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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.**

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- ) Keep your mask on at all times, except when receiving communion.*
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# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Sunday, November 28, 2021 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

# Gathering Song • "Advent Gathering Song"

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*Cantor sings refrain; **then all repeat.***

*Cantor sings verses; **congregation sings refrain.***

**Gently**  
*mp*

Come, come Em - man - u - el.

Come, Em - man - u - el.

For the Lord of creation will... **Refrain.**

Oh the son of Mary will... **Refrain.**

See God's marvelous deeds and... **Refrain.**

For God chose us, and so we will... **Refrain.**

For the angel proclaims he will... **Refrain.**

As the servants of God we... **Refrain.**

# Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who alone does wonders,  
who lifts up the lowly,  
who fills the hungry with good things.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God for whom we wait,  
**in the presence of one another,**  
**we confess our sin before you.**  
**We fail in believing that your good news is for us.**  
**We falter in our call to tend your creation.**  
**We find our sense of self in material wealth.**  
**We fear those different from ourselves.**  
**We forget that we are your children**  
**and turn away from your love.**  
**Forgive us, Blessed One,**  
**and assure us again of your saving grace.**  
**Amen.**

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!  
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
+ your sins are forgiven.  
You are children of the Most High,  
inheritors of the eternal promise,  
and recipients of divine mercy.  
God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

**Amen.**

# Hymn of Praise • "Creator of the Stars of Night"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 245*



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -  
2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in  
3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all  
4 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, re - deem us for e -  
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,



last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,  
splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child  
hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,  
ter - nal day; de - fend us while we dwell be - low  
Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



we pray you hear us when we call.  
of Mar - y, bless - ed moth - er mild.  
like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.  
from all as - saults of our dread foe.  
from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

# Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with your all.

**Amen.**

# Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.  
By your merciful protection  
alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins,  
and redeem us for your life of justice,  
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# Advent Wreath Reading

*One of the most familiar customs of Advent is the lighting of the candles on an evergreen wreath. The glowing and growing light in the midst of growing darkness draws on biblical images. The unbroken circle of “forever greens” is seen as an image of everlasting life, as victory over death, as the crown of Jesus Christ, as the wheel of time itself. Christians make use of the wreath as a sign that Christ breaks into our time to lead us into the light of everlasting life.*

*The four candles mark the four weeks of Advent and the growth of life amid growing darkness that cannot and will not overcome the light. In many homes, families gather for prayer around the wreath’s lit candles.*

Blessed are you, God of Joseph and Mary,  
for your promise to transform weapons of war  
into implements of planting and harvest,  
into instruments of peace.

Blessed are you for your promise  
that our long night of sin is far gone  
and your day of our salvation is ever-dawning.

As we light the first candle,  
wake us from our slumber and silence,  
wrap us in your light, empower us to live justly,  
and guide us always along the path of peace.

O household of Mary, come,  
**walk into the light of Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

# Reading Response • “He Came Down”

*This Far by Faith 37*



1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;



he came down that we may have love;

hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

## First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 33:14-16

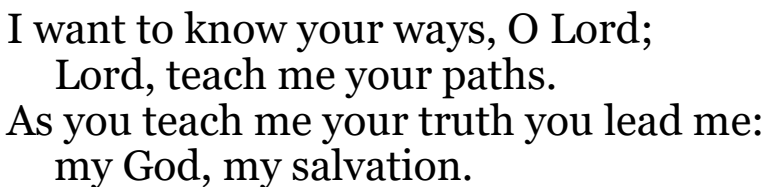
The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*This Far by Faith 37*

*Cantor sings verses; congregation sings refrain.*



Remember your mercy, Lord my God,  
your mercy and your endless love.  
Forgive the sins and errors of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
your constant love and goodness.

The Lord is righteous, the Lord is good.  
He brings back the wayward to his path.  
He guides the meek, the gentle,  
and the humble in his ways.

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# Second Reading

A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians.

## 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Gospel Acclamation • “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

*This Far by Faith 25*

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

# Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 21:25-36

[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Sermon

Pastor Briana R. Merkle.

