A top-down view of a black surface covered with an assortment of baked goods. In the top left, there are stacks of sliced bread and a whole loaf. A green fern frond is in the top center. To its right is a small white cup filled with dark seeds or beans, and a stalk of wheat. On the right side, there's a large, golden-brown loaf and a chocolate-glazed donut with white icing patterns. The bottom half of the image features a variety of other items: a croissant, a bagel with white icing, a large round bread with dark spots, a donut with white icing and almonds, a small tart with red filling, a pile of almonds, and several other breads and pastries. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

O *taste* and see
that the Lord
is *good*;

happy are those
who take *refuge*
in him.

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.

For music, the words will be sung by the cantor and musicians **while the congregation hums.** (You may sing if vaccinated and masked.)

Instructions for in-person worship.

-) Keep your mask on at all times, except when receiving communion.*
-) For hymns, you are invited to pray the words and hum the music.*
-) If you are vaccinated, you are safe to sing when wearing a mask.*
-) 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 elbow-bump 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.*

Eleventh Sunday *after Pentecost*

Sunday, August 8, 2021 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

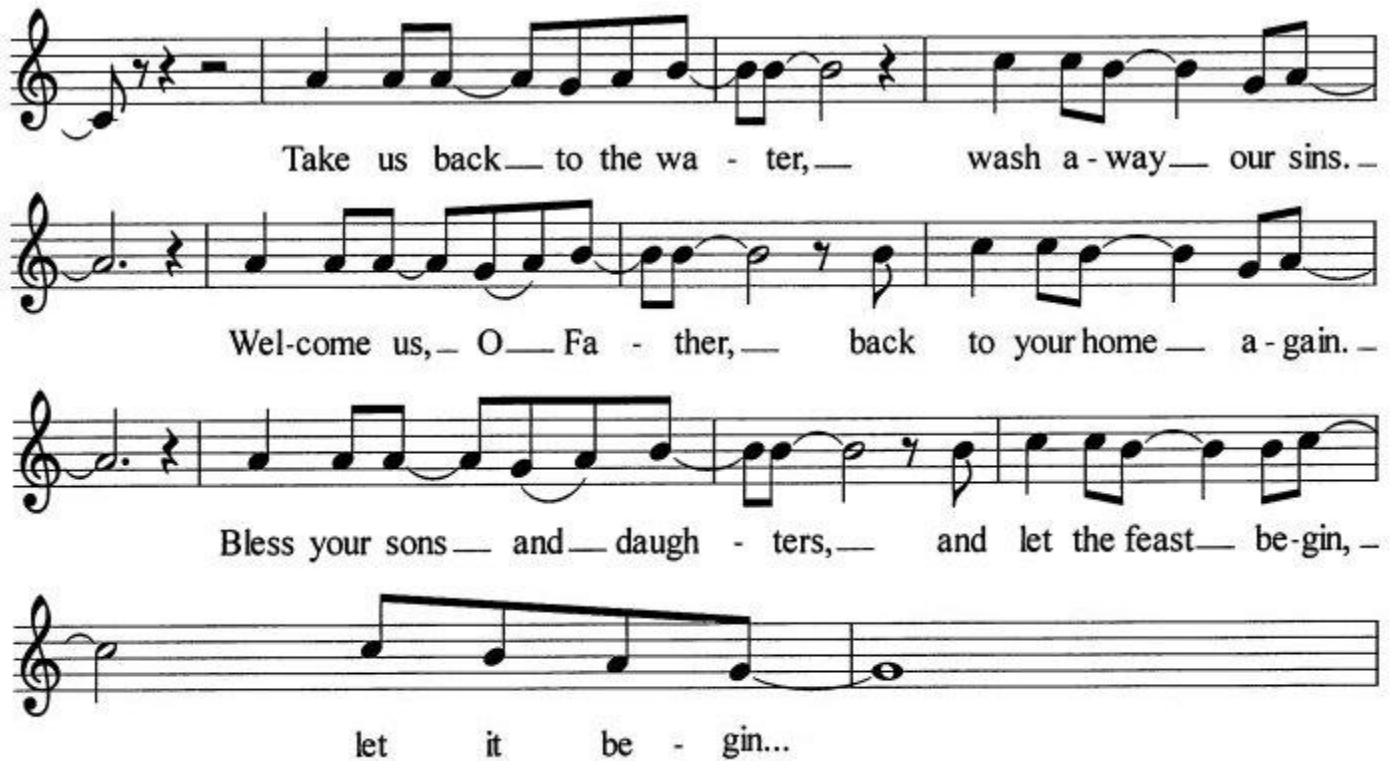
Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

