

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 elbowbump 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 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



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 genderinclusive 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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Thanks be to God.

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



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



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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-) 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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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



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



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.

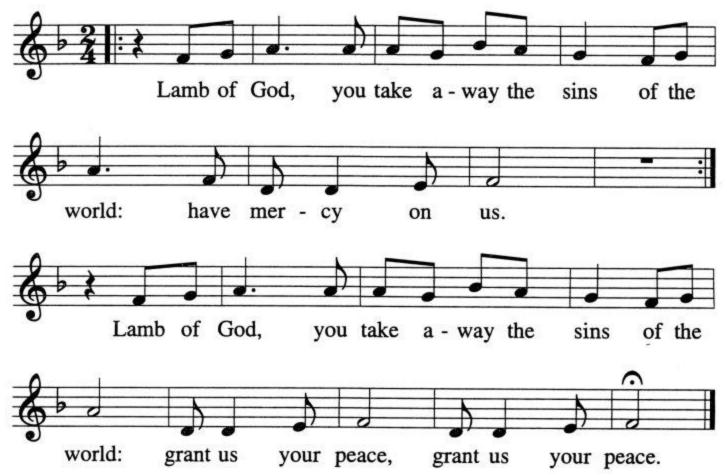
Distribution

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



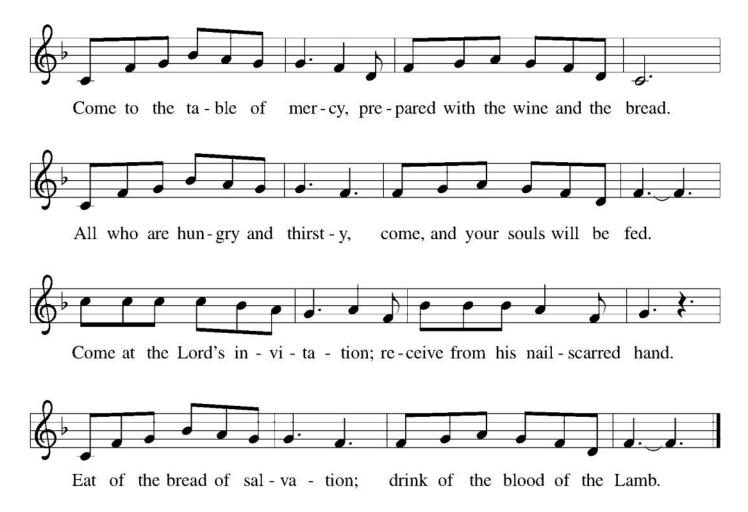
Communion Song • "We Eat the Bread of Teaching"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 518



Communion Song • "Come to the Table"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 481



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.

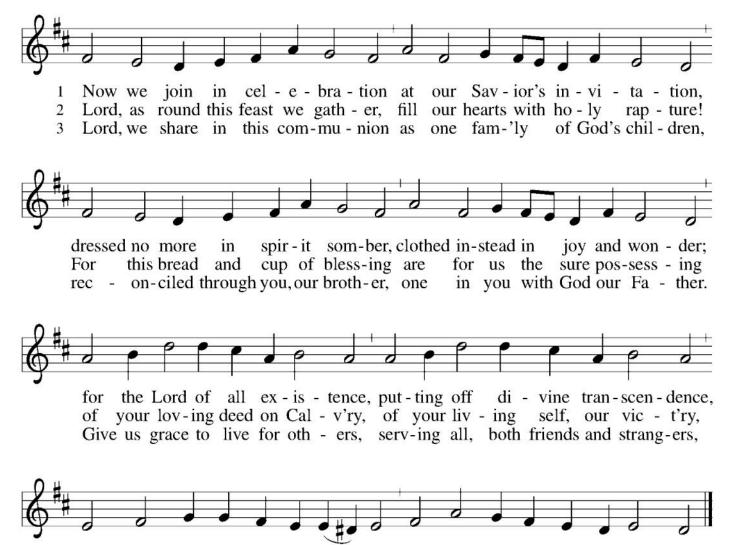
Blessing

Little children, the Kingdom of God belongs to you.

Amen!

Sending Hymn • "Now We Join in Celebration"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 462



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

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: Pastor Briana R. Merkle.
- PRESIDER: Pastor Kim Latterell.
- 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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Although this is an outdoor event, masks will be required by all participants to aid against the spread of Covid-19.

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