



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.*

# NINETEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

*Sunday, October 3, 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 • "God Is Here!"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 526*



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

# Prayer of the Day

Triune God,  
you have created us to live  
in loving community with one another.

Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast,  
and teach us to trust like little children,  
that we may reflect the image of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Notes on the translation to inform your hearing of Scripture:*

*The word translated here as “the man” is actually ha-adam in Hebrew, meaning “the human.” This word originates in Genesis 2:7, where the deity sculpted ha-adam, “the human” out of ha-adamah, “the earth.” “The earthling from the earth” provides a parallel pun.*

*Throughout the Hebrew Bible adam most often indicates humans as a gender-inclusive collective. Yet the term adam has the grammatical gender of masculine, thus translators usually pair it with “he/him” pronouns. In this passage, we first see ish “man” in 2:23b, following the division of ha-adam in 2:21-22.*

## First Reading

A reading from Genesis.

### Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



# Psalm

A responsive reading from the Psalms.

## Psalm 8

O Lord our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens  
out of the mouths of infants and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and avenger.**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**

Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.

**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**

all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,

**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

O Lord our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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# Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honor,  
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise 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 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Sermon

Pastor Briana R. Merkle.

# Hymn of the Day • “God, We Gather as Your People”

*All Creation Sings 1038*



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -  
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be  
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and  
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.  
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,  
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.  
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we  
that they nev - er have a rea - son to  
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your  
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.  
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.  
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.  
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

*Refrain*



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

# 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

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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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In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.  
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# 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.**

What does this mean?

**With these words God wants to attract us,  
so that we come to believe he is truly our Father  
and we are truly his children,  
in order that we may ask him boldly  
and with complete confidence,  
just as loving children ask their loving father. 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 • “We Eat the Bread of Teaching”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 518

*Refrain*



We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are



giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er



joined, the great-est and the least, we all are



one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.



1 Wis-dom calls through-out the cit-y, knows our  
2 Sim-ple ones whose hearts are yearn-ing, come and  
3 En-ter with de-light and sing-ing, for her



hun-ger, and in pit-y gives her lov-ing in-vi-  
gain from Wis-dom's learn-ing; bread and wine she is pre-  
rich-ness now is bring-ing us this joy-ous cel-e-



*Refrain*

ta-tion to the ban-quet of sal-va-tion.  
par-ing, know her lov-ing in the shar-ing.  
bra-tion; eat and drink in ju-bi-la-tion.

# Communion Song • “Come to the Table”

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 481*



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

## 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

Little children,  
the Kingdom of God belongs to you.

**Amen!**

# Sending Hymn • “Now We Join in Celebration”

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 462*



- 1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
- 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - n - ly glad - ness.  
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

## 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 Skip and Janice Harrison  
in honor of granddaughter Paige's 7th birthday.*

## Worship Attendance

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### Both services

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- ) WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Ken Edmonds.
- ) MUSIC LEADER: Dan Schreiner.
- ) CANTOR: Pastor Glenn Petersen.
- ) VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- ) ALTAR GUILD: Flora Larson, Karen Lonn, Diane Nelson, Helen Oren.

### 8:15 a.m.

- ) USHERS: Janice Harrison, Skip Harrison.
- ) GREETER: Kathy Harris.
- ) ACOLYTES: Elsa Lysne, Jonas Lysne.
- ) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Jeanne Anderson, Sandi Swanson.
- ) LECTOR: Lori Neptun.
- ) BAND: Rod Ray, guitar.
- ) SOUND: Don Neptun.

### 10:45 a.m.

- ) USHERS: Mark Cantrell (head usher), Julie Kibler, Mark Kibler.
- ) GREETER: Diksha Knierim.
- ) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Terry Jensen, Carianne Kehm-Goins.
- ) LECTOR: John Dahle.
- ) BAND: Debbie Hushagen, keyboards; Jim Hushagen, guitar; Bill Kohler, bass; Joan Kohler, flute.
- ) SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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