

Righteousness shall go

before the Lord

and shall prepare for

God a *pathway*.



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.** (You may sing if vaccinated and masked.)

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.*
-) If you are vaccinated, you are safe to sing when wearing a mask.*
-) 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.*
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Seventh Sunday after *Pentecost*

Sunday, July 11, 2021 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity,+ one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn • “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 771



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are 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 • "Now the Feast"

Now the Feast and Celebration, Hymnal Supplement 1991

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great

To refrain



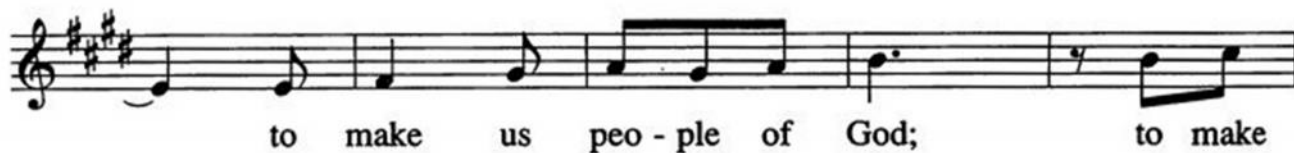
Verse 2



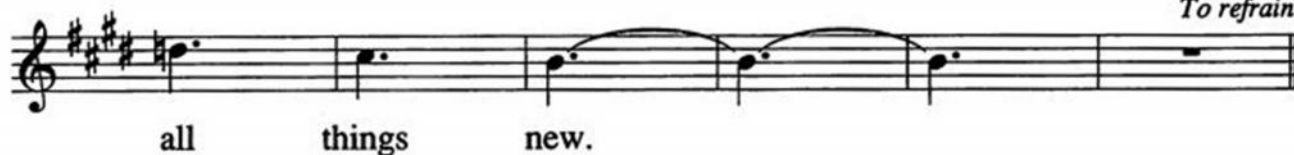
To refrain



Verse 3



To refrain



Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God,
from you come all holy desires,
all good counsels, and all just works.

Give to us, your servants,
that peace which the world cannot give,
that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments,
especially when they are counter-cultural
to the ways we live now.

For you have a plan for the fullness of time
to gather up all things
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Amos.

Amos 7:7-15

This is what [the Lord God] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,
‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.’”

And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

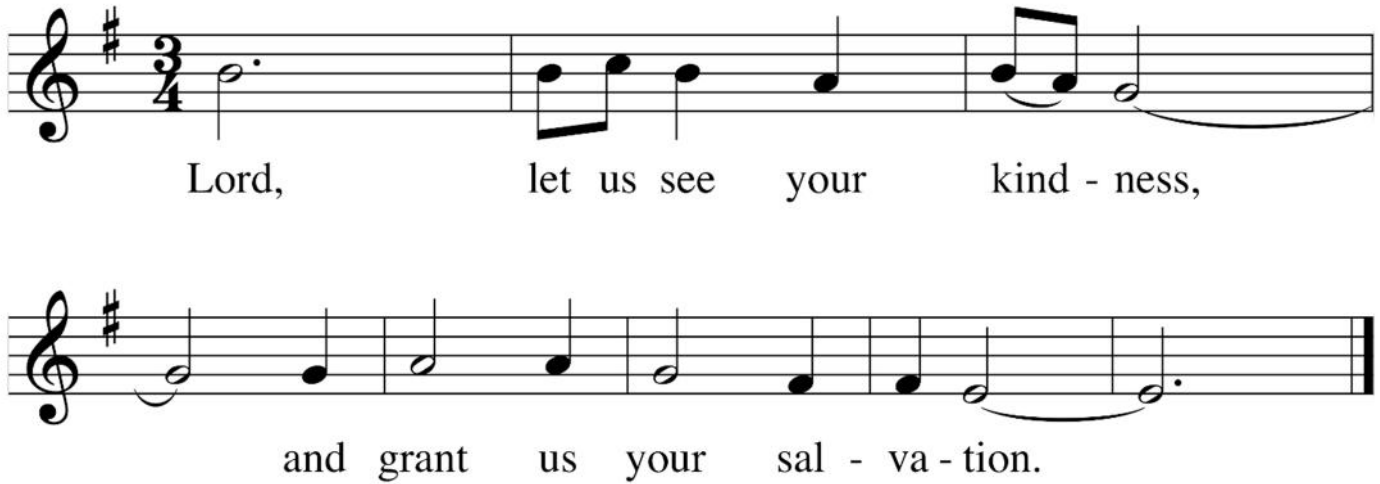
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85 • “Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness”

