

TWENTIETH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST



Sunday, October 18, 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.*
-) At the conclusion of the service, ushers will dismiss you. Please exit the Sanctuary through the hallway to the Administrative Offices.*

Prelude

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.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

CONFESSION

Most merciful God,

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

We sin against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

PETITION

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

PROMISE

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you *have been* saved.

ABSOLUTION

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins *are* forgiven.

BLESSING

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, as Christ lives in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Opening Hymn • "Oh Sing to the Lord"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 822

The congregation is invited to play percussion instruments.



1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.



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Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our 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

Sovereign God,
created by you, we live in your image;
redeemed by you, we act for your praise;
sustained by you, we give you what is yours,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading

A reading from Isaiah.

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm • "Sing a New Song"

Sung by the MVLC Virtual Choir.

Psalm 96

Sing a new song, sing to God with a voice of triumph,
make his praises known to all the nations,
sing the honor of his name.



Second Reading

A reading from First Thessalonians.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians
in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

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

Cantor

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

Verse

Shine like stars in the world;
holding fast to the word of life.

Refrain.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

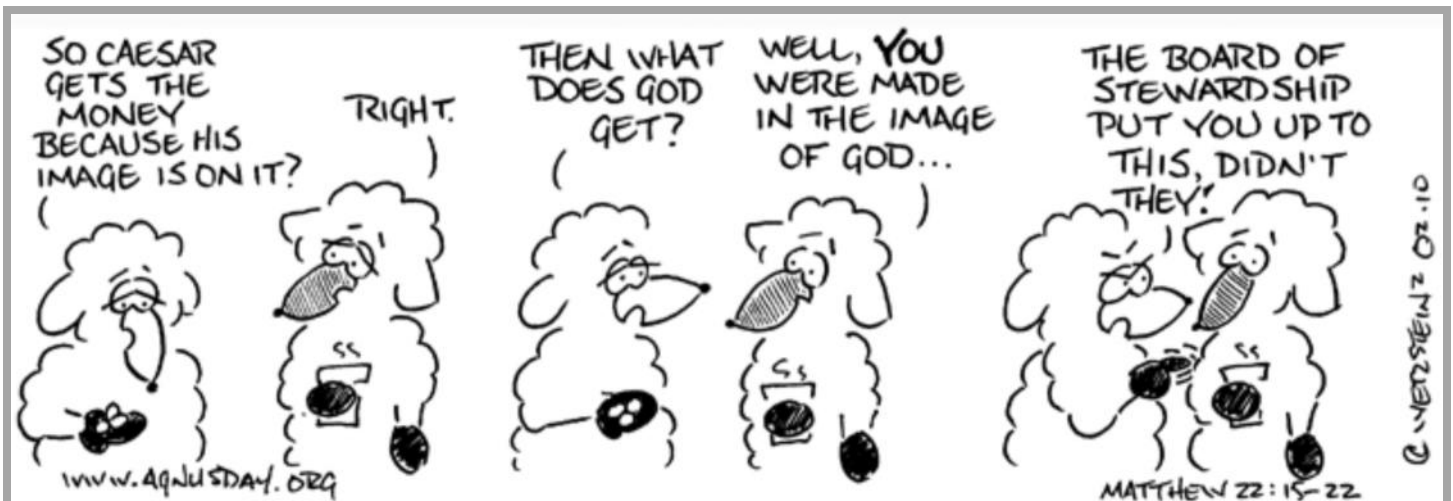
Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Sermon

“...the politics of Jesus and his followers...”

Rev. Kim Latterell.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.



Hymn of the Day • "I Have Called You By Your Name"

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C7sus4 C7 F Bb C7 Fsus4 F

1 I have called you by your name, you are mine;

4 I have giv - en you a name, it is mine;

C7sus4 C7 F Bb/F Csus4 C

I have gift - ed you and ask you now to shine.

I have giv - en you my Spir - it as a sign.

C7 Am Dm Gm

I will not a - ban - don you; all my prom - is - es are

With my won - der in your soul, make my wound - ed chil - dren

C C7sus4 C7 F Bb C7sus4 C7 F

true. You are gift - ed, called, and cho - sen; you are mine.

whole; go and tell my pre - cious peo - ple they are mine.

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 Intercession

With confidence in God's grace and mercy,
we 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.

Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering Prayer

Gracious God,
send us forth to set tables of plenty in the midst of a suffering world,
through the bread of life, 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.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places, to thank and to praise you,
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 send to us Jesus, your Son,
who reaches out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preaches good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opens his arms to all.
For such a gift of love and mercy, we give you thanks.

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.

Gracious God,
remembering Jesus's death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that through this meal
we 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.**

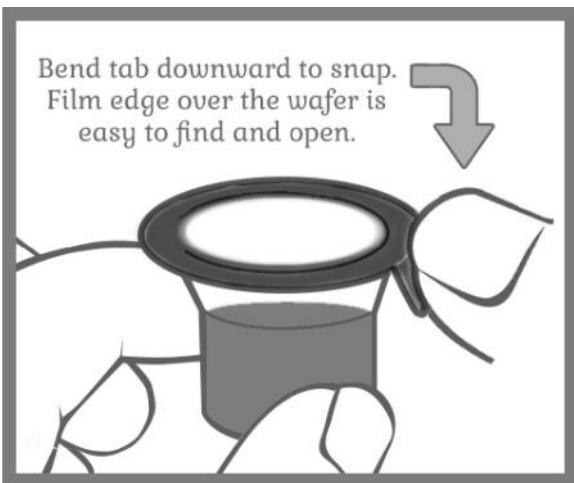
Invitation to Communion

Rejoice! This is the banquet table
where Jesus Christ gives himself for all
as food and drink for life's journey.

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 • “Now Behold the Lamb”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 341



1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who
2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why
3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be-



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre - cious Lamb of God.
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre - cious Lamb of God.
cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre - cious Lamb of God.

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 life in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

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

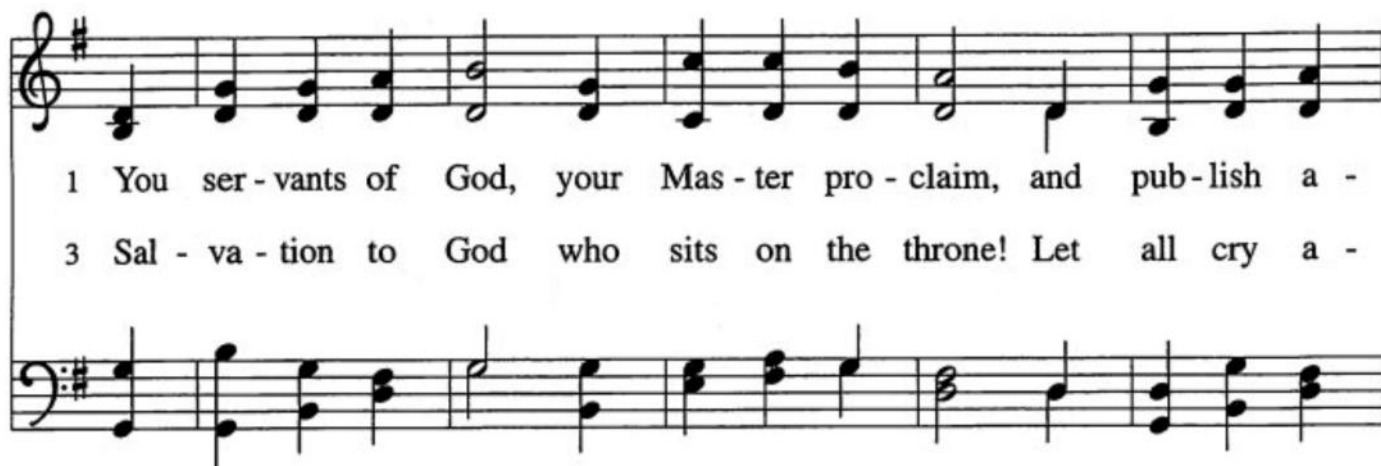
Amen.

