

DEVOTED to the FELLOWSHIP in CHRIST



*For the promise is for you,
for your children, and for all who are far away,
everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.*

*They devoted themselves
to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

—ACTS 2:39, 42

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.

Instructions for in-person worship.

-) Keep your mask on at all times, except when receiving communion.*
-) 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.*
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CONSECRATION SUNDAY

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

Sunday, November 14, 2021 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

We begin
in the name and power of the Creator,
+ the Redeemer,
and the life-and-faith Sustainer.

Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

True Vine Music / Michael A. Schmid

The musical score is written for a single voice part in 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff also continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fifth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The sixth staff begins with a first ending bracket and a second ending bracket. The seventh staff continues the melody and lyrics.

I con - fess to you, — O — Lord, that I have sinned. — I con -
fess to you, — O — Lord, that I have sinned. — I con -

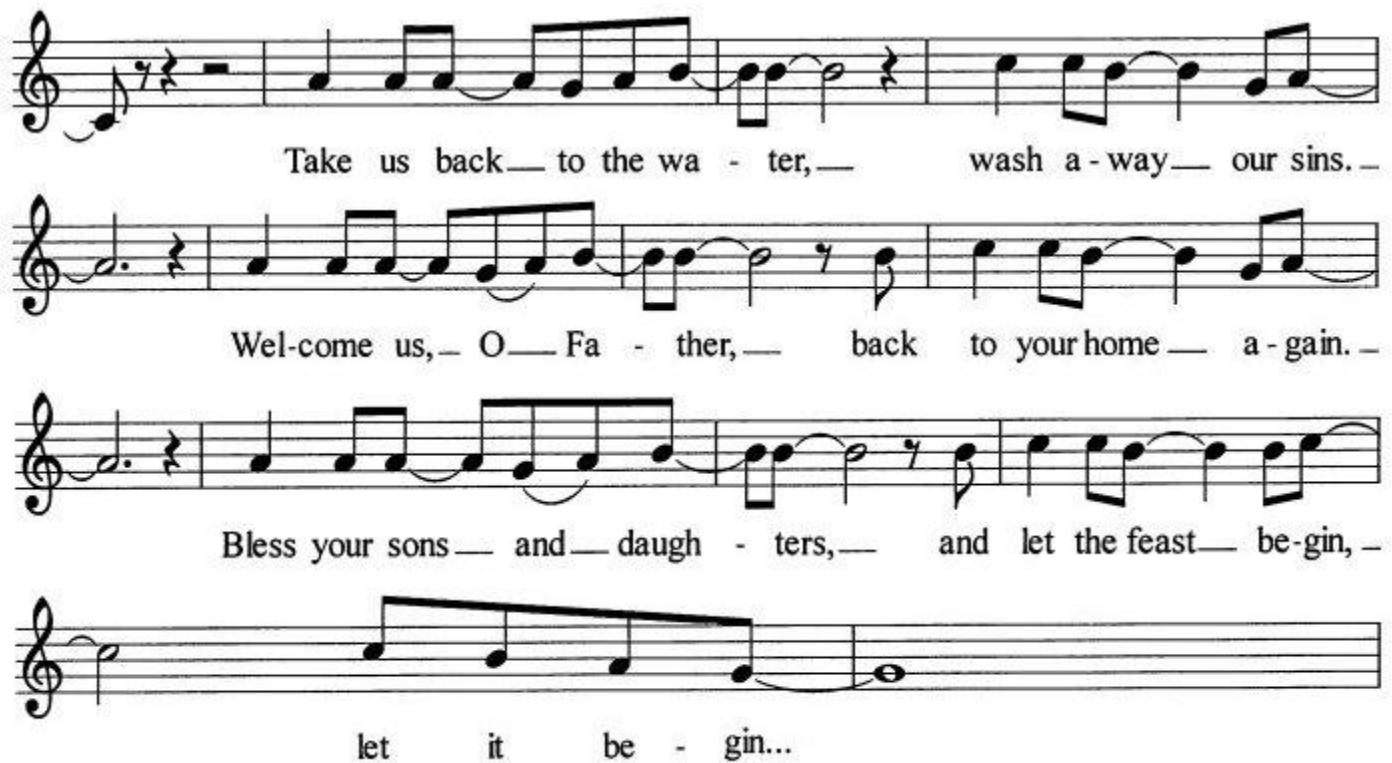
fess to you, — O — Lord, all my sin with - in. — I have
fess to you, — O — Lord, all my sin with - in. — I have

failed to live for you — in the things I say and
placed my - self a - bove, — and have hurt the ones I

do, — and have fall - en short — of liv - ing in — your love. —
love, — and I know that on - ly you — can set — me free. —

1. I con - Lord, have mer - cy — on — me. — Lord have
2. mer - cy — set me free. — O for - give me, Lord, I pray, and —

take my sin a - way, by the cross and emp - ty grave for my soul. —



The pastor declares the absolution over instrumental music.