Lyric Psalter, OneLicense #97694

*Cantor sings refrain; **then all repeat.** Cantor sings verses.*



I will hear what the Lord God speaks;
he speaks of peace for his people and his faithful.
His salvation is near for those who fear him,
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Refrain.

Merciful love and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have kissed.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth,
and justice look down from heaven.

Refrain.

Also the Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.
Justice will march before him,
and guide his steps on the way.

Refrain.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation • “Alleluia”

Now the Feast and Celebration, Hymnal Supplement 1991

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 6:14-29

King Herod Heard of [the disciples' preaching] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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 • “Let Justice Flow Like Streams”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 717

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system has three lines of lyrics, and the second system has three lines of lyrics. The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: 1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure, 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed, 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true, en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure. an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed. and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

Apostles' Creed

Together, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
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

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God,
trusting in your abiding grace.

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 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 Prayer

Together, we pray.

**Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set the table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.**

**Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.**

**Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world. 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, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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"

Now the Feast and Celebration, Hymnal Supplement 1991

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the

One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the

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

Christ has set the table
with more than enough for all.
Come!

Lamb of God

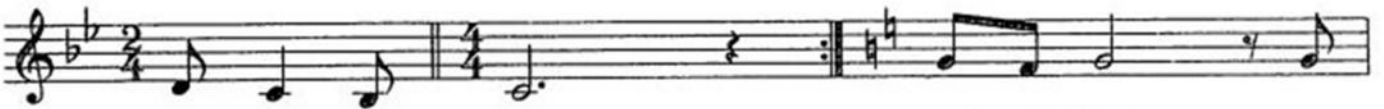
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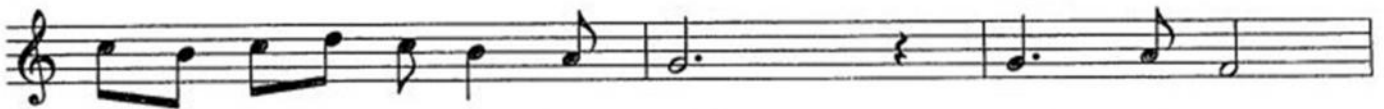
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and



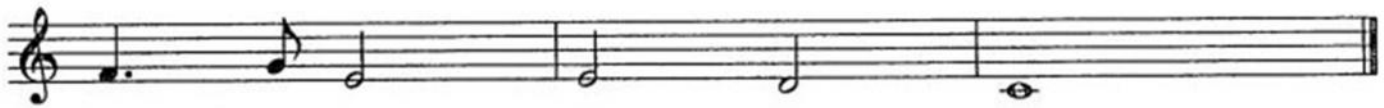
world:
fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
peace:
love:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Song • "There Is a Longing in Our Hearts"

All Creation Sings 1078

Refrain — All



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -



veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our



hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

Leader or All



1 For	jus - tice,	for	free - dom,	for	mer - cy:
2 For	wis - dom,	for	cour - age,	for	com - fort:
3 For	heal - ing,	for	whole-ness,	for	new life:
4 Lord,	save us,	take	pit - y,	light	in our



hear our	prayer.	In	sor - row,	in	grief:
hear our	prayer.	In	weak - ness,	in	fear:
hear our	prayer.	In	sick - ness,	in	death:
deep-est	night.	We	call you;	we	wait:



be near; hear our prayer, O God.

Refrain

Communion Song • “Here Is Bread”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 483



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



Refrain

In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

Communion Song • “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 494

The image displays a musical score for a communion song. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed between the two systems of music.

