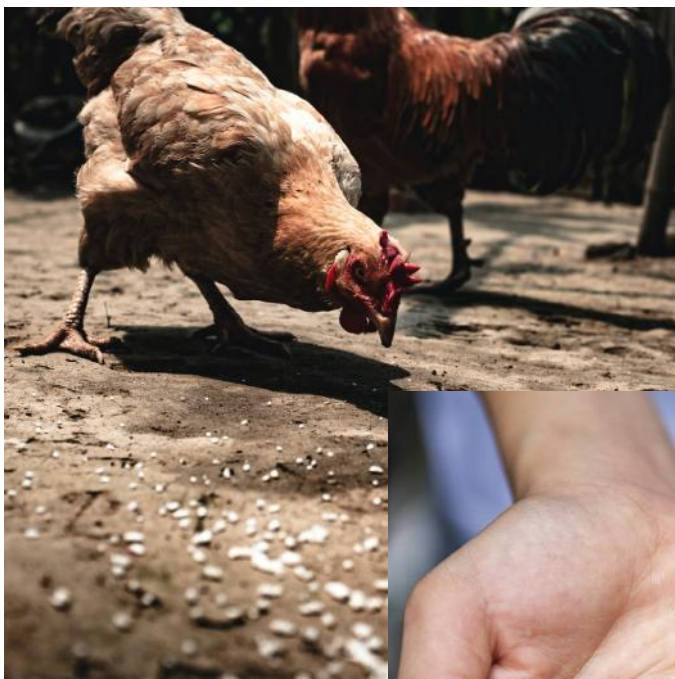


SIXTH SUNDAY **AFTER** PENTECOST



Sunday, July 12, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Folk Tune Sketch on 'Celestia' • Dale Wood

Welcome

Confession

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C Amen.

+ *The sign of the cross may be made by all
in remembrance of their baptism.*

P Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Reconciling God,

**C we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.
We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven.
Let us live now in hope.
For hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Hymn • "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 533



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.



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 • "Oh, Sing to God Above"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 555



1 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of joy - ful greet-ing,
2 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of praise and bless-ing,



a song of grate-ful love in the new day's light re - peat - ing:
a song of grate-ful love, hope and faith our hearts ex - press-ing:



you made the sea and sky, the sun and stars in splen-dor;
cre - a - tion lifts its voice to tell your might and glo - ry,



de - light shone in your eye— all your works were filled with won-der.
and we, too, will re - joice to pro - claim the sav - ing sto - ry.

Refrain



Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Oh, sing to God a -



bove: Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu -



ia! Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al-le - lu - ia!

Last time



Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al-le - lu - ia!

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

First Reading

L A reading from Isaiah.

Isaiah 55:10-13

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

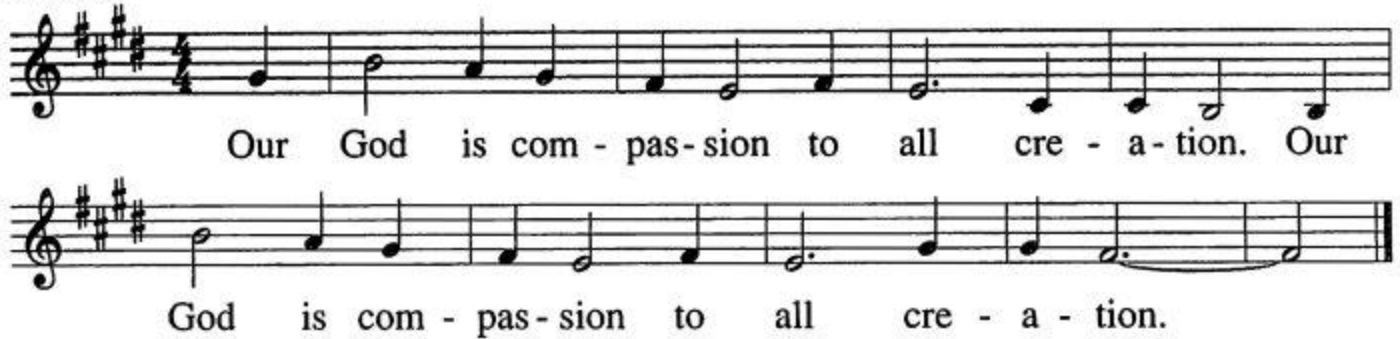
Psalm 65 • "Our God Is Compassion"

