

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, except when receiving communion.
- ) 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.
- 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 elbowbump anyone but for immediate family members you are seated with.
- ) Please do not attend worship if you 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.

# Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

# **BLUEGRASS SUNDAY**

Sunday, July 18, 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** • "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 807



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb-en-e-zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise. hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home. let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love, Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God; Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove. he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

#### 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"

Light Into the World: Hope for a New Day



#### Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

# Prayer of the Day

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us.

Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### Amen.

# First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 23

Bluegrass Brethren

#### The congregation is invited to sing with the band on the chorus.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me to lie in pastures green; he leads me beside the still waters.

In his righteous path he will lead.

#### Chorus.





Though through the dark valley I travel, no fear will I have where er I go. His rod and his staff give protection; he brings great comfort to my soul *Chorus*.

He sets a table before me in the presence of my foes; he anoints my head with oil, my cup of blessing overflows. *Chorus.* 

# Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Ephesians 2:11-22

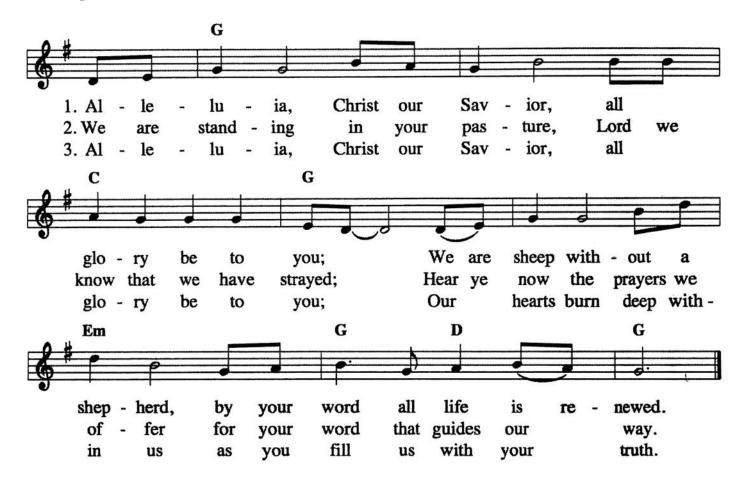
Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

The Bluegrass Mass, "Will the Circle Be Unbroken"



# Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

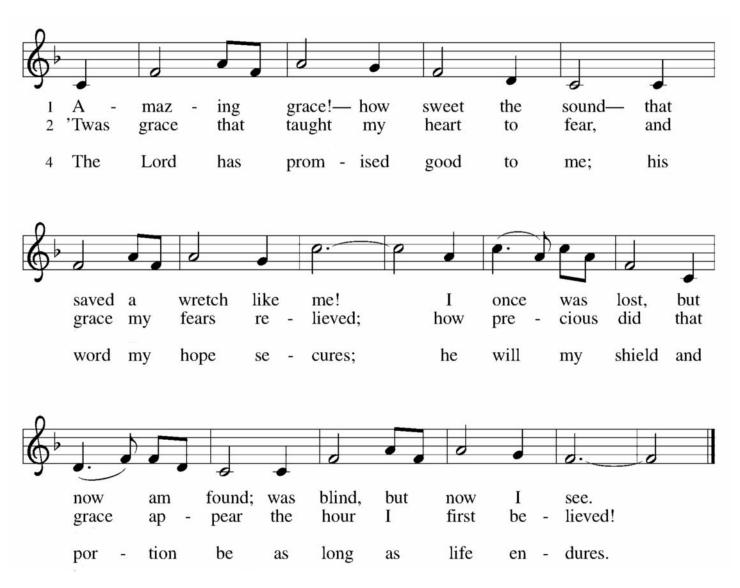
#### Sermon

Pastor Briana R. Merkle.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

# **Hymn of the Day •** "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"





# 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

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

*At the conclusion of each petition:* 

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; 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

- *y* 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.
- J 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.

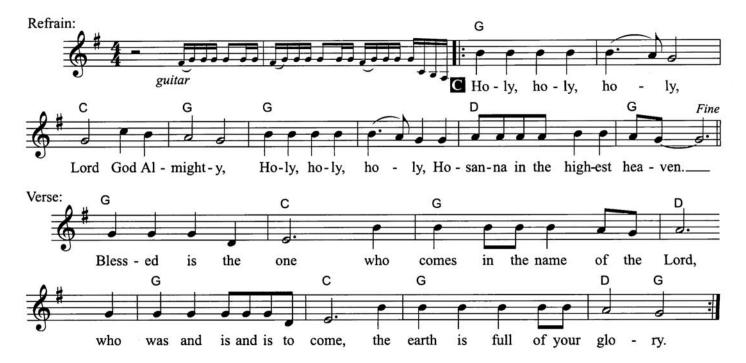
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;

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, Holy"

Light Into the World: Hope for a New Day



#### 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!

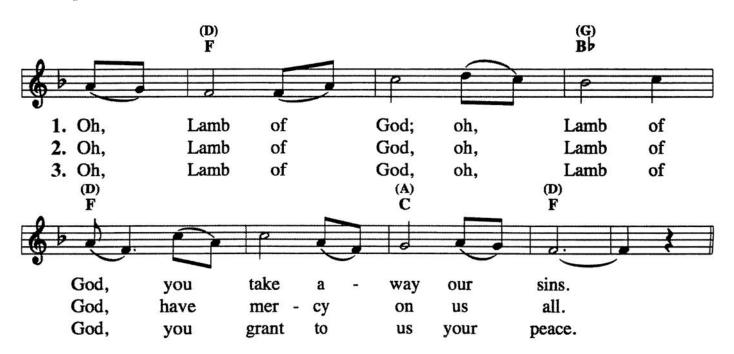
#### Distribution

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.