True Vine Music / Michael A. Schmid

The musical score is written for a single voice part in 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff also continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fifth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The sixth staff begins with a first ending bracket and a second ending bracket. The seventh staff continues the melody and lyrics.

I con - fess to you, — O — Lord, that I have sinned. — I con -
fess to you, — O — Lord, that I have sinned. — I con -
fess to you, — O — Lord, all my sin with - in. — I have
fess to you, — O — Lord, all my sin with - in. — I have
failed to live for you — in the things I say and
placed my - self a - bove, — and have hurt the ones I
do, — and have fall - en short — of liv - ing in — your love. —
love, — and I know that on - ly you — can set — me free. —
1. I con - Lord, have mer - cy — on — me. — Lord have
2. mer - cy — set me free. — O for - give me, Lord, I pray, and —
take my sin a - way, by the cross and emp - ty grave for my soul. —



The pastor declares the absolution over instrumental music.

**You take us back to the water. You wash away our sins.
You welcome us, O Father, back to your home again.
You bless your sons and daughters.
Now let the feast begin, let it begin.**

**Lord, your mercy covers me.
Lord, your mercy has set me free.
You've forgiven me today, and my sins are washed away,
by the cross and empty grave for my soul.**

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.

Gathering Hymn • “Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator”

All Creation Sings 1091



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing praise to your Cre - a - tor, sun, moon, and
2 Praise the Lord, all moun - tains and o - ceans, roll - ing thun - der and
3 Give to God all glo - ry and hon - or. From the depths to the



stars and an - gels a - bove. Praise the Lord, whose word es -
wind and storm clouds on high. Praise the Lord, your Mak - er,
heights let prais - es re - sound to the Lord, the source of



tab - lished the heav - ens, who up - holds all the earth in pow - er and
all liv - ing crea - tures, all the beasts in the fields and birds in the
strength and sal - va - tion for all peo - ple on whom God's fa - vor is



love. God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - joice! (Oh,)
sky. Both young and old, come and join in the song! (Oh,)
found. Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own! (Oh,)



God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - joice!
Both young and old, come and join in the song!
Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own!

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,
your blessed Son came down from heaven
to be the true bread that gives life to the world.

Give us this bread always,
that he may live in us and we in him,
and that, strengthened by this food,
we may live as his body in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading

A reading from First Kings.

1 Kings 19:4-8

[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34 • "Taste and See"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 493

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

Refrain



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times.

Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord;
for God has been so good to me.

Refrain.

Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me;
from all my troubles I was set free.

Refrain.

Worship the Lord, all you people.

You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
in God we need put all our trust.

Refrain.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Ephesians 4:25—5:2

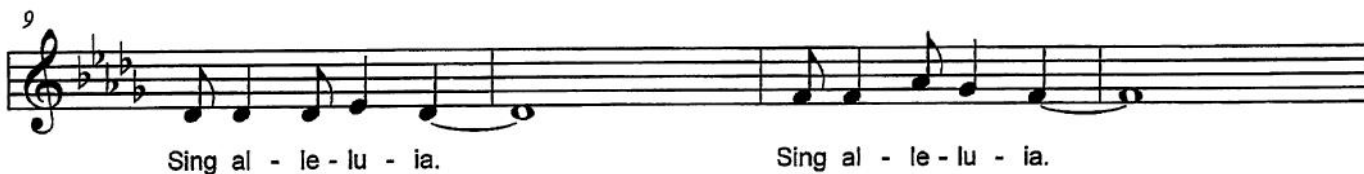
So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation • "Sing Alleluia"

Chuck Marohnic



Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Briana R. Merkle.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Hymn of the Day • "Let Us Talents and Tongue Employ"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 674



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit,
we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God,
confident in the promise of your saving love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Ways that you can give electronically:

TEXT

-) Text “Give” to 253-292-9599.
-) You will be sent a message to (a) text your giving amount and/or (b) set up recurring giving.

