



BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?



TWELFTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

Sunday, August 23, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

“They’ll Know We Are Christians” • Mark Hayes

Welcome

Confession

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

☞ **Amen.**

+ *The sign of the cross may be made by all
in remembrance of their baptism.*

☞ Trusting in the mercy of God, we confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

☞ Reconciling God,

☞ **we confess:**

**we do not trust your abundance;
we deny your presence in our lives;
we place our hope in ourselves;
we rely on our own efforts;
we fail to believe that you provide enough for all;
we abuse your good creation for our own benefit;
we fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us;
we sin in thought, word, and deed.**

**By your grace, you forgive us;
through your love, you renew us;
and in your Spirit, you lead us
to live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

☞ Beloved of God,
by divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus.
Our sins are forgiven.
We live now in hope for hope does not disappoint
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit.

☞ **Amen.**

Opening Hymn • “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 588



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

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 • "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 875

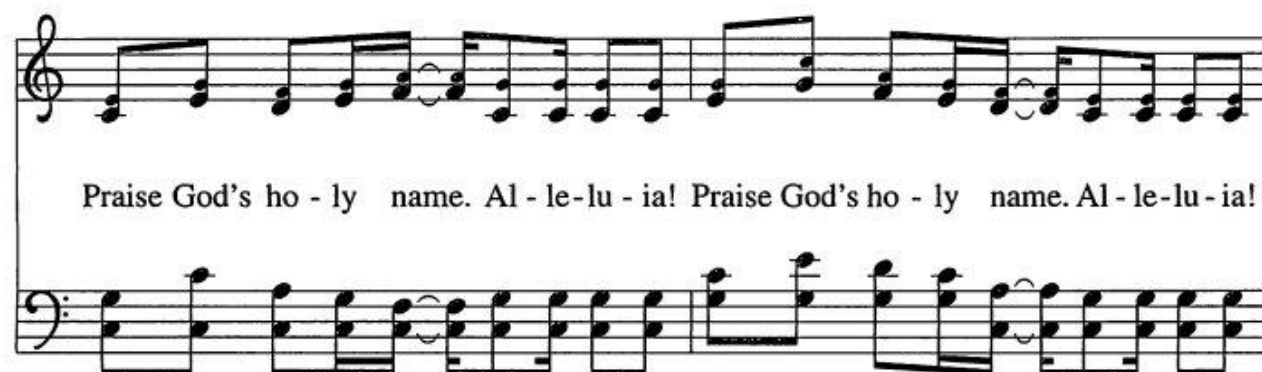
Sing twice.



Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!



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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

First Reading

L A reading from Isaiah.

Isaiah 51:1-6

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138 • “Lord, Your Love Is Eternal”

The Lyric Psalter / OneLicense #95476

*Cantor sings the refrain first, **then all repeat.***

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



Lord, your love is e - ter - nal,



Lord, your love is e - ter - nal;



do not for-sake the work of your hands,



Lord, your love is e - ter - nal.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart;
You have heard the words of my mouth.

In the presence of the angels I praise you.

I bow down toward your holy temple. **Refrain.**

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.

On the day I called, you answered me;

you increased the strength of my soul. **Refrain.**

The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.

O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;

discard not the work of your hands. **Refrain.**

Second Reading

📖 A reading from Romans.

Romans 12:1-8

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙌 Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 173

Sing three times.

The musical score is written for three voices: Soprano, Alto, and Bass. It consists of two systems of three staves each. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are 'Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.' The melody is simple and repetitive, with a long note on 'lu' and a short note on 'jah'. The first system ends with a comma, and the second system ends with a period. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating the syllables are spread across the notes.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu,
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 16:13-20

☐ The Gospel of our Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

“Who and How: They Both Matter”

Rev. Mike Greenwalt.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Hymn of the Day • "They'll Know We Are Christians"

Gather, Third Edition 835



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are

3. We will work with each oth - er, we will

4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from



one in the Lord, We are one in the

work side by side, We will work with each
whom all things come, And all praise to Christ



Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we

oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll
Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -

guard hu - man's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's
praise to the Spir - it, who makes us



stored:

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
pride:
one:



love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are



Chris - tians by our love.

Apostles' Creed

P Together, we confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
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.

Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

Offering

We give to the Lord of our tithes and offerings.

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.”

Offertory

“Lento con tenerezza” • Enrique Granados

Offertory Prayer

P God of goodness and growth,

C **all creation is yours,**

and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Water and word, wine and bread

are signs of your abundant grace.