If gluten-free wafers are required for health reasons, then please ask the pastor serving communion for a wafer.

#### Lamb of God

The Bluegrass Mass, "Into the Pines"



#### **Communion Song** • "Shall We Gather at the River"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 423



- 1 Shall we gath er at the riv er, where bright an gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar gin of the riv er, wash ing up its sil ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv er, lay we ev 'ry bur den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God? we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day. grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown. soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

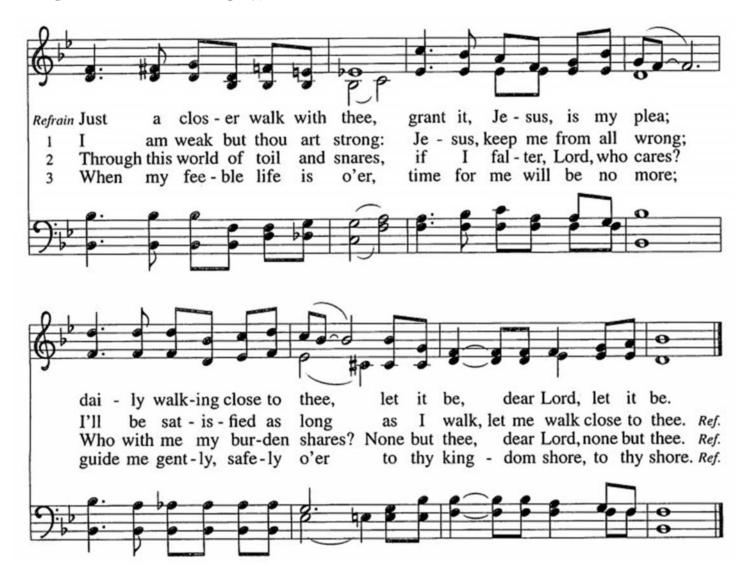
# **Communion Song** • "Bind Us Together"

This Far by Faith 217



#### **Communion Song** • "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 697



# 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 sisters and brothers 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 •** "I'll Fly Away"

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# 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 Keith and Marlene Wright in honor of Sarah Wright's 21st birthday.

# 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 R. Merkle.
- DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Susan Bloomfield.
  - VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Gray, Flora Larson, Diane Nelson, Helen Oren.

#### Bluegrass band

- GUITAR and VOCALS: Pastor Glenn Petersen.
- VOCALS: Debbie Hushagen.
- BASS: Jim Hushagen.
- TENOR GUITAR: Todd Kelley.
- MANDOLIN: Ian McKnight.
- HARMONICA: Blake Smith.
- FIDDLE: Kyra Kehm-Goins.

#### 8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Gary Larson.
- GREETER: Anne Roff.
- COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Jeanne Anderson, Janet Larson, Chris Ray.
- LECTOR: Jeanne Anderson.
- SOUND: Karen Fink.

#### 10:45 a.m.

- USHERS: Erik Knierim (head usher), Keith Wright, Bob Yost.
- GREETER: Diksha Knierim.
- COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Bob Linden, Carol Petersen.
- LECTOR: Mary Beth Dahl.
- SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.
- ACOLYTE: Dane Olson.

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#### Financial Update

Summer blessings to you from my very hot camping trailer in Spokane. I hope each of you make time this summer to explore the great outdoors with friends and family to enjoy all that God has shared with us.

As we move into mid-summer, giving tends to drop off as travel picks up. I thank all of you that have caught up your pledge for the year and continue to ask those that have fallen behind to prayerfully consider a plan to catch up over the next few months.

Below I've highlighted our cash flow position for the months of May and June. We ended May on a high note, but giving for the month of June was our lowest for the year (June expenses are not yet available).

	MONTH OF MAY	MONTH OF JUNE	YEAR-TO-DATE
CONGREGATIONAL GIVING OTHER INCOME TOTAL INCOME	\$78,454	\$58,800	\$424,944
	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$6,268
	<b>\$79,454</b>	<b>\$59,800</b>	<b>\$431,212</b>
EXPENSES BENEVOLENCES TOTAL EXPENSES	\$64,328	n/a	n/a
	\$10,140	\$7,644	\$54,848
	<b>\$74,469</b>	n/a	n/a
NET INCOME TO EXPENSES	\$4,985	n/a	n/a
GENERAL FUND RESERVES	\$20,308	n/a	n/a

INCOME and RESERVES do not include PPP loan proceeds or designated giving. BENEVOLENCES are calculated as 13% of CONGREGATIONAL GIVING for the given month.

#### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FINANCES

MVLC members continue to send in their pledged contributions for both *Living Hope* and *Former Things, New Things*. Through the end of June, the *Living Hope* campaign has raised \$420,970. Thank you for your continued support to these campaigns.

#### PPP LOAN

We have transferred all of the \$116,203 of the second PPP loan funds into our account, with 100% of these funds dedicated to employee salaries. These funds were a lifeline to maintain our pre-COVID staffing levels and have now been fully exhausted.

Jason Cornell MVLC Treasurer