

# NINETEENTH SUNDAY

## AFTER PENTECOST



*Sunday, October 11, 2020*  
*8:15 a.m. (in person) + 10:45 a.m. (in person and online)*

**Words spoken by the assembly are in boldface type.**

For music, the words will be sung by the cantor  
**while the congregation hums.**

*Instructions for in-person worship.*

- ) Keep your mask on at all times.*
- ) Please keep a social distance of at least six feet from persons not in your same household.*
- ) 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.*
- ) In using the restrooms, follow the capacity guidance posted outside the restroom doors. Practice safe hygiene by washing your hands with soap and water before leaving a restroom, and disinfecting your hands using a no-touch disinfectant dispenser located outside the restrooms.*
- ) Please do not attend worship if 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.*
- ) The MVLC “guest” WiFi is disabled during the 10:45 a.m. worship service, in order that there is no interference or interruption of the livestreaming/recording of worship.*

# Prelude

*Brother James' Air • arr. Larry Shackley*

## Welcome / Announcements

# Confession

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace  
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another  
before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,  
and turn us again to life in you  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection,  
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world.

**Amen.**

# Opening Hymn • “We Are Called”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 720



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the

3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king-dom, to

one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.

sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

## 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples  
and poured out your life with abundance.

Call us again to your banquet.

Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure,  
and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# First Reading

A reading from Isaiah.

## Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm

A responsive reading from the Psalms.

## Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



# Second Reading

A reading from Philippians.

## Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Gospel Acclamation

*Sundays and Seasons*

*The cantor sings the refrain, **while the congregation hums along.***

*The cantor sings the verse.*

*The cantor sings the refrain, **while the congregation hums along.***

Assembly

Cantor

Mm - m - m - m. Mm - m - m - m.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia.

## Verse

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation.

## Refrain.

# Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Sermon

Rev. Michael Greenwalt

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*



# Hymn of the Day • "All Are Welcome"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 641



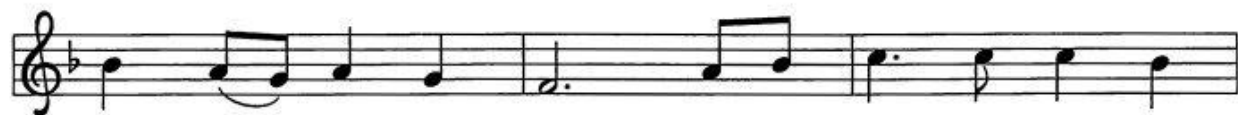
1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how

stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and

live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of

strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:

end to fear and dan - ger: All are wel - come,



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

# Apostles' Creed

Together, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.  
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 Intercession

With confidence in God's grace and mercy,  
let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

*At the conclusion of each petition:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms  
all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# Offering Prayer

Gracious God,  
send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,  
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

# Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface

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.

With all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of  
heaven, we praise your holy name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**



# Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion  
We may know the unity we share with all your people  
In the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
All glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

# Invitation to Communion

Come to the banquet table  
where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

## Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.



### **Open Wafer**

*The cup has a clear film top that noticeably reveals the wafer compartment. Lift the film to open and receive your wafer. (Hint: Bending the tab downward to snap will release the air tight seal on the film and make the edge very easy to find and open.)*

### **Open Cup**

*Open the cup by peeling back the pre-cut tab on the foil seal to drink the juice.*

# Communion Song • “You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

*Gathering, Third Edition 628*



1. You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.

3. You, who walk each day be - side us,



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.

Sit in pow - er at God's side.



You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er

You, who preach a way that's nar - row,



Of the way you took and gave.

Have a love that reach - es wide.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;

You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



You, whom we both scorn and crave.

You, who are our pil - grim guide.

# Communion Sending Prayer

Gracious God,  
**from this table you sustain and nourish your people  
and unite us as one in Jesus Christ.**  
**We send forth this bread of life and cup of salvation  
to those who are not worshiping in-person,  
so that they too can feast on your goodness  
and be gathered with us in the one body, Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## Blessing

The God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another,  
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

# Sending Hymn • “Rejoice in the Lord Always”

CCLI #15692

*Sing/hum twice. The congregation is invited to clap along with the song.*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three staves. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Re - joice in the Lord \_ al - ways, a - gain I say, re - joice! Re - joice in the Lord \_ al - ways, a - gain I say, re-joice! Re - joice! Re-joice! A - gain I say, re - joice! Re - joice! Re-joice! A - gain I say, re - joice!"