**You take us back to the water. You wash away our sins.
You welcome us, O Father, back to your home again.
You bless your sons and daughters.
Now let the feast begin, let it begin.**

**Lord, your mercy covers me.
Lord, your mercy has set me free.
You've forgiven me today, and my sins are washed away,
by the cross and empty grave for my soul.**

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 • “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 401



- 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead-ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
- 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
- 3 Guide our think-ing and our speak-ing done in your ho - ly name.



It's your lead - ing that we're need-ing, help us to fol - low you.
Bless the faith - ful, may they flour-ish, strength-ened by grace un - priced.
Mo - ti - vate all in their seek-ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain



Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4

Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
not rootless liberty;
turn disquiet to contentment,
doubt into certainty.

Refrain.

5

Keep us fervent in our witness,
unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness,
which you alone assure.

Refrain.

Prayer of the Day

God our foundation,
you have established a mighty fellowship
to do your work on earth
through our time, prayer, service, and resources.

Continue to build up this fellowship in Christ
that we might share in life together
and be full partners in the mission
you have given us,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
and through your Son, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Psalm 145 • “Our God Is Compassion”

Gather 122

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

Refrain



Our God is com - pas - sion to all cre - a - tion. Our
God is com - pas - sion to all cre - a - tion.

The Lord is grace and mercy,
slow to anger, full of love.
God is good to all creation;
full of compassion.

Refrain.

Let all your works give thanks, O God.
Let the faithful bless you.
The eyes of all are filled with hope;
you give them all they need.

Refrain.

The Lord is just in every way,
full of love for all.
God is near to those in need;
who call out from their hearts.

Refrain.

Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 2:36-47

As Acts of the Apostles begins, Jesus has died and been raised and his remaining followers are waiting in Jerusalem. They cannot know what exactly they are waiting for until it comes. When the day of Pentecost descends on them, they receive the power of the Holy Spirit. Peter interprets these events for them so that they understand this is the very gift of God they had been waiting for. In our reading today, we encounter the rhythm and purpose behind this newly empowered community, as their life in fellowship with Christ and with one another begins to take form.

“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homilists

Pope McHenry, Megan Hutton, Carolee Berntsen.

Hymn of the Day • "The Summons"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 798

Verse 1: all; verse 2: bass voices; verse 3: treble voices; verses 4&5: all.



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



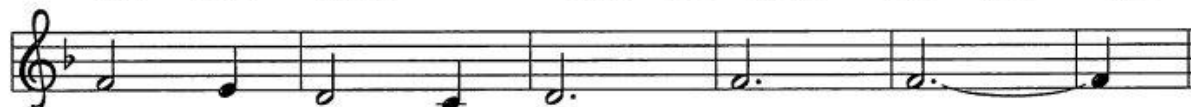
know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

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

Eternal God,
you hold firm amid
the changes of the world.

Hear us now as we pray
for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God our hope and strength,
we entrust to you all for whom we pray.

Remain with us always,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering / Commitment Cards

We give to the Lord of our tithes and offerings.

During the offering, members of the congregation are asked to bring forward their tithes and offerings to the basket at the altar, as well as their 2022 “Devoted to the Fellowship of Christ” commitment cards.

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You can mail an offering to:

Mountain View Lutheran Church
3505 - 122nd Ave E
Edgewood WA 98372

You can give electronically:

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 • "The Promise"

Don Neptun

Side 1: band side; side 2: pulpit side.

Side 1

For the pro mise is for you and your

Side 2

Piano Intro

For the pro mise is for me

chil- dren,

And the pro-mise is for me and my

and my chil- dren,

and the pro-mise is for you

Both sides

chil dren,

and all God's peo- ple. We de

and your chil dren,

and all God's peo- ple.

(Both sides)

vote our lives. to the word of the Lord in the fel- low ship of the bo- dy of Christ. We

Side 1

take of the bread, and we drink of the wine, and we lift one a- no - ther in prayer. For the

(Side 1)

pro-mise is for you and your children, and the

(Side 2)

For the pro-mise is for me and my children,

pro-mise is for me and my chil - dren,

and the pro-mise is for you *rit.* and your

and all God's peo - ple.

chil - dren, and all God's peo - ple.

Offering Prayer

Together, we pray.

