

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.*

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Sunday, May 16, 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 • “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.

# 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

Gracious and glorious God,  
you have chosen us as your own,  
and by the powerful name of Christ  
you protect us from evil.

As children of your grace  
seeking your presence  
we stand now before you.

Teach us compassion and show us the way,  
help us to believe  
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 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.”

So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

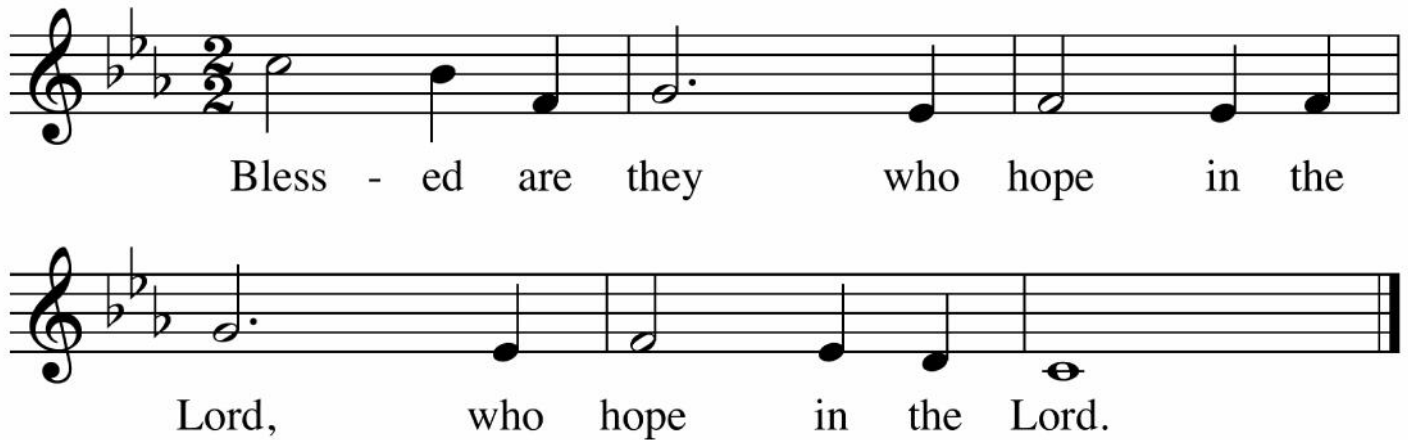
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



# Psalm 1 • “Blessed Are They Who Hope in the Lord”

*Lyric Psalter, OneLicense #92974*



Blessed indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked,  
Nor stands in the path with sinners,  
Nor abides in the company of scorners,  
But whose delight is the law of the Lord,  
And who ponders his law day and night. ***Refrain.***

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters,  
That yields its fruit in due season,  
And whose leaves shall never fade;  
And all that he does shall prosper. ***Refrain.***

Not so are the wicked, not so!  
For they, like winnowed chaff,  
shall be driven away by the wind;  
For the Lord knows the way of the just,  
But the way of the wicked will perish. ***Refrain.***

# Second Reading

A reading from the First Epistle of John.

## 1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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 17:6-19

[Jesus prayed:] “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

“And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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 • “Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 247*



- 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
- 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
- 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
- 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

# 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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 worshiping 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

*“That All May Be One”*  
*MVLC Choir*

*Lord, hear our prayer, that all may be one in you.*

*How beautiful it is when we dwell with each other in peace,  
Glistening like morning dew sweet on the hills, one in unity.*

*As children of your grace seeking your presence we stand now before you.  
Teach us compassion and show us the way, help us to believe.*

*Together we break bread. Blessed the body that’s broken for us.  
Pour out the wine that is justice and peace, quench our hungry hearts.*

# 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, the  
 2. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

1. ho - ly, ho - ly the 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.

