



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 will be sung by the cantor and musicians **while the congregation hums.**

Instructions for in-person worship.

-) Keep your mask on at all times.*
-) Hum but do not sing the hymns.*
-) 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.*

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 18, 2021 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

**We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.**

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

**Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.**

To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.

Amen.

Opening Hymn • "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 377



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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.

Hymn of Praise • “We Praise Thee, O God”

This Far By Faith 100



1 We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love,
2 We praise thee, O God, for thy Spir - it of light,
3 All glo - ry and praise to the Lamb that was slain,



for Je - sus who died and is now gone a - bove.
who has shown us our Sav - ior, and scat - tered our night.
who has borne all our sins and has cleansed ev - 'ry stain.



Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.



Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, re - vive us a - gain.

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Holy and righteous God,
you are the author of life,
and you adopt us to be your children.

Fill us with your words of life,
that we may live as witnesses
to the resurrection of your Son, 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 the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 3:12-19

[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

The Word of the Lord.

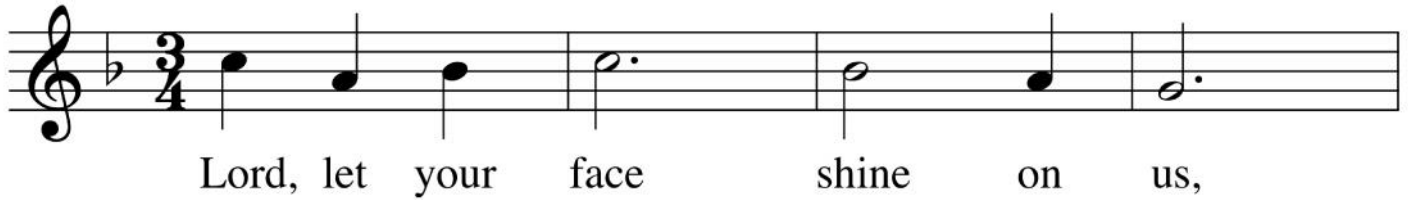
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4 • "Lord, Let Your Face Shine on Us"

Lyric Psalter • OneLicense #97861

Cantor and musicians sing verses;

congregation hums refrain while cantor/musicians sing.



I called, the God of justice gave me answer;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

Refrain.

Know that the Lord works wonders for his faithful one;
the Lord will hear me whenever I call him.

Refrain.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.
You have put into my heart a greater joy.

Refrain.

In peace I will lie down and fall asleep,
for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Refrain.

Second Reading

A reading from the First Epistle of John.

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Briana Merkle.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Hymn of the Day • "The Peace of the Lord"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 646



1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the



peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the
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Lord is for you and for me, and al - so for all of God's
Lord is a - mong us right now, so o - pen your - selves to re -
Lord kept with - in can - not live, so o - pen your - selves now to



chil - dren. The peace of the Lord is for you and for
ceive it. The peace of the Lord is a - mong us right
share it. The peace of the Lord kept with - in can - not



me, and al - so for all of God's chil - dren.
now, so o - pen your - selves to re - ceive it.
live, so o - pen your - selves now to share it.

Nicene Creed

Together, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

Prayers of the Church

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we bring our prayers before God
who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ,
we raise our prayers to you,
trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy;
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

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.”

For those worshipping in person, 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.

Offertory

Offering Prayer

Together, we pray.

**God of love,
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.**

Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.

**Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.**

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 salutary that we should
at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you,
O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God.

But chiefly we are bound to praise you
for the glorious resurrection of our Lord;
for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin,
who by his death has destroyed death,
and by his rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus • "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

This Far By Faith 32

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
2. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

1. ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of
2. name _____ of _____ the Lord God of

1. hosts. Heav - en and earth are filled with your
2. hosts. Ho - san - na in _____ the

1. glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
2. high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