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Cantor sings the refrain first, then all repeat.

Congregation speaks verses and sings refrain.

Refrain



You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain,
for so you provide for the earth.

Refrain.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

Refrain.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.
May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

Refrain.

Second Reading

▮ A reading from Romans.

Romans 8:1-11

▮ The Word of the Lord.

▮ **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation • "Celtic Alleluia"

Gather, Third Edition 334

Sing twice.



Gospel

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

☐ The Gospel of our Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

“Good Soil”

Rev. Mike Greenwalt

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Hymn of the Day • "Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 512



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Apostles' Creed

P Together, let us confess our faith.

C 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.

Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

Offering

We give to the Lord of our tithes and offerings.

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

“God’s Creation”

VBS Song of the Week

Offertory Prayer

P God of goodness and growth,
C **all creation is yours,**
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
Water and word, wine and bread:
these are signs of your abundant grace.
Nourish us through these gifts,
that we might proclaim your steadfast love
in our communities and in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

☐ Called into unity with one another and the whole creation,
let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

☐ Gracious God, your word has been sown in many ways and places. We pray for missionaries and newly planted congregations around the world. Inspire us by their witness to the faith we share. Hear us, O God.

☑ **Your mercy is great.**

☐ Creating God, the mountains and hills burst into song and the trees and fields clap their hands in praise. We pray for the birds and animals who make their home in the trees, and for lands stripped bare by deforestation. Empower us to sustainably use what you have given. Hear us, O God.

☑ **Your mercy is great.**

☐ Reigning God, we pray for our nation's leaders. Increase their desire for justice and equality. We pray for our enemies. Bridge the chasms that divide us and guide authorities to a deep and lasting peace. Hear us, O God.

☑ **Your mercy is great.**

☐ Growing God, we give you thanks for the good seeds planted for so many years through the lives and ministries of Mountain View Lutheran Church. As we enter a season of interim and exploration, stir the soil of our hearts, bind the fabric of our relationships and of our community that we will be bold in our imagining, attentive to your guiding, and confident upon the path your Holy Spirit leads us. Hear us, O God.

☑ **Your mercy is great.**

Prayers of the Church

☞ Abiding God, care for all who are in need, hear us now as we name both aloud and in our hearts those who hunger for your healing. [*Pause.*] For those who are doubting, renew faith. For those who are worrying, provide release. For those who are struggling, ease burdens. For those in fear, give hope. Hear us, O God.

☞ **Your mercy is great.**

☞ Renewing God, revive your church here and in every place. Nourish and nurture the seeds you have planted, that your people grow as disciples. Replenish what has been depleted. Sustain ministries and deepen relationships with the wider community. Hear us, O God.

☞ **Your mercy is great.**

☞ Eternal God, we give thanks for all who have died. Embrace those who live with the pain of loss. Comfort us all in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Hear us, O God.

☞ **Your mercy is great.**

☞ Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

**thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread;

**and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

☐ Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

☑ **Amen.**

+ *The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

Sending Hymn • "Build Us Up, Lord"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 670

1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our

us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our

ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us

world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.
sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

Refrain

Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in

faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your

word to spread the news of your Son!

Sending

☐ Go in peace. Christ is with you.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Sunday Joy!” • Mark Hayes

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Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit.
—1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-19

Let us lift all of our prayers, joys and sorrows, to the Lord!

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