Final

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.**

# Recognition of Phil Edlund's Service at MVLC

*We give thanks for Phil's faithful service of nine years at Mountain View, recognizing the many gifts he has shared with this congregation.*

**May your new work excite your heart,  
And kindle in your mind creativity.**

**May this work challenge you toward new frontiers  
Calling forth from you the full force  
And depth of your undiscovered gifts.**

**May your work fit the rhythms of your soul:  
harmonizing with the energy of your heart,  
And with the energy of the Gospel.**

**May you continue to know  
the joy of serving your community,  
equipping and empowering others  
with new and creative means.**

**May this be a good season of your life,  
A season of knowing and being known,  
in a faithful community.**

**Go forth with Christ claiming you  
and the Spirit guiding you.  
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 • “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 389*



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands

4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with

Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.

life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

# 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 Kristi Ceder.*

# 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  
[www.mtviewlutheran.org/prayerrequest](http://www.mtviewlutheran.org/prayerrequest)*

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Worship leaders include:

*Both services*

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

*8:15 a.m.*

- ) USHERS: Gary Larson, Sandi Swanson.
- ) GREETER: Michelle Schweikl.
- ) COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Flora Larson.
- ) LECTOR: Fred Albert.
- ) SOUND: Karen Fink.
- ) CANTOR: Ellen Leapaltd.
- ) MUSICIAN: Rod Ray, guitar.

*10:45 a.m.*

- ) HEAD USHER: Mark Cantrell.
- ) USHERS: Lindy Nelson, Bob Yost.
- ) GREETER: Diane Nelson.
- ) COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Terry Jensen.
- ) ACOLYTES: Ali Hutton, Colin Hutton.
- ) LECTOR: Jeanne Anderson.
- ) SOUND: Megan Hutton.
- ) CANTOR: Kevin Dahl.
- ) MUSICIANS: Debbie Hushagen, piano; Jim Hushagen, guitar.

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# Chinese Reconciliation Park

**TODAY (Sunday 5/16) • 12:30 p.m. • in person**

With the spike in harassment and hate crimes against Asian Americans, we are going to revisit the history captured in the sculptures and art at Tacoma Chinese Reconciliation Park and remind ourselves of why it's so important to stand against hate. As we do so, we'll ground ourselves in Jesus's commandment to love and serve our neighbors.

Bring a mask and good walking shoes. After we walk through the park, we'll hang out along Ruston Way and enjoy the waterfront. Parents are welcome to join in. (This event in life together is geared toward fifth through twelfth graders, but all members of the congregation are welcome to attend.)

Park address: 1741 N Schuster Pkwy, Tacoma WA 98402. Parking lots are located along Ruston Way. The lot near Old Town is likely most accessible to Reconciliation Park.

# Cornerstone Marriage Class

**TODAY (Sunday 5/16) • 2:00 p.m. • via Zoom**

Join Pastor Bri, Pastor Kim, and local professional relationship counselor Bethany Sutton for a conversation about "Common Ground and Shared World Views."

Join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84107108713>



# Pentecost Campfire Worship

**Friday, May 21, 2021 • 6:15 p.m. • MVLC Campfire Pit**

Everyone is invited to the latest creative worship service in our S.P.A.R.K. “worship laboratory” series. **Serve, Praise, Act, Receive, Know.**

What better time to gather around a fire to worship God than for Pentecost, the day when God sent the fire of the Spirit into the Church!

Bring camping chairs, lawn chairs, or a blanket to sit on.

*(Teaser: Sparklers may be involved!)*



# Congregational MEETING

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

We gather (via Zoom) to elect the following leaders.

CHURCH COUNCIL • one-year term

Karen Hansen, Skip Harrison, Gretchen Johnsrud, Bob Linden, Gerry Philipsen, Carol Powers, Ken Swanson, Emily Thompson, Bob Yost

NOMINATING COMMITTEE • one-year term

Sonja Dahl, Mary Beth Peterson, Wendy Wadnizak

MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND • three-year term

Ed Egan, Beth Ann Johnson, Karen Quandt

CALL COMMITTEE

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

Instructions, agenda, and ballots were mailed to each member household of the congregation.

Join the Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85786809909>