# Hymn of the Day • "Come by Here"

*This Far by Faith 43*



- 1 Come by here, my Lord, come by here; come by here, my Lord, come by here;
- 2 Some-one's cry - ing, Lord, come by here; some-one's cry - ing, Lord, come by here;
- 3 Some-one's sing - ing, Lord, come by here; some-one's sing - ing, Lord, come by here;
- 4 Some-one's pray - ing, Lord, come by here; some-one's pray - ing, Lord, come by here;
- 5 Some-one needs you, Lord, come by here; some-one needs you, Lord, come by here;



come by here, my Lord, come by here; O Lord, come by here.  
some-one's cry - ing, Lord, come by here; O Lord, come by here.  
some-one's sing - ing, Lord, come by here; O Lord, come by here.  
some-one's pray - ing, Lord, come by here; O Lord, come by here.  
some-one needs you, Lord, come by here; O Lord, come by here.

# 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

In this season of watching and waiting,  
let us pray for all people and places  
that yearn for God's presence.

*A brief silence.*

*At the conclusion of each petition:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of new life  
you come among us in the places we least expect.  
Receive these prayers and those of our hearts,  
in the name of Jesus.

**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 are invited to leave your offering in the offering plates located in the side aisles as you come forward for Holy Communion.*

# Offertory • "The Promise"

Don Neptun

**Part 1: cantor; part 2: congregation.**

PART 1

For the pro mise is for you and your

PART 2

Piano Intro

For the pro mise is for me

chil- dren, And the pro-mise is for me and my

and my chil- dren, and the pro-mise is for you

ALL

chil dren, and all God's peo- ple. We de

and your chil dren, and all God's peo- ple.

ALL

vote our lives\_ to the word of the Lord in the fel- low ship of the bo- dy of Christ. We

PART 1

take of the bread, and we drink of the wine, and we lift one a- no - ther in prayer. For the

PART 1

pro-mise is for you

PART 2

and your children,

and the

For the pro-mise is for me

and my children,

pro-mise is for me

and my chil - dren,

and the pro-mise is for you

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and all God's peo - ple.

chil - dren,

and all God's peo - ple.

# Offering Prayer

Together, we pray.

**God of our waiting and watching,  
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives  
to the service of all your people.  
Prepare the way before us  
as we meet you in this simple meal,  
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.  
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  
give thanks and praise to you,  
almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people  
with the promise of the Redeemer,  
through whom you will also make all things new  
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

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

# Sanctus • "Holy, Holy, Holy"

*Lead Me, Guide Me 475*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

The first system of musical notation for the song 'Sanctus'. It features a treble and bass staff in 6/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides harmonic support with chords.

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

The second system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, with a long note on 'might' and a descending line. The bass staff continues with harmonic accompaniment.

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

The third system of musical notation. The melody includes a double bar line after 'highest'. The bass staff has a long note on 'san' and a descending line.

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

The fourth system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff. The bass staff has a long note on 'comes' and a descending line.

high - est, in the high - est.

The fifth system of musical notation. The melody concludes in the treble staff with a long note on 'high'. The bass staff has a long note on 'high' and a descending line.

# 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.**

What does this mean?

**That I should be certain that such petitions  
are acceptable to be heard by our Father in heaven,  
for God commanded us to pray like this  
and has promised to hear us.**

**“Amen, amen” means**

**“Yes, yes, it is going to come about just like this.”**

## Communion

Come to Christ's banquet.  
Feast on God's gift of grace.

# 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”

*by Tillis Butler*

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

5 have mer-cy on us Lamb of God you take a-way the sins

10 of the world: have mer-cy-on us Lamb of God,

15 you take a - way the sins of the world:

18 grant us peace, grant us peace.

# Communion Song • “My Lord, What a Morning”

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 438*

*Refrain*



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un - der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



*Refrain*

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

# Communion Song • "The People Walk"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 706

*Refrain / Estribillo*



Un pue - blo que ca - mi - na por el mun - do gri -  
The peo - ple walk through-out the world to - geth - er and



tan - do: "¡Ven, Se - ñor!" Un pue - blo que bus - ca en es - ta  
cry out, "Come, O Lord"; the peo - ple who long to claim the



vi - da la gran li - be - ra - ción.  
prom - ise, God's lib - er - at - ing Word.



