



Every *generous* act of giving,
with every perfect gift,

is from above,
coming down from the *Father*.

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.*

Fourteenth Sunday *after Pentecost*

Sunday, August 29, 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.

Take us back— to the wa - ter,— wash a - way— our sins. —

Wel-come us,— O— Fa - ther,— back to your home — a - gain. —

Bless your sons — and — daugh - ters,— and let the feast — be-gin, —

let it be - gin...

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.

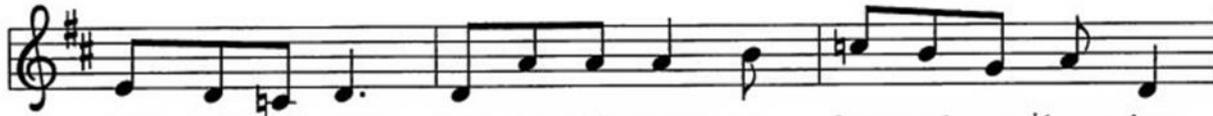
And also with you.

Gathering Hymn • "Gather Us In"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Prayer of the Day

O God our strength,
without you we are weak and wayward creatures.

Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside,
and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves,
that we may be preserved through your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading

A reading from Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15 • “The One Who Does Justice”

Lyric Psalter • OneLicense #97879

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

The one who does jus - tice will live in the
pres - ence of the Lord.

Whoever walks without fault;
who does what is just,
and speaks the truth from his heart;
whoever does not slander with his tongue.

Refrain.

Who does no wrong to a neighbor,
who casts no slur on a friend,
who looks with scorn on the wicked,
but honors those who fear the Lord.

Refrain.

Who lends no money at interest,
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a one shall never be shaken,
such a one shall never be shaken.

Refrain.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of James.

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

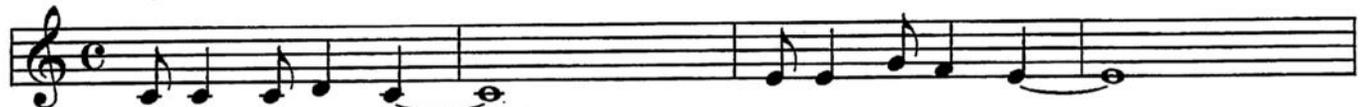
If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation • "Sing Alleluia"

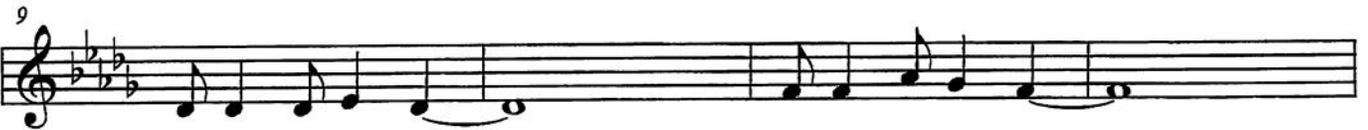
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Musical staff 1: Treble clef, common time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are: Sing al - le - lu - ia. Sing al - le - lu - ia.



Musical staff 2: Treble clef, common time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The lyrics are: Sing al - le - lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia.



Musical staff 3: Treble clef, key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are: Sing al - le - lu - ia. Sing al - le - lu - ia.



Musical staff 4: Treble clef, key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The lyrics are: Sing al - le - lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia.



Musical staff 5: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F#, C#). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are: Sing al - le - lu - ia. Sing al - le - lu - ia.



Musical staff 6: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F#, C#). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The lyrics are: Sing al - le - lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia, sing al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Mike Greenwalt.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Hymn of the Day • “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 512



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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

Made children and heirs of God's promise,
we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God,
and those in our hearts known only to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Service of Farewell and Godspeed

A church family is always changing. Loved ones are born into it and loved ones come to the end of their lives as a part of it. Individuals come and go as church life changes. It is important to recognize these times of passage, of relationships shared, of endings and new beginnings.

Today we celebrate the gifts Pastor Mike Greenwalt and Susan Bloomfield have shared with us as Interim Administrative Pastor and as Director of Music Ministries through this time of farewell as Pastor Mike leaves to retire once more and Susan leaves to spend more time with a changing family.