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Jesus, Bread of life,
we receive from your table
more than we could ever ask.

As you nourish us in this meal,
strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

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.

O God of tender compassion,

**as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those
who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our
siblings who are sick or homebound. May they be sustained by
the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life
that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us,
and journeys with us,
+ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn • “What Does the Lord Require?”

Susan E. Bloomfield

1. What does the Lord re - quire for praise and off - er - ing? What
2. Rul - ers of earth give ear! Should you not jus - tice show? Will
3. Still down the a - ges ring the pro - phet's stern com - mands. To
9 4. How shall my soul ful - fill God's law so hard and high? Let

sac - ri - fice de - sire, or trib - ute did you bring? Do jus - tice, love
God your plead - ing hear while crime and cruel - ty grow?
mer - chant, work - er, king, he brings God's high de - mands.
Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.

19

mer - cy, walk hum - bly with your God; Do God.

Sending

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God
by Vic and Joanne Lindstrom
in honor of their 59th wedding anniversary.*

Worship Attendance

*For those participating in worship from home,
please register your worship attendance online at
www.mtviewlutheran.org/worshipattendance*

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Both services

-) PREACHER/PRESIDER: Pastor Briana R. Merkle.
-) DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Susan Bloomfield.
-) VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
-) ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Gray, Flora Larson, Diane Nelson, Helen Oren.

8:15 a.m.

-) USHERS: Joe Anderson, Skip Harrison.
-) GREETER: Barb Edmonds.
-) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Janice Harrison, Ellen Leapaltd.
-) LECTOR: Ken Edmonds.
-) SOUND: Karen Fink.

10:45 a.m.

-) USHERS: Julie Kibler, Mark Kibler.
-) GREETER: Marlene Wright.
-) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Mary Beth Dahl, Diane Nelson.
-) LECTOR: Jim Hushagen.

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STORYTELLING CAMPFIRE

Saturday, July 17, 2021. 6:15 p.m. at the MVLC Campfire Pit.

Stories, campfire, fellowship, and time for kids to play.

As part of our church family, we are invited into a deeper knowing of God and a deeper knowing of one another. At our campfire, several members of the Mountain View family will share a story from their lives, all tied to a common theme. This will be suitable for all ages.

Bring your camp chairs or a blanket to sit on. And plan to bring a roasting stick too... We're hoping we can do s'mores this time!

CALL COMMITTEE updates

UPDATE #5

The Call Committee met on Thursday, June 24. The meeting opened with a reading from Psalm 107: "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever." We give thanks for the four potential candidates given to us by Pastor Shjerven last week. Each of us had done due diligence in listening to sermons, reading Rostered Minister Profiles (RMP) and reviewing social media posts on the candidates. During our discussion we determined three of the candidates were not good fits for our ministry. The Call Committee would like to have an introductory Zoom interview with one candidate. Kevin Dahl will work with Pastor Shjerven to make arrangements for the interview and to request additional RMPs to review. The next meeting is Thursday, July 1, with the intent of finalizing interview questions. We give thanks for your continued prayers and trust in the process.

UPDATE #6

The Call Committee met on Thursday, July 1. The meeting began with a reading from Psalm 121: "From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord." Prep work got underway for introductory Zoom interviews scheduled for Tuesday, July 6 and Wednesday, July 7, with two candidates. Guided by the Ministry Site Profile and the ALIVE report, the interview questions and format were finalized. Discussion followed on the two Rostered Minister Profiles received during the last week. Chairperson Kevin Dahl will continue to work with the Southwestern Washington Synod for additional RMPs and interview dates. As we begin the work of interviewing potential candidates, our help comes from the Lord but also from your support and prayers.

Pray for the members of the Call Committee—Chairperson Kevin Dahl, Jessie Holden, Megan Hutton, Dan Lysne, Connie McCrossin, Serena McHenry, Becky Schaefer, and Church Council Liaison Ken Swanson—as they meet each week in their faithful and vital work of identifying our next Lead Pastor. And pray that the Holy Spirit will prepare the heart of the person being called to serve here at MVLC.