

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.

Instructions for in-person worship.

-) Keep your mask on at all times, except when receiving communion.
- 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 elbowbump anyone but for immediate family members you are seated with.
-) Please do not attend worship if you are currently sick with any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, nausea, or diarrhea.
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On the cover:

During the season of Epiphany, we often focus on themes and imagery of light. This year, however, we are highlighting the Jerusalem Cross. This cross features a large cross at the center with four smaller crosses in the quadrants created by the central cross. This cross symbolizes (a) the Five Wounds of Christ; (b) Jesus and the four evangelists/gospels; and/or the Gospel being spread to the four corners of creation. While it was used as a cross of the Crusaders during medieval times, it's more modern usage is as a symbol of evangelism: the Good News of Jesus Christ being proclaimed throughout the world. We are incorporating it into imagery found in the stories of the Gospel texts during this season of light, Good News, and sharing the Word of God. Each week will also feature songs from different nations and Christian communities from around the globe.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 23, 2022 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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 creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

The "Kyrie" on the facing page is sung once through.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from you
when you did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.

Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

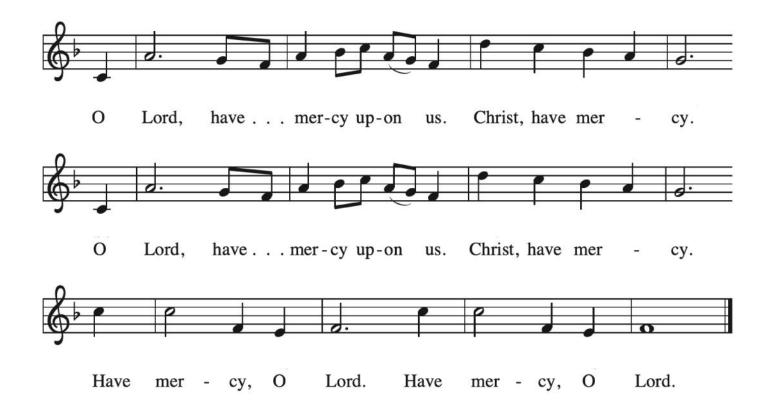
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Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

Amen.

Kyrie • "O Lord, Have Mercy"

All Creation Sings, Holy Communion Setting 11



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 • "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 632



- 3 Be fore the hills in or der stood or earth re ceived its frame,
- 4 A thou-sand a ges in your sight are like an eve-ning gone,



5

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

6

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.

Prayer of the Day

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

First Reading

A reading from Nehemiah.

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 • "May the Words of My Mouth"

Psalms for All Seasons 19E

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



The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

The instruction of the Lord is true and makes the simple wise.

Refrain.

The rule of the Lord is gracious, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. **Refrain.**

The fear of the Lord is holy, enduring always.
All the judgments of the Lord are sure and righteous, every one.

Refrain.

Your laws are more sweet than honey and prized more than gold; and from them your servant shall be taught: in them is great reward. *Refrain.*

For sins of my own commission

forgive me, I pray; and for all those sins I know not of forgive me, make me clean.

Refrain.

Second Reading

A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

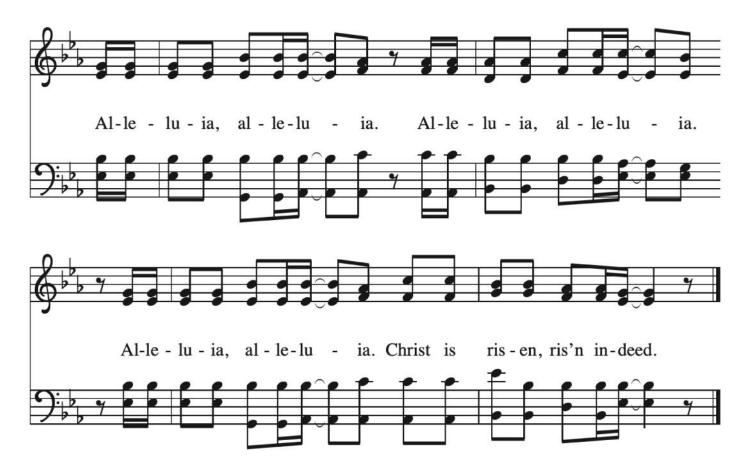
Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation • "Alleluia"

All Creation Sings, Holy Communion Setting 11



Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Mike Greenwalt.