**Holy God,
the earth is yours and everything in it,
yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures.**

**Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine,
and strengthen us to be your body for the world
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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 good
that we should everywhere and always
offer thanks and praise to you,
Holy God, mighty and immortal,
through Christ, our Lord
who by his death and resurrection
is making all things new.

And so with the Church on earth
and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name
and join their unending hymn.

Sanctus • “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy Communion: Tree of Life Setting

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of power and

might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -

san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, 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,
our will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Save us from the time of trial.

Amen.

What does this mean?

**It is true that God tempts no one,
but we ask in this prayer that God
would preserve and keep us,
so that the devil, the world and our flesh
may not deceive us or mislead us
into false belief, despair, and other great and shameful sins,
and that, although we may be attacked by them,
we may finally prevail and gain the victory.**

Communion

A feast of love is offered here
for you and for all the saints.

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 • “Lamb of God”

Holy Communion: Tree of Life Setting



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the



world: have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the



world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion Song • "Bind Us Together"

With One Voice 748

Refrain
F Dm Gm

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

C⁷ F F

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

Dm Gm C F

bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

F C⁷ F F C⁷ F

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
2 You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.

F C⁷ F F C⁷ F *Refrain* B^b/C

There . . is on - ly one Bod-y; that . . is why we can sing:
You are God's cho - sen de - sire, you are the glo - rious new wine.

Communion Song • "In the Singing"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 466



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Prayer after Communion

Blessed Jesus,
at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.

Now send us forth to extend our tables
and to share your gifts
until that day when all feast together
at your heavenly banquet.

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,
**you took the form of a servant,
offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength
to a sick and hurting world.**

**Anoint with a servant heart
those who take your word and sacrament
to our siblings in their homes and in hospitals.**

**Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those
who feast on your body and blood
and receive your words of new life.**

**May we all recognize that we have a place and a home
in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Blessing

God, the beginning and the end,
who has written your name in the book of life,
+ bless and keep you in grace and peace
from this time forth and forevermore.

Amen.

Sending Hymn • “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 774



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Sending

Led on by the saints before us,
go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God
by Karen Slavens
in memory of her sister Peggy Carbone.*

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 and PRESIDERS: Pastor Briana Merkle.
-) WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Ken Edmonds.
-) DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
-) VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
-) ALTAR GUILD: Diksha Knierim, Janet Larson, Karen Lonn.

8:15 a.m.

-) USHERS: Joe Anderson, Walt Freed, Ken Swanson (head usher).
-) GREETER: Sandi Swanson.
-) ACOLYTES: Elsa Lysne, Jonas Lysne.
-) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Terry Freed, Anne Roff.
-) LECTOR: Mary Beth Dahl.
-) CANTOR: Geoffrey Boers.
-) BAND: Rod Ray, guitar.

10:45 a.m.

-) USHERS: Erik Knierim (head usher), Lindy Nelson, Bob Yost.
-) GREETER: Cathy Kostecky.
-) ACOLYTES: Camdon Cornell, Tristan Cornell.
-) COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Bob Linden, Diane Nelson.
-) LECTOR: Kristi Ceder.
-) CANTOR: Debbie Hushagen.
-) BAND: Debbie Hushagen, keyboards; Jim Hushagen, guitar; Bill Kohler, bass; Joan Kohler, flute.

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Upcoming Events in Life Together

Save the dates!

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 21, 2021 • 12 noon • Life Together Hall / Zoom

We gather to vote on and approve the 2022 Spending Guideline, as well as learn about the mission and ministry of MVLC. Nursery care is available.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 24, 2021 • 7:00 p.m. • Sanctuary

We gather to give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed upon us!

Advent Midweeks • “In Darkness and Light”

Wednesday evenings (December 1, 8, 15) • 6:30 p.m. • Life Together Hall

We gather for a meal, fellowship, and worship. This year’s Advent Midweeks will combine all three, all centered around the table.

Adult Education in November and December

Sunday mornings • 9:30 a.m. • Life Together Hall

We gather for lifelong faith formation.

-) 11/21 Bread for the World “writing of letters.”
-) 11/28 Introduction to the Gospel of Luke.
-) 12/5 Introduction to the Gospel of Luke.
-) 12/12 Introduction to the Gospel of Luke.
-) 12/19 No Adult Education.

Rock Ministry in November and December

Sunday mornings • 9:30 a.m. • Education Building

-) 11/21 Regular classes.
-) 11/28 Advent craft.
-) 12/5 Cookies and trimmings; Rock families decorate the MVLC Christmas tree in the Sanctuary.
-) 12/12 Christmas boxes for Tacoma Seafarers.
-) 12/19 No Rock Ministry.