

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.*

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Sunday, May 2, 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 • “Now the Green Blade Rises”

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 379*



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

# 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

O God,  
you give us your Son  
as the vine apart from whom we cannot live.

Nourish our life in his resurrection,  
that we may bear the fruit of love  
and know the fullness of your joy,  
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 the Acts of the Apostles.

## Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



# Psalm 22 • "I Will Praise You Lord"

The Lyric Psalter • OneLicense #97863

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "I will praise you, Lord, I will praise you, Lord, in the as - sem - bly of your peo - ple, I will praise you, Lord."

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live on forever and ever!

## **Refrain.**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

## **Refrain.**

And my soul shall live for him, my descendants serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his saving justice to people yet unborn:  
"These are the things the Lord has done."

## **Refrain.**

# Second Reading

A reading from the First Epistle of John.

## 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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 John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Sermon

Pastor Mike Greenwalt.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

# Hymn of the Day • "As Seed to Soil, as Grape to Vine"

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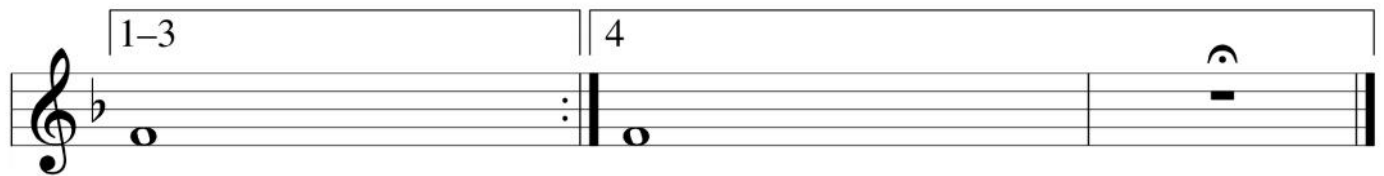
1 As seed to soil, as grape to vine, as  
2 As flame to fire, as heart to home, as  
3 As moon to night, as sun to day, as  
4 As truth to good, as sleep to dream, as



sand to roll - ing sea...  
law to lib - er - ty... so is my spir - it  
branch and limb to tree...  
bird to fly - ing free...



bound to Christ, and Christ is bound to



me. me.

# 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](http://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

*“The Fruit of the Vine” • Mark Patterson  
MVLC Choir*

*Christ is the vine and we are the branches;  
through him we can do anything.*

*Christ is the strength, the source, and the blessing;  
when we serve him we behold the fruit of the vine.*

*Just as the Lord loved us so let us love one another.*

*For this is God’s command, this is God’s command,  
that our joy may be full.*

# 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

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 Sam and Cindy Jones.*

*“I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness, and will hold your hand;  
I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people.” —ISAIAH 42:6*

## Worship Attendance

*For those participating in worship from home,  
please register your worship attendance online at  
[www.mtviewlutheran.org/worshipattendance](http://www.mtviewlutheran.org/worshipattendance)*

*Please submit prayer requests online at  
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Worship leaders include:

*Both services*

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

*8:15 a.m.*

- USHERS: Janice Harrison, Skip Harrison.
- GREETER: Anne Roff.
- COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Pat Clement.
- LECTOR: Kelley Lee.
- SOUND: Karen Fink.

*10:45 a.m.*

- HEAD USHER: Erik Knierim.
- USHERS: Mark Cantrell, John Dahle.
- GREETER: Diksha Knierim.
- COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Belinda Bergman.
- LECTOR: Jim Hushagen.
- SOUND: Tristan Cornell.

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# Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 23, 2021

The next meeting of the congregation will be on Sunday, May 23, 2021. (The time is still to be determined but will be forthcoming in a future MVLC E-news, along with further details.) At that meeting, members of the congregation will vote to elect the following members who have been recommended by the MVLC Nominating Committee.

## CHURCH COUNCIL • one-year term

- J Karen Hansen
- J Skip Harrison
- J Gretchen Johnsrud
- J Bob Linden
- J Dan Neptun
- J Gerry Philipsen
- J Carol Powers
- J Ken Swanson
- J Emily Thompson
- J Bob Yost

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE • one-year term

- J Sonja Dahl
- J Mary Beth Peterson
- J Wendy Wadnizak

## MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND • three-year term

- J Ed Egan
- J Beth Ann Johnson
- J Karen Quandt

## CALL COMMITTEE

- J Kevin Dahl
- J Jesie Holden
- J Megan Hutton
- J Dan Lysne
- J Connie McCrossin
- J Serena McHenry
- J Becky Schaefer