



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.*
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- ) 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.*

*If your hand causes you to stumble,  
cut it off;  
it is better for you to enter life maimed  
than to have two hands and to go to hell,  
to the unquenchable fire.*

—MARK 9:43

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST  
*Sunday, September 26, 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 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.**

# Hymn of Praise • “Oh, Sing to the Lord”

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 822*



1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.  
3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.  
4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.  
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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# Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, the good news you bring is centered in grace, the unearned love of Jesus Christ. We are loved and claimed by you for eternity despite our broken nature and sinful ways. Forgive us for forgetting that your good news grace is meant not just for us but for all you have created. We are special, just like everyone and everything else your hand has made.

**Amen.**

## First Reading

A reading from Numbers.

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.” Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”



So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm

A responsive reading from the Psalms.

## Psalm 19:7-14

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth  
and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Second Reading

A reading from the letter of James.

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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 9:38-50

John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Sermon

*“...it would be better if you...”*

Pastor Kim Latterell.

# Hymn of the Day • "Bring Forth the Kingdom"

Gather, Third Edition 734

## Verses

*Cantor:*



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:

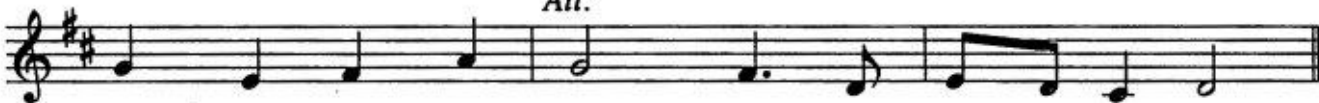
*All:*

*Cantor:*



Salt	for	the	King - dom	of	God!	Share	the	fla - vor	of
Light	for	the	Cit - y	of	God!	Shine	so	ho - ly	and
Bring	forth	the	King - dom	of	God!	Seeds	of	mer - cy	and
Bound	for	the	King - dom	of	God!	Love	our	jour - ney	and

*All:*



life,	O	peo - ple:	Life	in	the	King - dom	of	God!
bright,	O	peo - ple:	Shine	for	the	King - dom	of	God!
seeds	of	jus - tice,	Grow	in	the	King - dom	of	God!
love	our	home - land:	Love	is	the	King - dom	of	God!

## Refrain



Bring forth the King - dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King - dom of peace; Bring forth the King - dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

# 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:*

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.** (*Psalm 124:8*)

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](http://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.*

# 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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# Offering Prayer

*Psalm 19*

Lord of all, your words of instruction are sweeter than honey from the comb, more to be desired than fine gold, making wise even the simple and the foolish. They are true and righteous, a gift from your heart. Receive our offerings as a token of our joy and our thankfulness for the gift of your guidance. Who has a God as great and gracious as ours?

**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 • "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

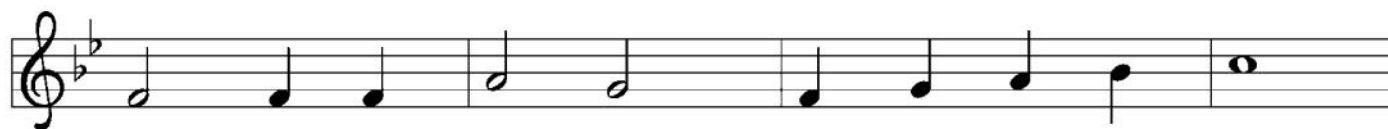
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 800*



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



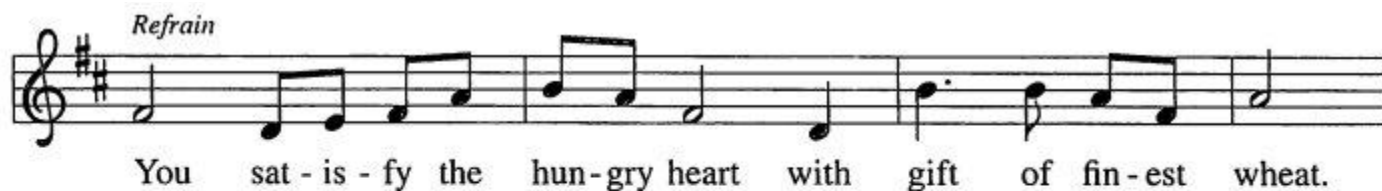
stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.  
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

# Communion Song • “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 484



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

# 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

*Psalm 18*

Blessed be our Rock, the God of our salvation! The Lord lives!  
The Lord is our strength, our fortress, our deliverer,  
our refuge, our shield, our stronghold.

**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn • "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

*This Far by Faith 241*

*Refrain*



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing  
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the  
spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,  
2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,  
3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

*Refrain*



out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
asked . . . . my Lord if all was mine.  
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

# Sending

Go, covered by the steadfast love and mercy  
of the God of our salvation.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Postlude

*Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God  
by Anne Roff  
in memory of her husband Rick.*

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*Both services*

- ) PREACHER: Pastor Kim Latterell.
- ) PRESIDER: Pastor Briana R. Merkle.
- ) WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Bob Linden.
- ) MUSIC LEADER: Steve Wolbrecht.
- ) VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- ) ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Harris, Diksha Knierim, Dotty Shireman.

*8:15 a.m.*

- ) USHERS: Fred Albert (head usher), Joe Anderson, Gary Larson.
- ) GREETER: Sandi Swanson.
- ) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Flora Larson, Terry Wolfe.
- ) LECTOR: Jeanne Anderson.
- ) CANTOR: Amy Fuller.
- ) BAND: Rod Ray, guitar.

*10:45 a.m.*

- ) USHERS: Mark Cantrell (head usher), John Dahle, Keith Wright.
- ) GREETER: Marlene Wright.
- ) ACOLYTE: Gabby Cantrell.
- ) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Terry Jensen, Marlene Wright.
- ) LECTOR: Jim Hushagen.
- ) CANTOR: Ellen Leapaldt.
- ) BAND: Debbie Hushagen, keyboards; Jim Hushagen, guitar; Bill Kohler, bass; Joan Kohler, flute.
- ) SOUND: Megan Hutton.

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