

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please turn off all cell phones.

If you are visiting with us today, we extend to you a particular welcome and invite your questions and comments.

Our entire worship service is printed in this worship folder for your convenience.

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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.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 4, 2022 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Kneel or stand. Silence is kept for reflection.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.

We have harmed your good creation.

**We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.**

Turn us in a new direction.

Show us the path that leads to life.

**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Stand.

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 • "GOD IS HERE TODAY"

All Creation Sings 993

Sing three times.



God is here to - day; as



cer - tain as the air I breathe, as



cer - tain as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as



cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Direct us, O Lord God,
in all our doings with your continual help,
that in all our works,
begun, continued, and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name;
and finally, by your mercy,
bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The Word of the Lord.

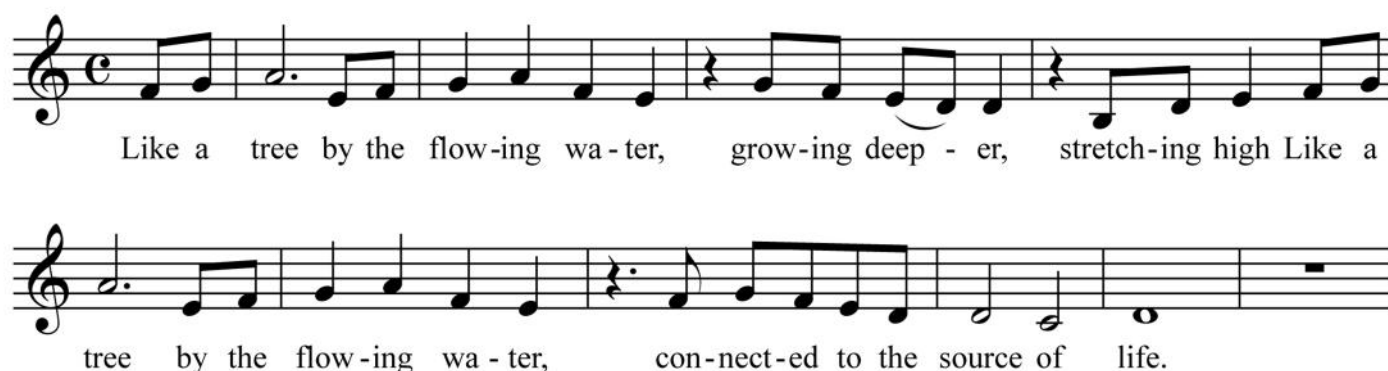
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1 • "LIKE A TREE"

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Cantor sings refrain; then all repeat.

Cantor sings verses; congregation sings refrain.



Blessed, blessed are we
to abide in God's word,
nourished through every season;
blessed are we. **Refrain.**

Planted, planted by grace,
we are rooted in God's design;
freely, freely abiding,
planted by grace. **Refrain.**

Trusting, trusting our lives
to the holy way of God,
we will, we will surrender,
trusting our lives. **Refrain.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to Philemon.

Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION • "ALLELUIA"

ELW Holy Communion Setting Eight

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 14:25-33

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON AND SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "LORD JESUS, YOU SHALL BE MY SONG"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 808



- 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
- 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
- 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
- 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

APOSTLES' CREED

Together, let us 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 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

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread,
so let us gather our prayers for the church,
those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit,
gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

OFFERING

Because God first loved us,
we are made to love one another.

For the sake of the life of the world, offer yourselves,
your time, and your possessions as signs of love.

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.
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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.
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OFFERTORY

Stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

Together, we pray.

**Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW Holy Communion Setting Eight

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us 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.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels,
cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS • "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

ELW Holy Communion Setting Eight

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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 invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.

Sit.

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"

Behold, I Make All Things New

Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us. Lamb of

God you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer -

- cy on us. Lamb of God you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN • "O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME"

All Creation Sings 1082



1 O God, you search me and you know me.
2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing.
3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,
4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,
5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,



All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.
You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,
you have known its mean - ing through and through.
still I search for shel - ter from your light.
gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.



When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:
and with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:
You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:
There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:
For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:



ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.
in ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.
God of my pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.
e - ven the dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

COMMUNION HYMN • "LET US ENTER IN"

All Creation Sings 985



1 Let us en-ter in to the song of thanks - giv - ing and free - dom.
2 Let us en-ter in to the place where our God has pre - ced - ed.
3 Let us en-ter in to the heart of a world that is bro - ken.



Let us en-ter in to the long line of peo - ple in need.
Let us en-ter in to the face of the fear and the pain.
Let us en-ter in to the start of a hope we can share.



Let us en-ter in to the strong mind that God is still liv - ing.
Let us en-ter in to the grace of the love when it's need - ed.
Let us en-ter in to the part where we call one an - oth - er



Heal - ing, for - giv - ing— Let us en - ter in.
Death is de - feat - ed! Let us en - ter in.
sis - ter and broth - er. Let us en - ter in.

Stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table,

**you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.**

**Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

DEACON SENDING

Deacons are called to “make Christ
and his redemptive love known by word and example.” (1 Timothy)

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

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 sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound.**

**May 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

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, + one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call

4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't

your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?

side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



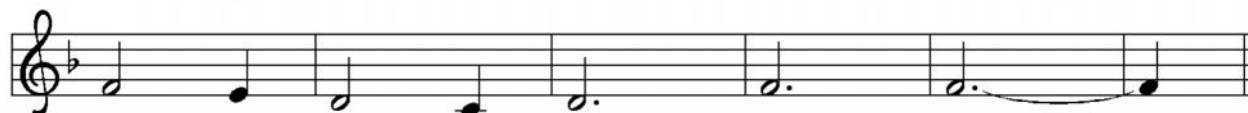
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my

Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be

world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"

sound in in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

SENDING

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Flowers on the altar
are given to the glory of God
by Jim and Debbie Hushagen
in memory of Dorothy Herivel.*

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Both services

-) PREACHER: Pastor Briana Merkle.
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CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wednesday, September 7, 2022 • 7:00 p.m. (this week only)

Join MVLC Director of Music Ministries Brenna Sage and other choir members in the Sanctuary to start rehearsing songs for the fall. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Brenna at bsage@mtviewlutheran.org

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 9:30 a.m. • starts on Thursday 9/8

Join other women in the Chapel basement (new location) for this pastor-led Bible study, snacks, fellowship, and conversation.

FALL WORSHIP HOURS

Sunday, September 11, 2022 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

We return to fall worship hours on Sunday 9/11. Join us as we explore stories of the Bible through the Narrative Lectionary in sermon, song, prayer, and Holy Communion.

GATHERING DAY

Sunday, September 11, 2022 • 9:30 a.m.

Everyone in the congregation is invited to come and celebrate the start of a new “school year” of lifelong faith formation at MVLC for all ages—Rock Ministry for kids age 2 through youth in twelfth grade and Adult Education.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. • starts on Wednesday 9/14

Join us for an evening of faith, food, and fellowship. The purpose of this evening is to build community and grow spiritually. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. in the Life Together Hall. Holden Evening Prayer worship is at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Choir rehearsal is at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.