

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 7, 2021 • 10:45 a.m. (online)

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 in regular type are sung by all, unless otherwise noted.

Prelude

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" • Charity Book Putnam

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, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Amen.

We confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy.

Amen.

How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of + Christ Jesus, your sins are washed away. Indeed, you are forgiven. And you are claimed as God's own beloved.

Now, in the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

Amen.

Opening Hymn • "I Love to Tell the Story"

Evangelical Lutheran Church 661



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 • "Glory to God"

With One Voice • Setting Five





Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint.

Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading

A reading from Isaiah.

Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147 • "Praise the Lord, Who Heals the Brokenhearted"

The Lyric Psalter, Year B • OneLicense #97545 Cantor sings the refrain first, **then all repeat.** Cantor sings verses; **congregation sings refrain.**



How good to sing psalms to our God; How pleasant to chant fitting praise! The Lord builds up Jerusalem And brings back Israel's exiles. *Refrain.*

He heals the brokenhearted; He binds up all their wounds. He counts out the number of the stars; He calls each one by its name. *Refrain.*

Our Lord is great and almighty; His wisdom can never be measured. The Lord lifts up the lowly; He casts down the wicked to the ground. *Refrain.*

Second Reading

A reading from First Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation • "Alleluia" With One Voice • Setting Five



Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 1:29-39

As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's motherin-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Mike Greenwalt.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Hymn of the Day • "Healer of Our Every Ill"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 612



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 the Church

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, we pray for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord 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."

Offertory

"On Eagle's Wings" • arr. Mark Hayes

Offering Prayer

O God,

receive these gifts as you receive us: as a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

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.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

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" *With One Voice* • *Setting Five*



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

Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Lamb of God • "Lamb of God"

With One Voice • Setting Five



Prayer after Communion

Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.

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,

as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and 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 the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn • "Christ Be Our Light"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 715



Sending

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Sam and Cindy Jones in regard to Psalm 46:10 and memories of peace in the silence of quiet Alaskan waters.

Worship Attendance

Please register your worship attendance online at www.mtviewlutheran.org/worshipattendance

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Scout Sunday

Each year, on the Sunday nearest February 8, we as a congregation honor and recognize the good work of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts across America and right here on our own campus. We do this primarily through inviting Scouts to take key support roles in our worship services. This year due to COVID-19 restricting our ability to safely gather together, we will look for their participation at a time when we are back worshipping in person. Mountain View Lutheran Church has shared a partnership with Scouting that reaches back decades, that has touched and guided lives both in the church and across the larger community. Through the support of providing space, work projects throughout the campus, special meetings, workshops, and in so many other ways, life essential skills, leadership talents, and a deep investment in community have grown. Today we pause to affirm and recognize the partnerships we share with Girl Scout Troop 45219, Venture Crew 524, Scouts BSA Boys Troop 525, Scouts BSA Girls Troop 525, and Cub Pack 526.





