



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.*

*Whoever wants to be first
must be last of all and servant of all.
Whoever welcomes one such child
in my name welcomes me,
and whoever welcomes me
welcomes not me but the one who sent me.* —MARK 9:35b, 37

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
Sunday, September 19, 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.

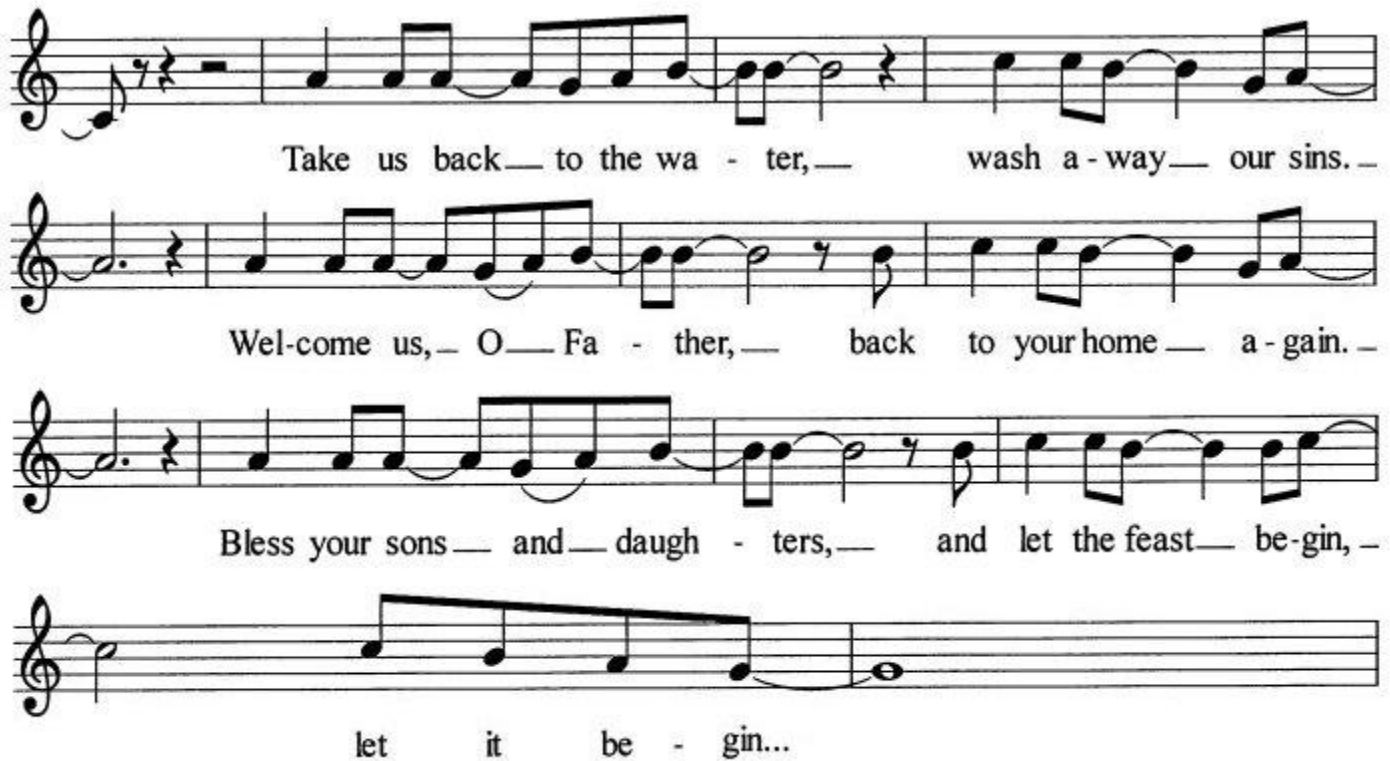
Amen.

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 and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). 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 and a second ending bracket. The seventh staff continues the melody and lyrics.

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.

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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Prayer of the Day

O God, our teacher and guide,
you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children.

Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition,
that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding
as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the Lord who made it known to me,
and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.
But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.
And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”
But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

A responsive reading from the Psalms.

Psalm 54

Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

**Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

For strangers have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

**Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of James.

James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation • “Alleluia”

Holy Communion: Tree of Life Setting



C Al - le - lu - ia,



Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For



you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -



ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 9:30-37

[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Briana R. Merkle.

Hymn of the Day • “Children of the Heavenly Father”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 781



- 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
- 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
- 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
- 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.



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.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord 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.
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-) If you want it to remember your information, visit “SIGN IN” and create an account.
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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.

Offertory • "Come, Let Us Bring"

Holy Communion: Tree of Life Setting



1. Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.
2. Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.
3. Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.



Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.
Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.
Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.



Bro - ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.
In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.
Blest are they who share the feast of ju - bi - lee.



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In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.
Blest are they who share the feast of ju - bi - lee.

Offering Prayer

Together, we pray.

**God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.**

Accept the gifts you have first given us.

**Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

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 and good
that we should everywhere and always
offer thanks and praise to you,
Holy God, mighty and immortal,
through Christ, our Lord
who by his death and resurrection
is making all things new.

And so with the Church on earth
and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name
and join their unending hymn.

Sanctus • “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy Communion: Tree of Life Setting

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of power and

might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -

san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

All who hunger and thirst, come.
The table is ready.

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”

Holy Communion: Tree of Life Setting



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the



world: have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the



world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion Song • “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 659



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

Communion Song • "In the Singing"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 466



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Prayer after Communion

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith in to a feast of salvation.

Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.

Gracious God,

**you took the form of a servant,
offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength
to a sick and hurting world.**

**Anoint with a servant heart
those who take your word and sacrament
to our siblings in their homes and in hospitals.**

**Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those
who feast on your body and blood
and receive your words of new life.**

**May we all recognize that we have a place and a home
in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Blessing

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn • "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 538



The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,



to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.



The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain



to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;



that falls to you and me and all who are made free.



Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

Sending

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God
by Keith and Marlene Wright
in honor of Connor's 25th birthday
and their 31st wedding anniversary.*

Worship Attendance

*For those participating in worship from home,
please register your worship attendance online at
www.mtviewlutheran.org/worshipattendance*

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Worship leaders include:

Both services

-) PREACHER/PRESIDER: Pastor Briana R. Merkle.
-) WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Kevin Dahl.
-) MUSIC LEADER: Don Neptun.
-) VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
-) ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Harris, Diksha Knierim, Dotty Shireman.

8:15 a.m.

-) USHERS: Fred Albert (head usher), Janice Harrison, Skip Harrison.
-) GREETER: Barb Edmonds.
-) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Genie Lennon, Anne Roff.
-) LECTOR: Ken Edmonds.
-) CANTOR: Todd Kelley
-) BAND: Rod Ray, guitar.
-) SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

10:45 a.m.

-) USHERS: Erik Knierim (head usher), Lindy Nelson, Bob Yost.
-) GREETER: Diksha Knierim.
-) ACOLYTES: Alison Hutton, Colin Hutton.
-) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Diane Nelson, Marlene Wright.
-) LECTOR: Troy Kehm-Goins.
-) CANTOR: Ellen Leapaldt
-) BAND: Bill Kohler, bass; Joan Kohler, flute.
-) SOUND: Megan Hutton.

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