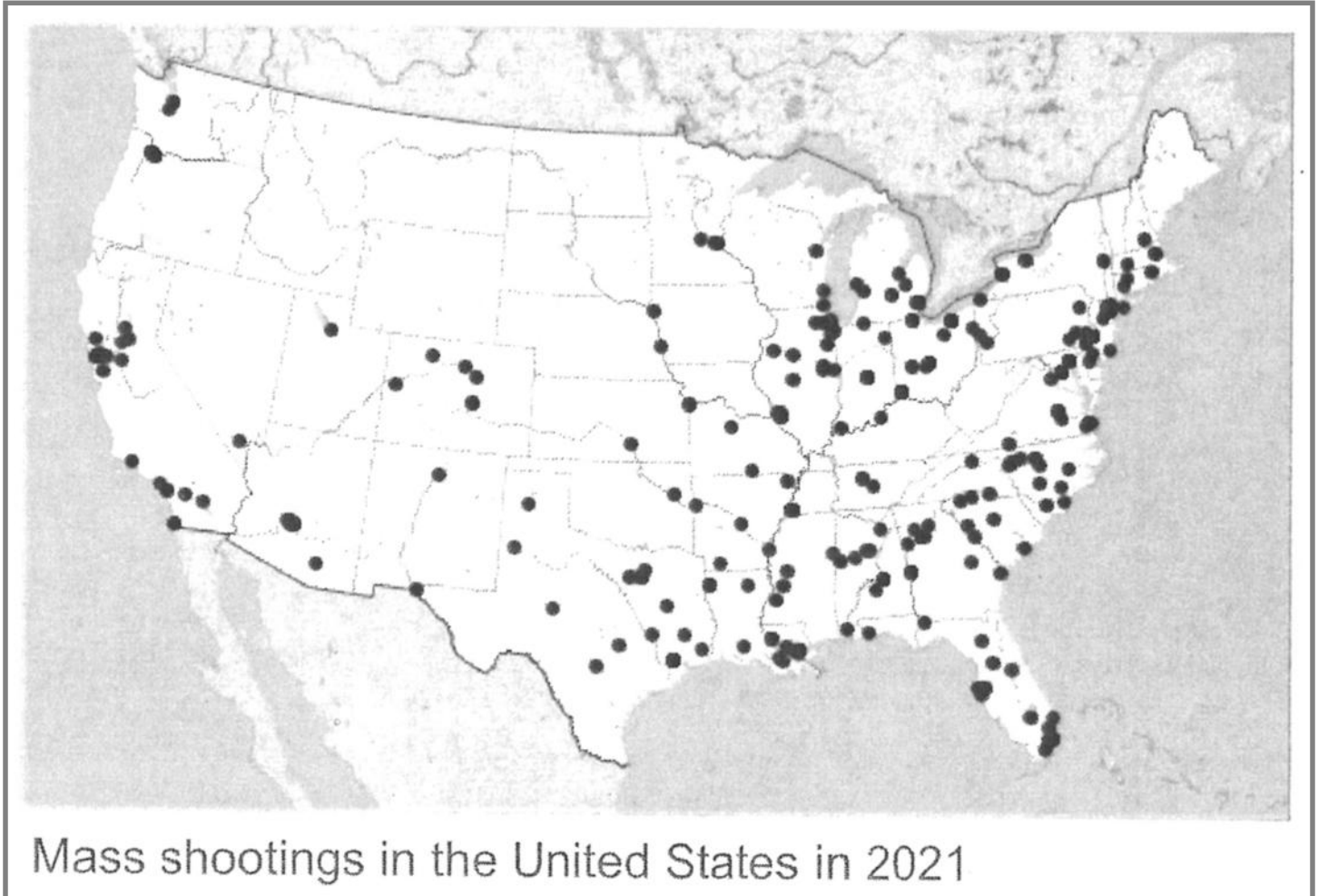


Take up the whole
armor of God



so that you may
stand firm.

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.*

Thirteenth Sunday *after Pentecost*

Sunday, August 22, 2021 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

We begin in the name and power of the Creator,
+ the Redeemer,
and the life-and-faith Sustainer.