Communion

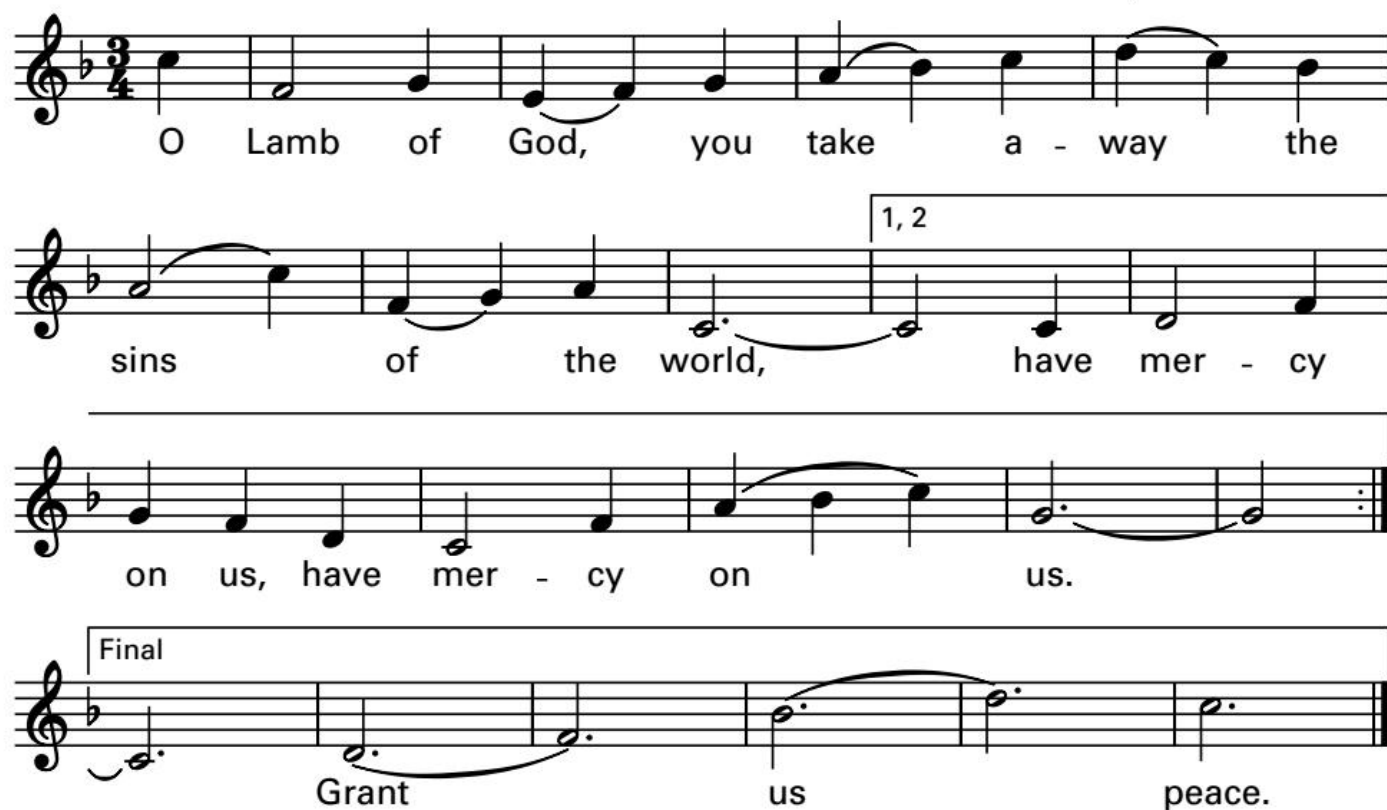
The risen Christ invites us to this table.
Come, eat and be satisfied.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Communion Song • "Lamb of God"

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O Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy
on us, have mer - cy on us.
Grant us peace.

Prayer after Communion

Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.

Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our 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,

**bless those who go forth to share
your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers.**

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

Amen.

Blessing

May our glorious God
grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love
the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn • "This Joyful Eastertide"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 391



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - row.
wake the dead in num - - ber.
pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our



faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Sending

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

*Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God
by Dotty and Jim Shireman
in honor of their four grandsons—Aiden, Elliott, Oliver, and Evan.*

*Flowers on the altar on 4/11 were given to the glory of God
by Ken and Terry Johnson
in honor of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.*

Worship Attendance

*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*

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Both services

-) PREACHER/PRESIDER: Pastor Briana R. Merkle.
-) DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Susan Bloomfield.
-) VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
-) ALTAR GUILD: Flora Larson, Diane Nelson, Sandi Swanson, Dotty Shireman.

8:15 a.m.

-) HEAD USHER: Mark Williams.
-) USHERS: Janice Harrison, Skip Harrison.
-) GREETER: Pat Clement.
-) COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Gloria Ratcliffe.
-) LECTOR: Eileen Newton.
-) SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

10:45 a.m.

-) HEAD USHERS: Diksha Knierim, Erik Knierim.
-) USHERS: Ken Edmonds, Bob Yost.
-) GREETER: Barb Edmonds.
-) COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Diane Nelson.
-) LECTOR: Kevin Dahl.
-) SOUND: Megan Hutton.

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Cornerstone Marriage Series

Sundays (4/18 – 5/16) from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. via Zoom

Marriage is challenging enough to maintain and nourish in any given year and this past year has created additional stressors on home life—and therefore on marriages too. So, we are setting aside time to lean into our relationship with our spouses and to renew our support network within the church.

Drawing on research from the Gottman Institute at the University of Washington and the nationally available *Prepare-Enrich* series comes a four-week series of practical and faithful conversations on navigating married life.

April 18

The Toll of Parenting on Relationship Satisfaction
and the Power of Admiration

April 25

Approaches to Conflict: What Harms Versus Fosters Healthy Relationships

May 2

Building and Maintaining Intimacy

May 9

NO CLASS, break for Mother's Day

May 16

Common Ground and Shared World Views

Pastors Kim and Bri will facilitate discussions. They will be joined by a local professional relationship counselor, Bethany Sutton of Northwest Relationships, to help facilitate meaningful conversations on the realities of married and family life.

Spring Adult Education

Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. via Zoom

Adult Ed will remain on Zoom through the Spring to make it most accessible. We will plan to finish between 10:15-30am, so that those driving up for worship will still have time to do so. It is understood that some may need to join a little late or leave a few minutes early to accommodate getting to worship. Please do so as you need to.

Sunday, April 25

Gender, Sexism, and Justice in American Christian History with Dr. Seth Dowland

Sunday, May 2

Gender, Sexism, and Justice in American Christian History with Dr. Seth Dowland

Sunday, May 9

Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Call to Action Week 1

Sunday, May 16

Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Call to Action Week 2

Sunday, May 23

Visit with Pastor Chelsea Globe of UW Lutheran Campus Ministries

Gender, Sexism and Justice Series:

The past year has given us many reasons to have conversation and study on gender, sexism and justice: the Atlanta Spa Shooting targeting Asian-American women, potential legislation regarding LGBTQ+ access and rights, and gender-based harassment on the rise in work-from-home situations.

Dr. Seth Dowland will situate us with a historical perspective on how Christians have grappled with issues of gender and justice, leading us into our contemporary context. Then MVLC pastors will lead us in a look at the ELCA Social Statement *Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Call to Action*.