

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

Sunday, August 30, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

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 • “Praise and Thanks and Adoration”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 783



1 Praise and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, Son of God, to you we give,
2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing, com - fort me in pain and strife;



for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that sin - ers all might live.
through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.



Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day
Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new



fol - low where your steps are lead - ing, find ad - ven - ture, joys ex - ceed - ing!
in your birth, your life and pas - sion, in your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

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

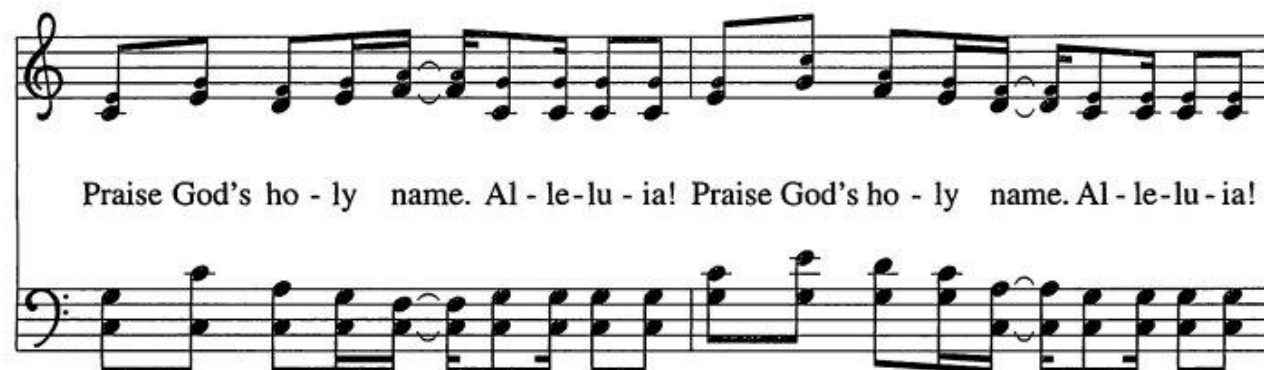
Sing twice.



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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of obedience for the sake of the world. Humble us by his compassion, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

First Reading

L A reading from Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 15:15-21

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 26 • “Your Love Is Before My Eyes”

Psalms for All Seasons 26A

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

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

Refrain

Your love is be-fore my eyes; I have walked faith-ful-ly with you.

Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind. **Refrain.**

Your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.
I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful. **Refrain.**

I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.
I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,
that I may go in procession round your altar. **Refrain.**

I sing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recount all your wonderful deeds.
Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides. **Refrain.**

Second Reading

L A reading from Romans.

Romans 12:9-21

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Sing three times.

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.

Gospel

☞ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 16:21-28

☞ The Gospel of our Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Briana R. Merkle.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Hymn of the Day • "Take Up Your Cross"

Gather Comprehensive 698



1. Take up your cross, the Sav-ior said, If you would
2. Take up your cross, let not its weight Fill your weak
3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame, And let your
4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength, And calm - ly
5. Take up your cross, and fol-low Christ, Nor think till



my dis - ci - ple be; Take up your cross with will - ing
spir - it with a - larm; His strength shall bear your spir - it
fool - ish heart be still; The Lord for you ac - cept - ed
ev - 'ry dan - ger brave: It guides you to a bet - ter
death to lay it down; For on - ly those who bear the



heart, And hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
up, And brace your heart and nerve your arm.
death Up - on a cross, on Cal - v'ry's hill.
home And leads to vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
cross May hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

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.
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- 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

Offertory Prayer

☐ God of goodness and growth,

☑ **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, in your mercy,
☑ **hear our prayer.**

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

☑ **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 • “Let Streams of Living Justice”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 710



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Sending

☞ Go in peace. Christ is with you.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Nimrod” from the Enigma Variations • Edward Elgar

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