

Words spoken by the assembly are in boldface type.

For music, the words will be sung by the cantor **while the congregation hums.**

Instructions for in-person worship.

-) Keep your mask on at all times.
-) 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.
-) The MVLC "guest" WiFi is disabled during the 10:45 a.m. worship service, in order that there is no interference or interruption of the livestreaming/recording of worship.
- At the conclusion of the service, ushers will dismiss you. Please exit the Sanctuary through the hallway to the Administrative Offices.

Prelude

Welcome / Announcements

Stand.

Confession

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

We confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

CONFESSION

Most merciful God,

We confess we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We sin against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

PETITION

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

PROMISE

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you *have been* saved.

ABSOLUTION

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins *are* forgiven.

BLESSING

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, as Christ lives in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Sit.

Opening Hymn • "We All Are One in Mission"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 576



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.

Prayer of the Day

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son.

Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading

A reading from Joshua.

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

A responsive reading from the Psalms.

Psalm 78:1-7

Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times—

that which we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us, we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, and the wonderful works God has done.

The LORD gave a decree in Jacob and established a law in Israel, commanding our ancestors to teach it to their children;

that the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

so that they might put their trust in God, and not forget the deeds of God, but keep God's commandments.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

A reading from First Thessalonians.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

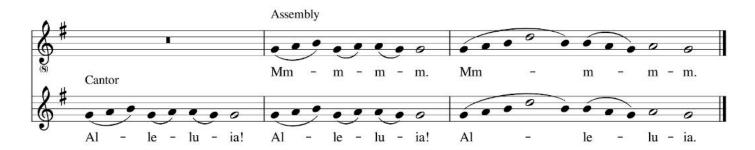
Stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Sundays and Seasons

The cantor sings the refrain, **while the congregation hums along.** The cantor sings the verse.

The cantor sings the refrain, while the congregation hums along.



Verse Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming

Refrain.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit.

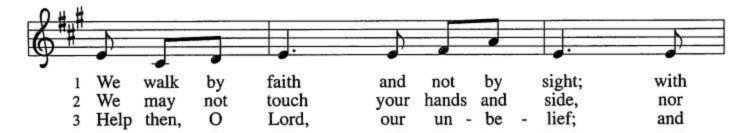
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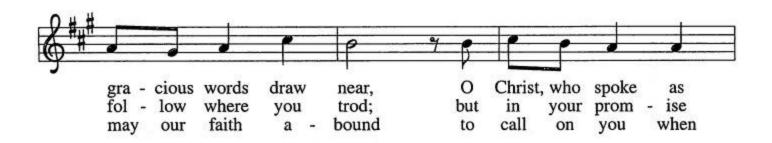
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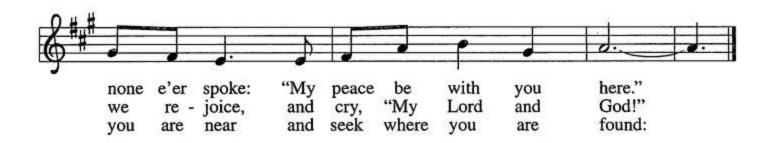
 $Silence\ for\ reflection\ and\ self-examination.$

Hymn of the Day • "We Walk by Faith"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 635







Stand.

Apostles' Creed

Together, we confess our faith.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

Offertory

"We Are an Offering" MVLC Virtual Choir

During the Virtual Choir anthem, in-person worshippers are invited to come forward to place their commitment cards in the basket for consecration. Please follow the guidance of the ushers to maintain safe distance. You may also place your commitment cards in the offering box as you leave worship, drop it off at the Church Office, or mail it to MVLC.

Prayer of Consecration

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by Your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

You are our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.

We rejoice, O God, that through the baptism of your Son by John and anointing of the Holy Spirit, by the baptism of His death and resurrection, you have set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to life in you.

You are our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.

Today, O God, we re-affirm our lives to walking together as your redeemed and reconciled people. Lead us in the weaving of your love within a fragmented world, to nurture and feed each other, to reach out and embrace with your Shalom all people in the name of Jesus Christ.

You are our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.

Guide us, O God through your Holy Spirit that Mountain View Lutheran Church will increase as a sanctuary for the stranger, a house of welcome and comfort for the poor, a consolation to the distressed and a witness of salvation for the sinner. Guide us as a light for our youth, a consolation in old age, a place of reconciliation in the midst of brokenness, a growing place for all.

You are our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.

Stir us, O God, in our growing conviction and commitment to your call. Manifest and animate your sacred and holy plans through our pledges of money, time and talents which we make today and each day as we our walk with you. Consecrate these commitments as you daily consecrate us to a newness and freshness of life in you.