ONLINE via the MVLC WEBSITE

-) 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.
-) 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 can leave your offering in the offering box at the back of the Sanctuary near the font, either upon entry to worship or as you depart.

Offering Prayer

Together, we pray.

**Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set the table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.**

**Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.**

**Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world. 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;

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 • "Santo, Santo, Santo"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 473

Sing in Spanish first time and in English second time.



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra-zón te_a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra-zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

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

Christ has set the table
with more than enough for all.
Come!

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 • “Now Behold the Lamb”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 341



1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who
2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why
3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be -



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre-cious Lamb of God.
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre-cious Lamb of God.
cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre-cious Lamb of God.

Communion Song • "Come, Let Us Eat"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 491

Leader or All



- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
- 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
- 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.
rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.

Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
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in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

Communion Song • “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 488



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur -
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and



haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,
glad - ly greet him. There he stands al - read - y knock - ing;
pass - ing won - der that the bread of life is bound - less
dear - est trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,



there with joy your prais - es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un -
quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing, o - pen wide the fast - closed
though the souls it feeds are count - less; with the choic - est wine of
joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing: hum - bly now, I bow be -



bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed; Christ, though heav' - n - ly,
por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal: “Come, and leave your
heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious
fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you; wor - thi - ly let



high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er.”
con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

Prayer after Communion

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

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, and often lonely as well.

Deacons for the week are named.

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 siblings who are sick or homebound, that 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

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
+ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn • “O Living Bread from Heaven”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 542



- 1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
- 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
- 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
- 4 Oh, grant me then, well-strength-ened with heav'n-ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your-self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won-drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank-ful song o'er - flows!
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

Sending

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God
by George Rowe
in memory of Marilyn and Andy Helling.*

Worship Attendance

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

*Please submit prayer requests online at
www.mtviewlutheran.org/prayerrequest*

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Both services

-) PREACHER/PRESIDER: Pastor Briana R. Merkle.
-) DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Susan Bloomfield.
-) VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
-) ALTAR GUILD: Janice Harrison, Flora Larson, Diane Nelson.

8:15 a.m.

-) USHERS: Fred Albert (head usher), Joe Anderson, Eileen Newton.
-) GREETER: Pat Clement.
-) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Jeanne Anderson, Kristi Ceder, Ken Swanson.
-) LECTOR: Jeanne Anderson.
-) SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.
-) CANTOR: Amy Fuller.

10:45 a.m.

-) USHERS: Mark Cantrell (head usher), John Dahle, Bob Yost.
-) GREETER: Ellen Leapaltdt.
-) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Barb Egan, Ellen Leapaltdt, Bob Linden.
-) LECTOR: John Dahle.
-) SOUND: Megan Hutton.
-) CANTOR: Kevin Dahl.
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A Letter from Susan Bloomfield

Dear Members of Mt. View Lutheran Church,

First off, I want to say that Mt. View is one of the best churches I have worked for in my 20+ years as a vocational church musician. I am so grateful for your kindness, generosity, and genuine appreciation of the gifts I have brought to the music program at Mt. View. I believe it is time for me, however, to end my time as Director of Music Ministries at Mt. View Lutheran Church. My last Sunday at Mt. View will be August 29, 2021.

A lot has changed for me over the past year and this year promises even more change. Will and I plan to be married on September 3, and my son Robert is in his senior year of high school. Additionally, my nephew, Liam, has been spending this summer with us and will likely be with us more frequently. I really feel a call to spend more time with my family in this critical year.

Between my work at the church and teaching private music lessons, I work about 60 hours a week; and what this 16 months of COVID has shown me is that I need to devote more time to my family and my own spiritual life.

I am sorry for the timing of this notice, as I know you have all undergone so much loss and transition in the past year. Please know that I am working with the rest of the staff and Council to assist in a smooth transition and to help you find your next Music Director.

Thank you for all your support and I wish you Peace and All Good Things—

Susan E. Bloomfield