Hymn of the Day • "By the Waters of Babylon"

This Far by Faith 67 • Jamaica



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

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

You can give electronically:

ONLINE via the MVLC WEBSITE

- *y* 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.
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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

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Brenna Sage, piano

Offering Prayer

Together, we pray.

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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, Holy Communion Setting 11



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, 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

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

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"

All Creation Sings, Holy Communion Setting 11



Communion Hymn • "The Word Who Sang the Light into Creation"

All Creation Sings 973 • Spain



- 1 The Word who sang the light in to cre a tion,
- 4 The Word of God is not an emp ty shad ow,



who spoke to all through proph - et voic - es bold but flesh and blood, like us, in us to live,



of the warn - ing cry, the prom - ise sal va - tion, laugh and with to weep us in joy and sor - row,



shines ev - er as of old. to know us, yet for - give.



- 2 The Word is like the bush for ev er burn ing;
- 5 O Word, you are the "Yes" of all God's prom-ise:



brings us to birth in grace.

Communion Hymn • "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 843



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib er at ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in car nate: Christ, who suf fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in to sight. praise the One who drove out de-mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword. Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn-ing sand; Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm-ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace. from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land. Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

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.

Compassionate God,

as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn • "Surely God Is My Salvation"

All Creation Sings 926 • Hasidic Melody



Sending

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Attendance

For those participating in worship from home, please register your worship attendance online at www.mtviewlutheran.org/worshipattendance

Worship Notes

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Worship leaders include:

Both services

- PREACHER: Pastor Mike Greenwalt.
- PRESIDERS: Pastor Mike Greenwalt, Pastor Briana Merkle.
- WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Serena McHenry.
- DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
- VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Harris, Karen Lonn, Sandi Swanson.

8:15 a.m.

- USHERS: Fred Albert (head usher), Joe Anderson, Chris Ray.
- GREETER: Sandi Swanson.
- COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Jeanne Anderson, Barb Edmonds.
- LECTOR: Ken Edmonds.
- SOUND: Karen Fink.

10:45 a.m.

- USHERS: Ken Johnson, Terry Johnson, Erik Knierim (head usher).
- GREETER: Diksha Knierim.
- ACOLYTE: Parker Thornton.
- COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Carol Petersen, Bob Yost.
- LECTOR: Bob Linden.
- SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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Adult Education

Sunday mornings • 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. • Life Together Hall

1/23 • MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP with the SWWA SYNOD

From the Synod Office, Director of Evangelical Mission (DEM) Joey Ager will join us to talk about the work of the Synod in facilitating mission and ministry for the many ministries of the Southwestern Washington Synod. As DEM, Joey's focus is particularly on cultivating new ministries in our Synod and energizing existing congregations. He also work with our Synod's Affordable Housing Work Team. Bring your questions and insights as to how Mountain View Lutheran Church is part of the larger body of Christ, serving together for the sake of the world.

1/30 • MISSION WORK in SOUTH AMERICA

Pastor Dan Wilson will share information about his recent mission trip to Costa Rica, where he worked with some of the tens of thousands of refugees fleeing political violence in Nicaragua.

2/6 • TBA

2/13 and 2/20 • ALIVE REPORT

As we prepare for new paths in our church life, we welcome back members of the ALIVE Team, who will revisit the work we did as a congregation in 2020 and 2021 to create a vision for the future of Mountain View Lutheran Church. You can once again read and review the ALIVE Report at www.mtviewlutheran.org/alive-report to refresh your familiarity with it prior to these sessions.

Special Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, January 30, 2022 • 12 noon • Life Together Hall

MVLC members will discuss and vote on extending a call to Pastor Eric Bostrom to serve as MVLC's Lead Pastor, as well as Pastor Eric's compensation package.