You are our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places, to thank and to praise you, merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

With all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you send to us Jesus, your Son, who reaches out to heal the sick and suffering, who preaches good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opens his arms to all. For such a gift of love and mercy, we give you thanks.

Amen.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gracious God, remembering Jesus's death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that through this meal we know the unity we share with all your people In the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, All glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

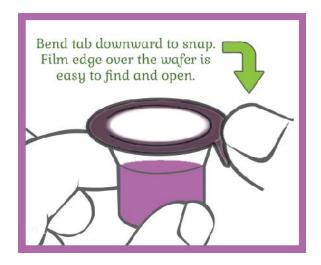
Invitation to Communion

Rejoice! This is the banquet table where Jesus Christ gives himself for all as food and drink for life's journey.

Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.



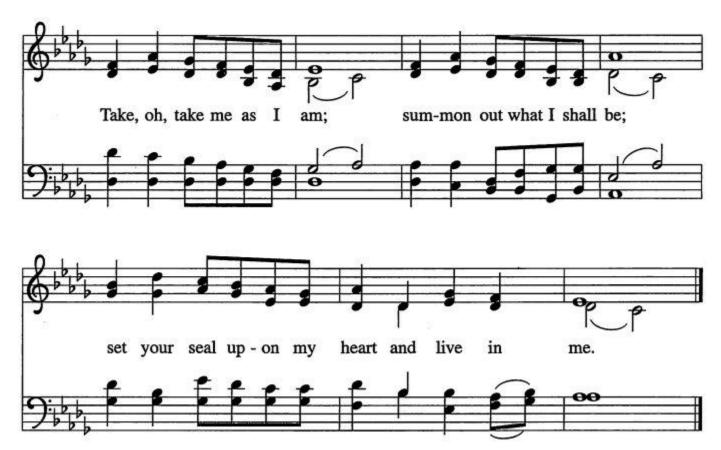
Open Wafer

The cup has a clear film top that noticeably reveals the wafer compartment. Lift the film to open and receive your wafer. (Hint: Bending the tab downward to snap will release the air tight seal on the film and make the edge very easy to find and open.)

Open Cup

Open the cup by pealing back the pre-cut tab on the foil seal to drink the juice.

Communion Song • "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am" Evangelical Lutheran Worship 814



Stand.

Communion Sending Prayer

Gracious God,

from this table you sustain and nourish your people and unite us as one in Jesus Christ. We send forth this bread of life and cup of salvation to those who are not worshiping in-person, so that they too can feast on your goodness and be gathered with us in the one body, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you life in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, as you abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sit.

Sending Hymn • "Take My Life, That I May Be"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 583

The congregation is invited to play percussion instruments.



Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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

Offering

We give to the Lord of our tithes and offerings.

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.

You can mail an offering to: Mountain View Lutheran Church 3505 - 122nd Ave E Edgewood WA 98372

Ways that you can give electronically:

TEXT

- J 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."

Worship Leaders

PREACHER/PRESIDER Pastor Mike Greenwalt

DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES Susan Bloomfield

ALTAR GUILD

Flora Larson, Janet Larson, Diane Nelson, Helen Oren

8:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.

HEAD USHER
Mark Williams
HEAD USHER
Keith Wright

USHERS
Joe Anderson, Gary Larson

USHERS
Mark Cantrell, Barb Egan

GREETERS GREETERS

Emily Thompson, Murphey Thompson, Sonja Dahl, Barb Edmonds Teagan Thompson

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Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Keith and Marlene Wright.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, November 22, 2020 • 1:00 p.m. • via Zoom

We gather (via Zoom) to vote to approve the 2021 MVLC Spending Guideline and learn about mission and ministry.

Look for the Zoom link in the MVLC E-news the week prior to the meeting.

Upcoming Events/Opportunities in Life Together

Save the dates for these events/opportunities in life together.

Wednesday 11/11 • 7:00 p.m.

"The Freedom of a Christian" adult education via Zoom.

Wednesday 11/25 • 7:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Eve worship. This service will be in-person only, so remember to register in advance when the link is available.

Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

Middle school small groups meet at MVLC.

Monday through Thursday • 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MVLC Church Office hours. Not all staff members are in the office each day, so if you need to meet with a particular person, then it is best to schedule an appointment. You can contact the Church Office at 253-863-5171 (phone) or office@mtviewlutheran.org (email).

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Altar Guild Poinsettia Sale

This is an opportunity for you to participate in beautifying the sanctuary for Christmas. Please Fill out this form, attach \$9.00 per plant, and return it to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate.

Your Name:
Number of Plants:
Given in memory or honor of:
Donation Enclosed:
(Please note that this is considered a donation and does not guarantee that you will receive a plant.)
Thank you, Mountain View Lutheran Altar Guild