

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.*
-) For hymns, you are invited to pray the words and hum the music.*
-) 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.*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 9, 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 • “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 631



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.

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,
in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ our Lord
you have made all things new.

Now empower your church to sing a new song
of your love and mercy poured out for all people.

Pour into our hearts such love for you that,
loving you above all things,
we may obtain your promises;
through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 • "Sing a New Song to the Lord"

Gather, Third Edition 627



1. Sing a new song to the Lord, He to whom won - ders be -
2. Now to the ends of the earth See his sal - va - tion is
3. Sing a new song and re - joi - ce, Pub - lish his prais - es a -
4. Join with the hills and the sea Thun - ders of praise to pro -



long; Re - joi - ce in his tri - umph and tell of his
shown; And still he re - mem - bers his mer - cy and
broad; Let voic - es in cho - rus, with trum - pet and
long; In judg - ment and jus - tice he comes to the



pow'r, O sing to the Lord a new song!
truth, Un - chang - ing in love to his own.
horn, Re - sound for the joy of the Lord!
earth, O sing to the Lord a new song!

Second Reading

A reading from the First Epistle of John.

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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 15:9-17

[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Briana R. Merkle.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Hymn of the Day • "This Is My Commandment"

LifeSongs 152



This is my com-mand-ment, that you love one an-oth - er that your



joy may be full. This is my com-mand-ment, that you



love one an-oth-er that your joy may be full, that your joy may be



full, that your joy may be full. This is my com-mand-ment, that you



love one an-oth - er that your joy may be full.

2 This is my commandment, that you trust one another...

3 This is my commandment, that you serve one another...

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.

Offering

“Mothering God” • based on a text by Julian of Norwich

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

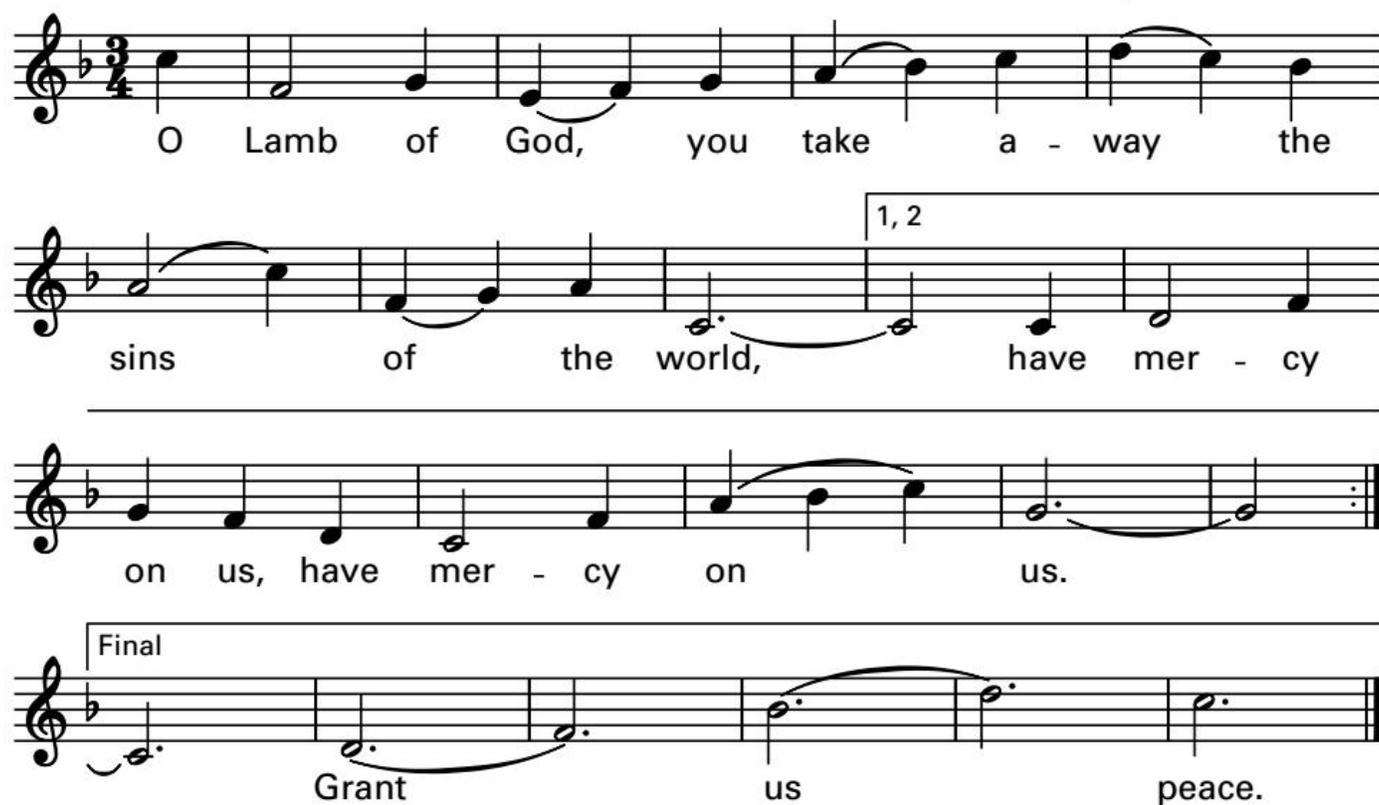
The risen Christ invites us to this table.
Come, eat and be satisfied.

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 • “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 836



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Sending

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Postlude on “Ode to Joy” • arr. Colin Hand

*Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God
by Kristi Ceder
and to the glory of God by Ken and Sandi Swanson
for all mothers.*

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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Worship leaders include:

Both services

-) PREACHER/PRESIDER: Pastor Briana Merkle.
-) DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Susan Bloomfield.
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-) ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Harris, Janice Harrison, Flora Larson.

8:15 a.m.

-) USHERS: Fred Albert, Jeanne Anderson.
-) GREETER: Pat Clement.
-) COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Gloria Ratcliffe.
-) LECTOR: Kristi Ceder.
-) SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.
-) CANTOR: Todd Kelley.
-) MUSICIAN: Rod Ray, guitar.

10:45 a.m.

-) HEAD USHER: Erik Knierim.
-) USHERS: Diksha Knierim, Bob Yost.
-) GREETER: Mark Cantrell.
-) COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Barb Edmonds.
-) ACOLYTES: Ali Hutton, Colin Hutton.
-) LECTOR: Ken Edmonds.
-) SOUND: Megan Hutton.
-) CANTOR: Pastor Glenn Petersen.
-) MUSICIANS: Bill Kohler, bass; Joan Kohler, flute.

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Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 23, 2021 • 1:00 p.m. • via Zoom

The next meeting of the congregation will be on Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. 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 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