Chords indicated above the staff:

- Staff 1: F, Gm, C<sup>7</sup>, F
- Staff 2: Gm, C<sup>7</sup>, F
- Staff 3: Gm, C<sup>7</sup>, F, Gm, C<sup>7</sup>, F

Measure numbers 3 and 6 are indicated at the start of the second and third staves, respectively.

# Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Postlude

*For those participating in worship from home,  
please register your worship attendance online at  
[www.mtviewlutheran.org/worshipattendance](http://www.mtviewlutheran.org/worshipattendance)*

*Please submit prayer requests online at  
[www.mtviewlutheran.org/prayerrequest](http://www.mtviewlutheran.org/prayerrequest)*

*Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God  
by Lindy and Diane Nelson and Ken and Terry Johnson  
in memory of their parents Alvar and Louise Johnson  
and Art and Ingrid Indrebo.*

# Offering

We give to the Lord of our tithes and offerings.

*You can leave your offering in the offering box at the back of the Sanctuary near the font, either upon entry to worship or as you depart.*

You can mail an offering to:  
Mountain View Lutheran Church  
3505 - 122nd Ave E  
Edgewood WA 98372

Ways that you can give electronically:

## TEXT

- Text “Give” to 253-292-9599.
- You will be sent a message to (a) text your giving amount and/or (b) set up recurring giving.

## ONLINE via the MVLC WEBSITE

- Visit [www.mtviewlutheran.org](http://www.mtviewlutheran.org).
- Hover over the “GIVE” dropdown.
- 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.”



# Worship Leaders

PREACHER/PRESIDER  
Pastor Michael Greenwalt

DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES  
Susan Bloomfield

ALTAR GUILD  
Janice Harrison, Flora Larson, Diane Nelson

## **8:15 a.m.**

HEAD USHER  
Mark Williams

USHERS  
Joe Anderson, Gary Larson

GREETERS  
Barb Egan, Gloria Ratcliffe

COMMUNION ASSISTANT  
Michelle Schweikl

LECTOR  
Skip Harrison

SOUND  
Beth Ann Johnson

## **10:45 a.m.**

HEAD USHER  
Diksha Knierim

USHER  
Joel DeWitt

GREETERS  
Sonja Dahl, Bob Linden

COMMUNION ASSISTANT  
Kim Soeder

LECTOR  
Bob Linden

SOUND  
Chris Schaefer

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The Mountain View Community Center invites you to join them for their first ever **Bound by Hope Virtual Giving Event!** This is a *free* online event you can join from the comfort of your own home as we highlight the Center's COVID relief response, hear from local community leaders and present this year's Community Partner Award.

REGISTER at the following link to receive the link to participate:  
<https://mvcc.wufoo.com/forms/r2a176l1igmyou/>

Grab a cup of coffee and come ready to celebrate our great community and the vital work we accomplish when we work hand in hand!

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# the Freedom of a Christian

Wednesday Evening Adult Education for October/November

7:00 p.m. • Wednesday evenings • Zoom meeting  
10/14 + 10/21 + 10/28 + 11/4 + 11/11 + 11/18

Pastors Bri, Mike, and Kim will be leading **a seven-week study series on *The Freedom of a Christian***, an essential treatise written by Martin Luther. The study has been offered to churches as part of the ELCA's celebration of the treatise's 500 year publication anniversary. It's one key part of Luther's major theological writings.

The treatise is available at online at [www.elca500.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Freedom-of-a-Christian\\_final-proof\\_3.17.20201.pdf](http://www.elca500.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Freedom-of-a-Christian_final-proof_3.17.20201.pdf)

(You will want to download the treatise ahead of time so that you can begin wrestling with this powerful teaching. The download includes the treatise as well as the letter Luther wrote to Pope Leo X in an attempt to explain and defend his theological perspective on the gospel of Jesus Christ.)

A key moment occurs in the treatise as Luther addresses this paradox:

***The Christian person is a completely free lord of all, subject to none.  
The Christian person is a completely dutiful servant of all, subject to all.***

Luther says of his treatise on Christian freedom, that it contains a summary of the whole Christian life, if you understand its meaning. Please join us for an extended conversation on this essential writing.

Join the Zoom meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84766484362>

Meeting ID: 847 6648 4362