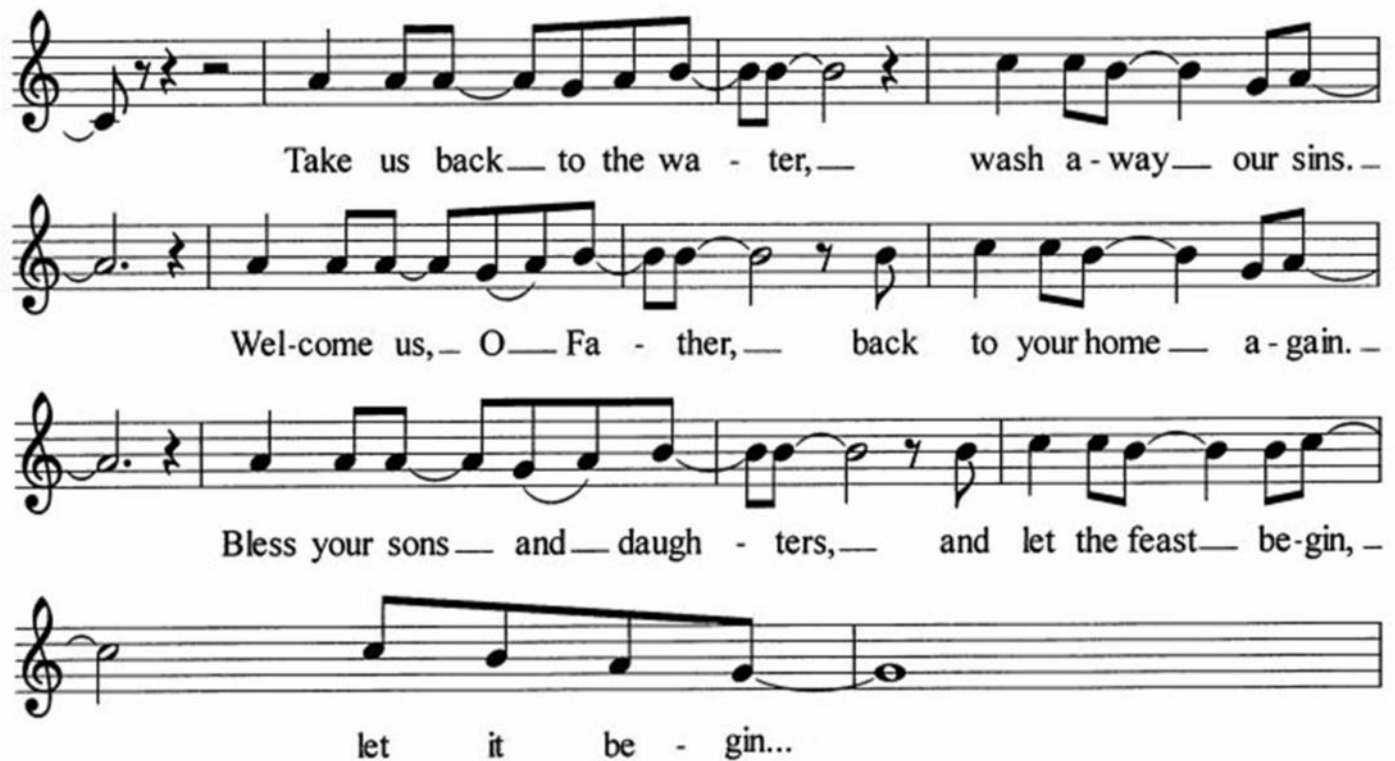
Amen.

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, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. 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 labeled '1.' and a second ending bracket labeled '2.'. The seventh staff continues the melody and lyrics. The overall mood is solemn and reflective.

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 • “As We Gather at Your Table”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 522



- 1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
- 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
- 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, your love for all is without measure.

Your gifts are given for all to share.

Fill this world in all its needs with your bounty,
that all find the abundant life that comes only from you.

Amen.

Reading

A reading from Joshua.

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34 • "I Will Bless You, O God"

Dancing at the Harvest 34

Refrain



I will bless you, O God, at all times; I will



bless you, O God.



1 I will bless you, O God, at all times; your praise will be
2 O my God, you have eyes for the just; your ears hear the
3 When your chil - dren cry out, you will hear, will res - cue your



ev - er in my mouth. Let my soul trust in you, O
cry - ing of the poor. You con - front ap - a - thy and
peo - ple from dis - tress. You are peace to the bro - ken



Refrain

God; the low - ly will hear and be glad.
greed and loos - en their hold on the earth.
heart; the spir - it that's crushed, you ca - res.

Reading

The Good News according to Paul.

Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“...please, be safe, um...*faithful* out there!...”

Pastor Kim Latterell.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Hymn of the Day • “Blessed Assurance”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 638



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

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 deeply in Jesus Christ, sustained each day by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world and all of creation in their need.

Lord Jesus, equip us each day to be your hands and heart for the sake of our neighbor's needs. (We pray for...)

My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God! *Psalm 84:2*

Lord Jesus, equip us each day to care for protect and preserve this world and its wonders for the sake of each new generation.

My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God!