1 Los po - bres siem - pre es - pe - ran el a - ma - ne - cer de un  
1 The poor ones of the world a - wait the dawn of hope, when  
2 You broke the bonds of sin, un - tied the cap - tive's hands, re -  
3 The life - blood of the world is shed in mind - less war; and



dí - a más jus - to y sin o - pre - sión. Los  
jus - tice will shine and make op - pres - sion flee. The  
leased us from fear and slav - 'ry to the law. We  
fam - 'lies de - sire a home where con - flicts cease. With

*Refrain / Estribillo*



po - bres he - mos pues - to la es - pe - ran - za en ti: ¡Li - ber - ta - dor!  
emp - ty hands of all are raised to you, Lord God: oh, set us free!  
lift our hands in hope, we put our trust in you, O God of love.  
all the world we lift our hands in hope to you, O God of peace.

# Prayer after Communion

Most High God,  
you have come among us at this table.

By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,  
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,  
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

**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.

Gracious God,

**in your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring  
this communion, that through the body and blood of your Son we may all  
know the hope of your promised coming in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing

The God of hope  
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that we may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

**So it is, and so it is to be forever. Amen!**

# Sending Hymn • “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

All Creation Sings 949



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your  
2 Dark-er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er  
3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the  
4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your



lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps  
mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night  
morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing  
lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.  
lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.  
soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.  
trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.

*Refrain*



Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

# Sending

Go in peace. Christ is near.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Postlude

# Worship Attendance

*For those participating in worship from home,  
please register your worship attendance online at  
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*Both services*

- ) PREACHER: Pastor Briana Merkle.
- ) PRESIDER: Pastor Kim Latterell.
- ) WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Kevin Dahl.
- ) DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
- ) VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- ) ALTAR GUILD: Diksha Knierim, Janet Larson, Karen Lonn.

*8:15 a.m.*

- ) USHERS: Gary Larson, Ken Swanson (head usher), Sandi Swanson.
- ) GREETER: Pat Clement.
- ) ACOLYTE: Dutcher Adams.
- ) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Flora Larson, Genie Lennon.
- ) LECTOR: Pat Clement.
- ) CANTOR: Amy Fuller.
- ) SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

*10:45 a.m.*

- ) USHERS: Mark Cantrell (head usher), Ken Edmonds, Bob Yost.
- ) GREETER: Diane Nelson.
- ) ACOLYTE: Dane Olson.
- ) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Barb Egan, Ellen Leapaltd.
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# Upcoming Events in Life Together

## **Advent Midweeks • “In Darkness and Light”**

*Wednesday evenings (December 1, 8, 15) • 6:30 p.m. • Life Together Hall*

We gather for a meal, fellowship, and worship. This year’s Advent Midweeks will combine the three, all centered around the table.

## **Adult Education • “The Gospel of Luke: Secure in God’s Promise”**

*Sunday mornings • 9:30 a.m. • Life Together Hall*

With the season of Advent we begin a new year in the Church calendar. We are entering Year C of the Lectionary, meaning that over the next year we’ll primarily be hearing readings from Luke’s Gospel during worship. To help us best hear this Gospel in its unique witness and to best see its implications for our lives, we gather for a time of overview and study of Luke’s major themes. We’ll spend time looking at the historical context that informs our hearing of Luke, some of the stories and parables unique to Luke, and how Luke’s messiah story continues to unfold. This class will be offered by MVLC pastors on Sundays 11/28, 12/5, and 12/12 at 9:30 a.m. in the Life Together Hall.

- )} 11/28 Introduction to the Gospel of Luke.
- )} 12/5 Introduction to the Gospel of Luke.
- )} 12/12 Introduction to the Gospel of Luke.

## **Rock Ministry • “Advent Adventures”**

*Sunday mornings • 9:30 a.m. • Education Building*

Rock Ministry kids and youth (2 years old through 12th grade) and their families gather for some Advent special events.

- )} 11/28 “Nativity creche” craft.
- )} 12/5 Cookies and trimmings; Rock families decorate the MVLC Christmas tree in the Sanctuary.
- )} 12/12 Christmas boxes for Tacoma Seafarers.