Nourish us through these gifts,

to proclaim your steadfast love

in our communities and in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our strength and our joy. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

▮ Gracious God, confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

▮ Lord our rock, you are our foundation in Jesus Christ, your Son, whom we confess as the living God. Prepare your church for its mission in bearing witness to Christ, both here at home and throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

▮ **hear our prayer.**

▮ You call forth praises from the far reaches of the universe to the smallest of creatures. Join our songs to theirs, that a spirit of praise and thanksgiving will arouse us to cherish this wondrous home you give us. Lord, in your mercy,

▮ **hear our prayer.**

▮ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord. Direct the leaders of countries, legislators and magistrates, mayors and councils, to walk in your ways. Help leaders regard those in need with mercy and fulfill your loving purposes in the governance of peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

▮ **hear our prayer.**

▮ Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve us, deliver us, and fulfill your purpose for us. According to your steadfast love, grant healing and wholeness to those who are bereaved, in trouble or adversity, or sick and in need of care, especially Kandy Rose and Nancy Nole. Lord, in your mercy,

▮ **hear our prayer.**

Prayers of the Church

P You call us into this community of Mountain View Lutheran Church, in which we, though many, are one in Christ. May we recognize in ourselves and in one another the unique gifts you have given us for the building up of the church for the sake of the world. Guide us in our response to your call, that our labors are faithful to your will, bringing your love, healing and restoration to all of your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, we thank you for our sisters and brothers in Christ, whom you made your own by water and the Word in baptism. Today, we celebrate the baptismal anniversaries of Clara Freshwater and Benjamin Freshwater. Uphold them in the gifts and promises of baptism. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You are the everlasting Rock from which we were hewn, and you restore your people to joy and gladness. In blessed memory and hope, we thank you for the lives of our beloved dead, especially Marv Johnson and Craig Latterell, brother of Pastor Kim Latterell. Bring us with them to our heavenly home. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P In the certain hope that nothing will separate us from your love, we raise our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom 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.**

Blessing

☐ Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

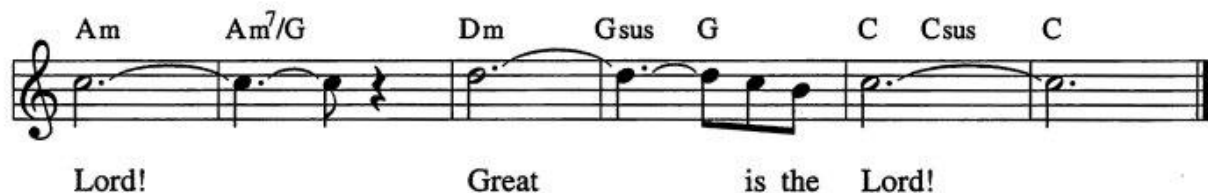
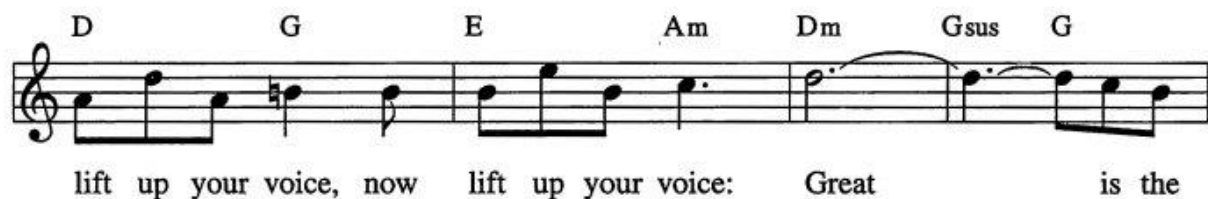
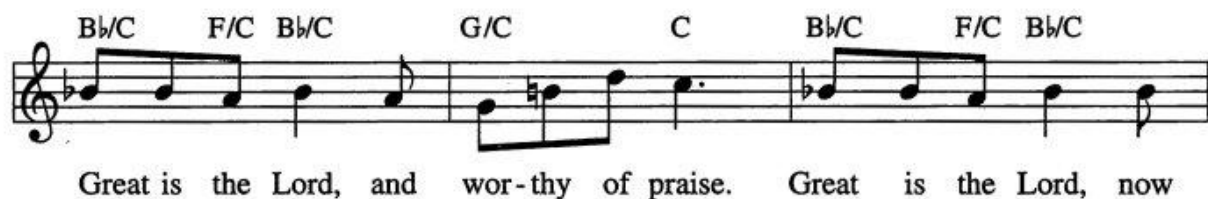
☑ **Amen.**

+ *The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

Sending Hymn • "Great Is the Lord"

Worship & Praise 53

Sing twice.



Sending

☞ Go in peace. Christ is with you.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” • J. S. Bach

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Thursday, August 26, 2020 • 7:00 p.m. • MVLC Parking Lot

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