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

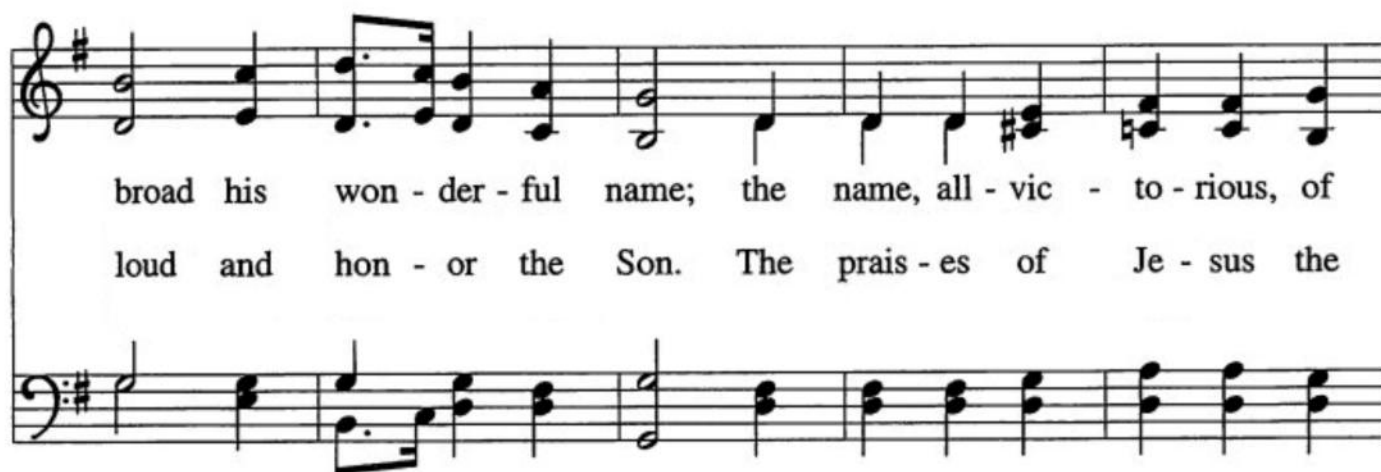
Amen.

Sending Hymn • "You Servants of God"

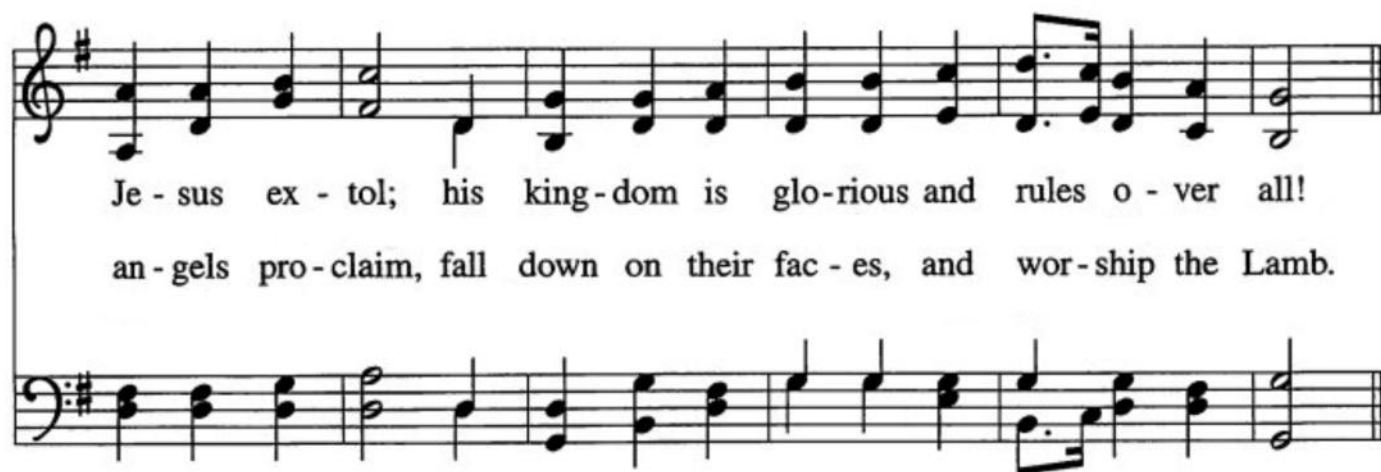
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1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.

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*

*Please submit prayer requests online at
www.mtviewlutheran.org/prayerrequest*

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.
-)] 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.”

Worship Leaders

PREACHER/PRESIDER

Pastor Kim Latterell

DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES

Susan Bloomfield

ALTAR GUILD

Janice Harrison, Flora Larson, Diane Nelson

8:15 a.m.