Hear Apostle Paul's words from Ephesians:

Each of us is given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, [and musicians!], to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the full measure of the full stature of Christ.

Pastor Mike, you have proclaimed to us the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, instructed us from God's Word, and guided us into a new chapter of life at Mountain View Lutheran. We have deeply appreciated the leadership you have given to us in this time of transition and pandemic.

Susan, you have brightened and enlightened our worship life with joyous gifts of heart and performance this past year under challenging times. We also have deeply appreciated the leadership you have shown and the creativity you have brought to our worship life.

Pastor Mike

Thank you all for the care, support, and partnership you have shown me during this time of ministry together. I am grateful for the way I have been received and ask forgiveness for any mistakes I have made.

Pastor Mike, we receive your thankfulness, offer our forgiveness, and appreciate your desire to retire. We are grateful for the time and the work you have shared with us and know that your influence on our faith and faithfulness will remain with us as you take leave.

Pastor Mike

Thank you. I trust that our time together has been fruitful and pleasing to God. I encourage you in your anticipation of new and renewed ministries as you move forward into God's ever-unfolding plan and purposes for you.

Susan

I also thank you for the support, care, and encouragement you have shown me during a very challenging and limiting year. I have appreciated the way singers and musicians have risen to the challenge in bringing musical leadership and variety to our time together.

Susan, we receive your thankfulness and understand your desire to spend more time with family. We are truly grateful for the gifts you have brought, the talent you have shared, and the thoughtful guidance you have offered. We will miss you!

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have bound us together for a time as interim pastor, director of music and people to work for your church in this place. We are grateful, thankful, and blessed by the ministries we have shared. Now, we pray, be with Pastor Mike, Susan, and their families, and be with us as we step apart and into new opportunities. Amen.

We give you thanks, Lord, for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we each move in new directions. Keep us united in your love and in Jesus Christ our Lord, now and forever.

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

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 worshipping 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

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 • “Let Us Enter In”

Dancing at the Harvest 32



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



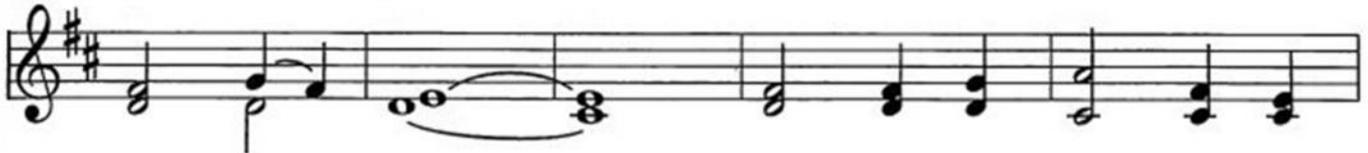
Heal - ing, for - giv - ing— Let us en - ter in.
Death is de - feat - ed! Let us en - ter in.
sis - ter and broth - er. Let us en - ter in.

Communion Song • "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

With One Voice 783



1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by



right - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
you shall find; knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the



add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

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 • "Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 864



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!



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 AnnMarie Bachner
in memory of husband John Bachner
and daughters Sheryl and Michel.*

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*For those participating in worship from home,
please register your worship attendance online at
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Both services

-) PREACHER/PRESIDER: Pastor Mike Greenwalt.
-) DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Susan Bloomfield.
-) VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
-) ALTAR GUILD: Janice Harrison, Flora Larson, Diane Nelson.
-) SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

8:15 a.m.

-) USHERS: Gary Larson, Chris Ray, Ken Swanson (head usher).
-) GREETER: Jeanne Anderson.
-) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Janice Harrison, Flora Larson.
-) LECTOR: Kristi Ceder.
-) CANTOR: Amy Fuller.

10:45 a.m.

-) USHERS: Lindy Nelson, Bob Yost.
-) GREETER: Ellen Leapaltd.
-) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Barb Egan, Ellen Leapaltd.
-) LECTOR: Jim Hushagen.
-) BAND: Debbie Hushagen, Jim Hushagen, Bill Kohler, Joan Kohler.
-) ACOLYTE: Dane Olson.

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