Lord Jesus, equip our leaders with honor, honesty, integrity and the will to serve the greater needs of all. Move them to promote and support the well-being of each community.

My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God!

Lord God, gift us with the heart of Jesus, that we hear the cries of those in need, feed those who hunger, lift up those who despair, and welcome those who have only known rejection. Make our words and actions a source of new life shared for all.

Our hearts and our lives sing for joy to the living God!

As you have commanded us to pray, we bring these our petitions before you, confident in your promise to hear and to answer, trusting always in your saving love for us and all creation.

Amen. Let it be so.

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

-) 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 plates located in the side aisles as you come forward for Holy Communion.

Offering Prayer

Psalm 33:20-22

Our souls wait for you, O Lord,
for you alone are our help and our shield.

Our hearts are glad because we trust above all in your holy name.

Lord let your steadfast love be upon us as we put our hope in you.

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 right and good
at all times and in all places
to offer our thanks and praise to you, Gracious God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

So, with the church on earth
and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your Holy Name
and join in 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

We boldly pray with confidence the words Jesus gave us.

Lord, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

What does this mean?

In fact, God's good and gracious will comes about without our prayer, but we ask in this prayer that it also come about in and among us.

How does this come about?

Whenever God breaks and hinders every evil will and scheme that would not allow us to revere God's name and would prevent the coming of his kingdom, and instead, whenever God strengthens us and keeps us steadfast in his word and in faith until the end of our lives.

This is God's good and gracious will.

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 • "Here Is Bread"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 483



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



Refrain

In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

Communion Song • “Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table”

All Creation Sings 977



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con-verge a -
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

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

Psalm 34:12-14

God keep your tongue and your lips from speaking deceit.
God keep you from all evil. God help you to do good, seek peace,
and give you many days to enjoy all that's good in life.

Amen.

Sending Hymn • "May the God of Hope Go with Us"

All Creation Sings 984



¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz!
May the God of hope go with us ev - 'ry day,



Al mun - do en cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad.
to a world in need with news of joy and peace.



Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da - nos tu luz,
May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way,



luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.
bring-ing light and hope to ev - 'ry land and race.



O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos
Pray-ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our



de tu a - mor. Lu - che - mos por la paz,
joy with all; work - ing for a world that's new,



fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.
faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

Sending

Psalm 82:3-4

Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the rights of the lowly and the destitute.

Rescue the weak and the needy
and deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

Do this and live.

We will! Thanks be to God!

Postlude

*Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God
by Fred and Meleney Albert
in honor of their wedding anniversary.*

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 Kim Latterell.
-) DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Susan Bloomfield.
-) VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
-) ALTAR GUILD: Janice Harrison, Flora Larson, Diane Nelson.

8:15 a.m.

-) USHERS: Joe Anderson, Gary Larson.
-) GREETER: Pat Clement.
-) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Flora Larson, Genie Lennon, Chris Ray.
-) LECTOR: Pat Clement.

10:45 a.m.

-) USHERS: Lindy Nelson, Keith Wright.
-) GREETER: Marlene Wright.
-) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Bob Linden, Diane Nelson, Marlene Wright.
-) LECTOR: Megan Hutton.
-) SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.
-) ACOLYTES: Alison Hutton, Colin Hutton.

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Life Together

Save the dates! Get these events scheduled on your calendar.

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Thursday 8/26 • 11:00 a.m. • Women's Bible Study

This pastor-led Bible study meets in the MVLC Library. Bring a sack lunch.

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Saturday 8/28 • 3:30 p.m. • Baptism of Suzie Merkle

Pastor Briana Merkle (Mountain View Lutheran) and her husband Pastor Kyle Merkle (Celebration Lutheran) invite the members of their congregations to the baptism of their daughter Suzie. The worship service will be held at Celebration Lutheran (2500 Shaw Road, Puyallup 98374) with a reception to follow.

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Sunday 8/29 • 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. • Farewell to Pastor Mike and Susan

Join us during worship, where we will wish Pastor Mike Greenwalt and Director of Music Ministries "Godspeed and farewell" as their mission and ministry in our midst ends for the time being.

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Saturday 9/11 • "God's Work. Our Hands." Day of Service

Sign up in the Life Together Hall (during Fellowship Hour after worship) for one of the service activities, where we show/share our love for the neighbors of our local communities. Choose from yard work (at Ashley House, at a local residence, or on the MVLC campus); baking cookies for Fellowship Hour and homebound congregational members; cleaning up the shoulders of roads in Edgewood; packing food packs for kids at the Mountain View Community Center; or helping set up for Rally Day.

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Sunday 9/12 • 9:30 a.m. • Rally Day

We gather together to kick off our fall programming!