

# Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 15, 2020

8:15 a.m. (in person)

10:45 a.m. (in person and livestream)



**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

*“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” • Benjamin Culli*

## Welcome / Announcements

*Stand.*

## 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.**

*Sit.*

# Opening Hymn • "O Zion, Haste"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 668



1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion



to tell to all the world that God is light;  
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
and died on earth that we might live a - bove.

## *Refrain*



Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,



tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp-tion, and re - lease.

# 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

Righteous God,  
our merciful master,  
you own the earth and all its peoples,  
and you give us all that we have.

Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom,  
and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# First Reading

A reading from Zephaniah.

## Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 90:1-12

A responsive reading from the Psalms.

Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born,  
from age to age you are God.**

You turn us back to the dust and say,  
“Turn back, O children of earth.”

**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday  
when it is past  
and like a watch in the night;**

you sweep them away like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

**in the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

For we are consumed by your anger;  
we are afraid because of your wrath.

**Our iniquities you have set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

When you are angry, all our days are gone;  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

**The span of our life is seventy years,  
perhaps in strength even eighty;  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,  
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

Who regards the power of your wrath?  
Who rightly fears your indignation?

**So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



# Second Reading

A reading from First Thessalonians.

## 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand.*

## 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*

Abide in me as I abide in you;  
those who abide in me  
bear much fruit.

### ***Refrain.***

# Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 25:14-30

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ “

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit.*

## Sermon

Rev. Briana R. Merkle.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

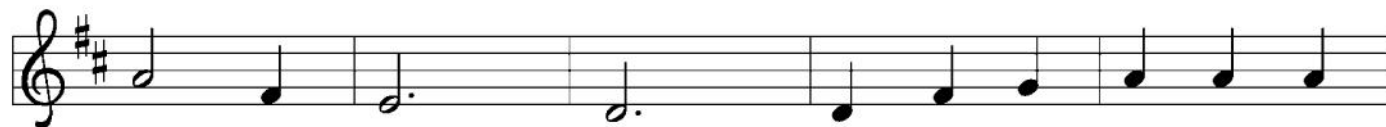


# Hymn of the Day • "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.

## *Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

*Stand.*

## 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

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on 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 our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior,  
until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you  
will reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

# Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Sit.*

# 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.**

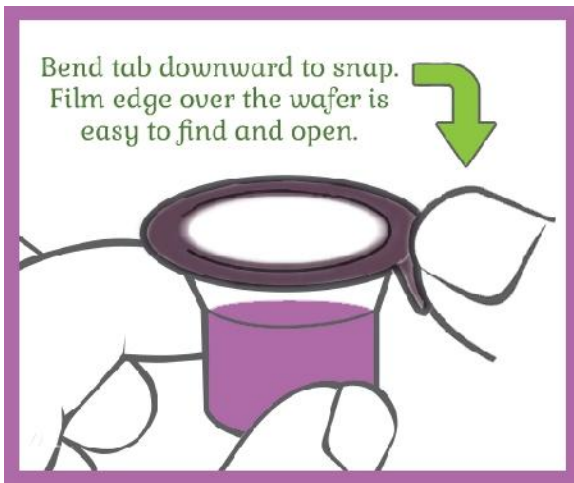
# Invitation to Communion

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 • "Bread of Life from Heaven"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 474

*Refrain*



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.

*Refrain*

*Stand.*

## 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.**

*Sit.*

# Sending Hymn • “Build Us Up, Lord”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 670

1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in  
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our

us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your  
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our

ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.  
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we  
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the  
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us

world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.  
sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

*Refrain*

Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in

faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your

word to spread the news of your Son!

# Dismissal

Beloved of God,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Postlude

*“Sunday Joy” • Mark Hayes*

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please register your worship attendance online at  
[www.mtviewlutheran.org/worshipattendance](http://www.mtviewlutheran.org/worshipattendance)*

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# 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 Briana R. Merkle

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Susan Bloomfield

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Flora Larson, Janet Larson, Diane Nelson, Helen Oren

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

HEAD USHER

Mark Williams

USHERS

Ken Edmonds, Betsy Tunstall

GREETERS

Genie Lennon, Carol Powers

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Terry Wolfe

LECTOR

Jeanne Anderson

SOUND

Karen Fink

BELL RINGER

Gary Larson

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

HEAD USHER

Diksha Knierim

USHERS

Diane Nelson, Keith Wright

GREETERS

Lynn Nichols

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Belinda Bergman

LECTOR

Joel DeWitt

SOUND

Megan Hutton

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*Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God  
by Karen Slavens  
in loving memory of Peggy Carbone.*

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