HEAD USHER

Mark Williams

USHERS

Jeanne Anderson, Betsy Tunstall

GREETERS

Pat Clement, Emily Thompson,
Teagan Thompson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Terry Wolfe

LECTOR

Murphey Thompson

SOUND

Beth Ann Johnson

10:45 a.m.

HEAD USHER

Erik Knierim

USHERS

Mark Cantrell, Ken Edmonds

GREETERS

Barb Egan, Mary Finney

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Terry Jensen

LECTOR

Jim Hushagen

SOUND

Chris Schaefer

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*Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God
by Genie Lennon
for the blessing of Erin Lennon.*

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Upcoming Events/Opportunities in Life Together

Save the dates for these events/opportunities in life together.

Wednesday 10/21 • 9:00 a.m.

MVCC Bound by Hope Virtual Event

Visit www.mtviewcommunitycenter.org to register for the link.

Sunday 10/25 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Reformation Sunday worship. *Wear red!* Join us in person for either service (register in advance) or online at 10:45.

Sunday 11/1 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

All Saints Day worship. Join us in person for either service (register in advance) or online at 10:45.

Wednesday 11/4 • 6:30 p.m.

Election Vigil prayer service. We will gather together online for a short prayer service on the evening after Election Day.

Sunday 11/8

Consecration Sunday. We will offer up our commitments of financial resources, time, and talents for 2021 as an act of worship.

Sunday 11/15

Congregational Meeting. We gather online to discuss and vote on our 2021 Spending Guideline.

Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

Middle school and high school small groups meet at MVLC.

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

“The Freedom of a Christian” adult education classes. (See back cover.)

More details (some which are still forthcoming) of these events can be found by checking your MVLC E-news when it arrives in your email inbox. If you aren't signed up to receive the MVLC E-news, then email MVLC Communications Director Troy Kehm-Goins at tkehm.goins@mtviewlutheran.org and ask to be added to the list.

VOTE • VOTE • VOTE

Lutheran Christians are taught that faith in Jesus Christ invites our engagement in the world rather than drawing us away from our responsibilities to each neighbor. In foundational writings (*The Augsburg Confession* and *The Apology/Defense of the Augsburg Confession*), Martin Luther and Philip Melanchthon addressed public order and secular government in Article XVI:

It is taught (among us) that political authority, orderly government, laws and good order in the world are created and instituted by God and that Christians may without sin exercise political authority...that it is permissible for a Christian to hold public office, render verdicts on the basis of established laws, to prescribe just punishments, engage in just wars, serve in the military, enter into legal contracts, own property, take oaths when required, contract marriage. In short, we confess that legitimate civil ordinances are good creations of God and divine ordinances in which a Christian may safely take part...Christ's kingdom permits us to make outward use of legitimate political ordinances of whatever nation in which we live...

In short, we are to participate fully in the civil realm of life in the community, nation and world. In our nation, one essential response is to listen, weigh, evaluate, and then chose, vote for political candidates that uphold God's vision of justice, mercy, compassion, welcome, inclusion of the foreigner as having the full rights of citizens, as well as the provision and protection of the most vulnerable among us.

To fail to vote for such leadership is a betrayal of responsibility, a diminishment of faith, and a denial of Jesus's call to love and serve our neighbor.

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Theologian Frederick Buechner in his book *Whistling in the Dark*, in **1988**, writes this about his entry on the term ‘politics’:

You can’t help but wondering what would happen if a person running for the presidency decided to set politics in the sense of flag-waving, tub-thumping, axe-grinding and the like aside and to speak instead candidly, thoughtfully, truthfully out of his or her heart. Suppose a candidate were to stand up before the reporters and TV cameras and the usual bank of microphones and say something like this:

“The responsibilities of this office are so staggering that anybody who doesn’t approach them with knees knocking is either a fool or a lunatic. The literal survival of civilization may depend on the decisions either I or the other candidate make during the next four years. The general welfare and peace of mind of millions of people will certainly depend on them. I am only a human being. If I have my strengths, I also have my weaknesses. I can’t promise that I’ll always do the right thing for this country. I can only promise that it will always be this country rather than my own political fortunes that I’ll try to do the right thing for. I believe in this country at its best...[and] I can’t help believing that there are others who would find it such a note of sanity, honesty and hope in the political quagmire that they would follow the person who made such a statement to the ends of the earth.”

This is still true more than three decades later. Remember to vote.

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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

(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