waters"

All Creation Sings, Holy Communion Setting 11



#### 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** • "This Is the Spirit's Entry Now"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 448



- 1 This is the Spir it's en try now: the wa ter and the word,
- 2 This mir a cle of life re born comes from the Lord of breath;
- 3 Let wa ter be the sa cred sign that we must die each day
- 4 Re-new-ing Spir it, hear our praise for your bap-tis mal pow'r



the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard. the sin - less one from life was torn; life comes through his death. our de - sign a - gain by his as fol - l'wers of his way. that wash-es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son.
Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

## First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

#### Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

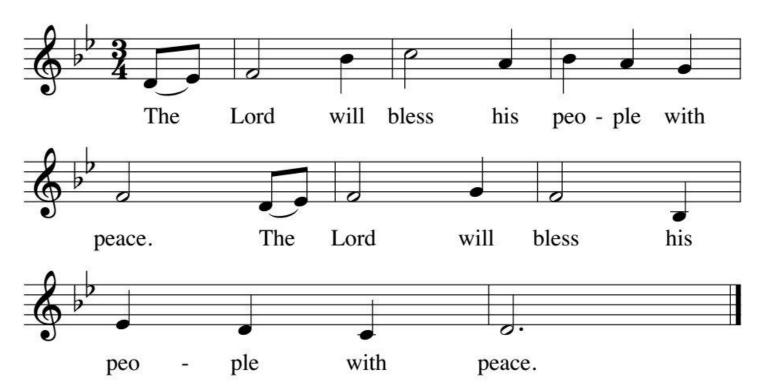
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 29 • "The Lord Will Bless His People with Peace"

Lyric Psalter

Cantor sings refrain; **then all repeat.** Cantor sings verses; **congregation sings refrain.** 



Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly powers, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; bow down before the Lord, majestic in holiness.

\*Refrain.\*

The voice of the Lord upon the waters, the Lord on the immensity of the waters; the voice of the Lord full of power; the voice of the Lord full of splendor. **Refrain.** 

The God of glory thunders; in his temple they all cry, "Glory!"
The Lord sat enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits as king, sits as king forever.

\*Refrain.\*

## Second Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 8:14-17

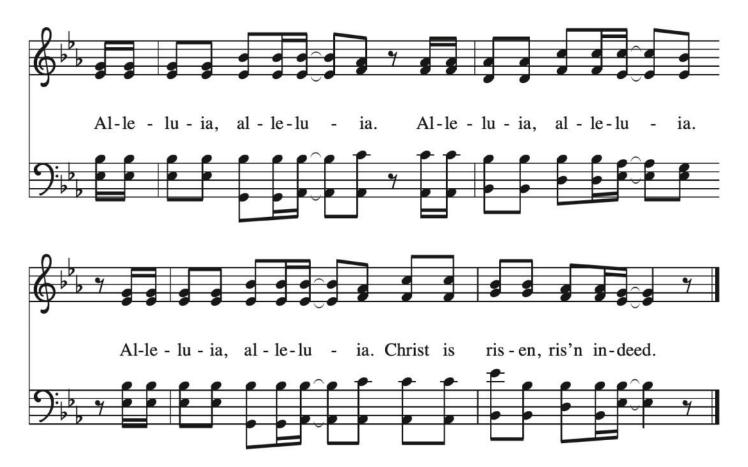
Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# Gospel Acclamation • "Alleluia"

All Creation Sings, Holy Communion Setting 11



#### Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon

Pastor Dan Wilson.

## Hymn of the Day • "Down Galilee's Slow Roadways"

All Creation Sings 916



## 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

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

## Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

## 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

- *y* 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.
- J If you want it to remember your information, visit "SIGN IN" and create an account.
- NOTE: Online giving is a one-time gift unless you check "Make this Gift Recurring."

For those worshiping in person, you are invited to leave your offering in the offering plates located in the side aisles as you come forward for Holy Communion.

## Offertory

"Hamba Nathi," South Africa MVLC Choir

## Offering Prayer

Together, we pray.

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

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



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

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

#### Distribution

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"

All Creation Sings, Holy Communion Setting 11



## Communion Hymn • "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 800



## Communion Hymn • "Spirit of Gentleness"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 396



## Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim you favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

## **Deacon Sending**

Deacons are called to "make Christ and his redemptive love known by word and example."

Such love is expressed in the extension of Holy Communion to those who are homebound or hospitalized.

