

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT • Sunday, February 21, 2021 • 10:45 a.m.

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 in regular type are sung by all, unless otherwise noted.

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Confession

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Confession and Forgiveness

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 looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

Amen.

Have mercy, O God,

against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt.

Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

Gathering Song • "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"

Evangelical Lutheran Church 319



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.

Kyrie • "Lord, Have Mercy"

All Creation Sings, Setting 12



Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin.

Renew us in the gift of baptism.

May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



First Reading

A reading from Genesis.

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

A reading from First Peter.

1 Peter 3:18-22

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing.

For "Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation • "Lenten Acclamation" All Creation Sings, Setting 12





Gospel

A reading from the Psalms.

Psalm 25

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees. For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Who are they that fear the Lord? He will teach them the way that they should choose. They will abide in prosperity, and their children shall possess the land. The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes his covenant known to them.

My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me. O guard my life, and deliver me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all its troubles.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"...persecution, what persecution?..."

Pastor Kim Latterell.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.



Hymn of the Day • "Lead Me, Guide Me"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 768



Apostles' Creed

Together, we 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 the Church

"Christian perfection is to fear God earnestly with the whole heart and yet also to have a sincere confidence, faith, and trust that we have a gracious, merciful God because of Jesus Christ; that we may and should pray for and request from God whatever we need and confidently expect help from God in all affliction." [*The Augsburg Confession*]

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,

God's mercies never come to an end.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ 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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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.
-) 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."

Offertory

"Beautiful Savior" • arr. Cathy Moklebust Tina Thomas, handbells

Offering Prayer

Together, we pray.

Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.

Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with 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, our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we indeed come to the fullness of your grace.

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"

All Creation Sings, Setting 12



Thanksgiving at the Table

O God how majestic is your name in all the earth. We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

Amen.

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.

O God, send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.

Amen, and amen.

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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Lamb of God • "Lamb of God"

All Creation Sings, Setting 12



Prayer after Communion

God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new 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,

whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick and homebound.

In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of your Son, that all may feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you + that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

Amen.

Sending Hymn • "I Will Trust in the Lord"

This Far by Faith 256



Sending

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Worship Attendance

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PARK 'N' PONDER LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP

7:00 p.m. • Wednesday evenings • MVLC parking lot

2/24 • Lenten midweek #1 LAMENT Psalm 38:9-22. Matthew 5:1-11.

3/3 • Lenten midweek #2 **CONFESSION** Psalm 73. Romans 7:14-25.

3/10 • Lenten midweek #3 **PAUSE** Psalm 46. Habakkuk 2:1-3.

3/17 • Lenten midweek #4 **PRAISE** Psalm 146. Romans 14:7-12.

3/24 • Lenten midweek #5 **PROCLAIM** Psalm 136. Romans 10:8-17.