Compassionate God,

as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

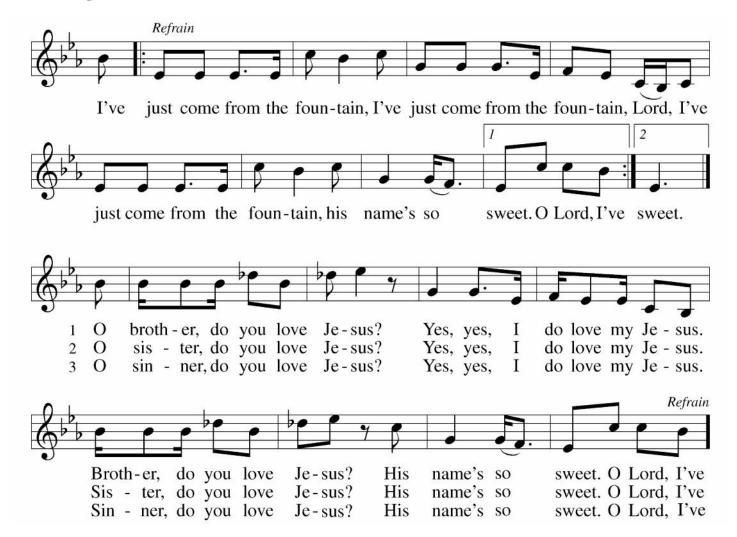
## Blessing

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

#### Amen.

## **Sending Hymn** • "I've Just Come from the Fountain"

This Far by Faith 111



## Sending

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

#### Postlude

## Worship Attendance

For those participating in worship from home, please register your worship attendance online at www.mtviewlutheran.org/worshipattendance

#### Worship Notes

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#### Worship leaders include:

#### Both services

- PREACHER: Pastor Dan Wilson.
- PRESIDER: Pastor Briana Merkle.
- WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Kevin Dahl.
- DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
- VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Harris, Karen Lonn, Sandi Swanson.

- USHERS: Fred Albert (head usher), Janice Harrison, Skip Harrison.
- GREETER: George Rowe.
- COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Lori Neptun, Chris Ray.
- LECTOR: John Petersen.
- SOUND: Karen Fink.

#### 10:45 a.m.

- USHERS: Diksha Knierim, Erik Knierim (head usher), Lindy Nelson.
- GREETER: Diane Nelson.
- ACOLYTES: Dutcher Adams.
- COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Carolee Berntsen, David Lewis.
- LECTOR: Amy Lewis.
- CANTOR: Pastor Glenn Petersen.
- SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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## Mission Endowment Fund Grant Recipients

The Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) Committee is pleased to present this year's grants for the following:

#### **MVLC Sound System and Livestream • \$3,500**

Funding will be used to update the cameras, purchase additional microphones, and improve lighting for the livestreaming of services, which is an important outreach tool to homebound members, as well as the community at large.

#### **MVLC ROCK Ministry • \$3,000**

Funding will be used to create an intentional space for children (and families) in our Sanctuary. When children come into worship they are asked to sit in adult-sized chairs and through a very adult-oriented worship service. We envision a space at the back-center of the Sanctuary that says "This space is for you!" and provides children and families a place to explore worship in new ways. While the vision for this area is still in progress, parents are encouraged to provide ideas to Rock Ministry leaders.

#### **Mountain View Community Center • \$2,500**

Early in the pandemic, schools were closed and learning moved online. But for kids, not being in school full-time has hindered learning, and they have fallen behind in their academic achievements. There is not enough staff or time in the day for schools to help every student catch up. In response to this need, MVCC is launching a new pilot program called "Study Buddies" with our neighbors and partners at Mt. View Elementary. Study Buddies will provide elementary-level students with tutoring twice per week in six-week intervals. MVCC will work with teachers to receive referrals before openly promoting it to parents. Volunteers will meet with students at MVCC after school to assist in reading, writing, and math. For information about volunteering in this program, please contact the Mountain View Community Center.

#### MVLC Youth: 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering • \$6,650

This funding was originally approved in 2020 for the 2021 Youth Gathering, which was postponed due to COVID restrictions. High school youth of Mountain View Lutheran Church will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering, July 24-28, 2022 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

#### Meet Pastor Eric Bostrom

Pastor Eric Bostrom has expressed his willingness to consider a call as Lead Pastor of Mountain View Lutheran Church. Here are some of the opportunities to meet Pastor Eric and learn more about his ministry.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT hosted by Cornerstone *Friday, January 14, 2022 • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. • Gym* 

Join members of Cornerstone and Rock Ministry as they gather for a night of games and activities. Pastor Eric and his family will be present.

#### **OPEN HOUSE MEET-and-GREET**

Saturday, January 15, 2022 • 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. • Gathering Space

The entire Bostrom family will be present to meet Mountain View members in an "open house" setting in the Gathering Space. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. The family will formally be introduced at 10:00 a.m.

#### **ADULT EDUCATION Q&A**

Sunday, January 16, 2022 • 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. • Life Together Hall During Adult Education, Pastor Eric will be present for a question-and-answer session with MVLC members.

#### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, January 16, 2022 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. • Sanctuary Pastor Eric will participate with Pastor Bri during both worship services.

SAVE the DATE • SPECIAL MEETING of the CONGREGATION Sunday, January 30, 2022 • 12 noon • Life Together Hall

MVLC members will discuss and vote on Pastor Eric's compensation package and extending a call to Pastor Eric to serve as MVLC's Lead Pastor.