

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 102

CALL of ABRAHAM

Sunday, September 18, 2022 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please turn off all cell phones.

If you are visiting with us today, we extend to you a particular welcome and invite your questions and comments.

Our entire worship service is printed in this worship folder for your convenience.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.

Child care is available for children ages 5 years and under in the Child Care Area, across from the Life Together Hall.

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.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Kneel or stand. Silence is kept for reflection.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and forgiveness,

we confess that sin still has a hold on us.

We have harmed your good creation.

**We have failed to do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.**

Turn us in a new direction.

Show us the path that leads to life.

**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Stand.

KYRIE • "KYRIE"

Behold, I Make All Things New

*Cantor sings verses; **congregation sings refrain.***

In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain.**

REFRAIN: ALL

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Chri-ste e-lei-son. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise. **Refrain.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **To Amen.**

ALL:

A-men, A-men.

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 • "GOD OF ABRAHAM"

Gather, Fourth Edition

Cantor:

All:



1. God of Ab - ra - ham lead us, lead us to your king - dom.
2. God of Sa - rah, be with us,
3. God of Is - ra - el, lead us,
4. God of Je - sus Christ, lead us,
5. Through the word that is spo - ken,
6. Lead us now_ and for - ev - er,

5 *Cantor:*

All:



In - to fruit - less - ness, lead us, lead us to - geth - er,
Through our laugh - ter and la - bor,
To the prom - ised land, lead us,
In - to your new cre - a - tion,
Through the bread_ that is bro - ken,
Give us now_ a new fu - ture,



lead us to free - dom. lead us to - geth - er, lead us to free - dom now.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of covenant,
you promised Abraham
land, descendants, and blessing
so that he might be a blessing for all.

Show us how to honor the covenant,
so that we might be
a blessing to others.

We pray these things
in the name of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Amen.

Sit.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Behold, I Make All Things New

Leader:

Al-le-lu - ia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.____

5 ALL:

Al-le - lu - ia!____ Al-le - lu - ia!____ Al-le - lu - ia____

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Al-le - lu - ia!____ Al-le - lu - ia!____ Al-le - lu - ia____

READING

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 12:1-9

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "HOPE OF ABRAHAM AND SARAH"

New Wine in Old Wineskins, Volume 2

1. Hope of A - bra - ham and Sar - ah,
 2. Root us in our own tra - di - tion,
 3. Hope of A - bra - ham and Sar - ah,

5
 Friend of Ha - gar, God of Ruth,
 Faith our for - bears hand - cd down.
 Sov - 'reign God whom we a - dore,

9
 You de - sire that ev - 'ry peo - ple
 Grow us in us Your grace and know - ledge;
 Form in us Your new cre - a - tion

13
 Wor - ship You in spir - it, truth.
 Plant our feet on sol - id ground.
 Free of vio - lence, hate, and war.

17
 Meet us in our sa - cred plac - es,
 Cul - ti - vate the seeds of shar - ing
 So may Tor - ah, cross, and cres - cent,

21
 Mosque and syn - a - gogue and church.
 In this world of man - y creeds.
 Each a sign of life made new,

25
 Show us paths of un - der - stand - ing;
 Keep us o - pen, un wise in learn - ing,
 Point us toward Your love and jus - tice,

29
 Bless us in our com - mon search.
 Bear - ing fruit in lov - ing deeds.
 Earth at peace and one in You.

APOSTLES' CREED

Together, let us 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 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

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread,
so let us gather our prayers for the church,
those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit,
gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

OFFERING

Because God first loved us,
we are made to love one another.

For the sake of the life of the world, offer yourselves,
your time, and your possessions as signs of love.

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

Stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

Together, we pray.

**Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Behold, I Make All Things New

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff begins with a 'Leader:' label, followed by a whole rest, then a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, and a quarter note B4. This is followed by an 'ALL:' label, then a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, and a quarter note B4. The staff ends with a 'Leader:' label, a triplet of eighth notes G4, A4, B4, and a quarter note C5. The lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts.' are written below the notes. The second staff begins with an 'ALL:' label, then a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, and a quarter note B4. This is followed by a 'Leader:' label, then a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, and a quarter note B4. The staff ends with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, and a quarter note B4. The lyrics 'We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' are written below the notes. The third staff begins with an 'ALL:' label, then a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, and a quarter note B4. This is followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, and a quarter note B4. The staff ends with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, and a quarter note B4. The lyrics 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' are written below the notes. The fourth staff begins with a double bar line, then a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, and a quarter note B4. This is followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, and a quarter note B4. The staff ends with a double bar line. The lyrics 'Mmmm' are written below the notes.

Leader: ALL: Leader: 3

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts.

ALL: Leader:

We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL:

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Mmmm

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 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.

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, HOLY"

Behold, I Make All Things New

Sing each line once.



*To conclude, we will sing all three lines at the same time;
doing such twice.*

You choose which line (1, 2, or 3) you want to sing each time.

(So you will sing line 1, line 2, line 3, line 1/2/3, line 1/2/3.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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 invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.

Sit.

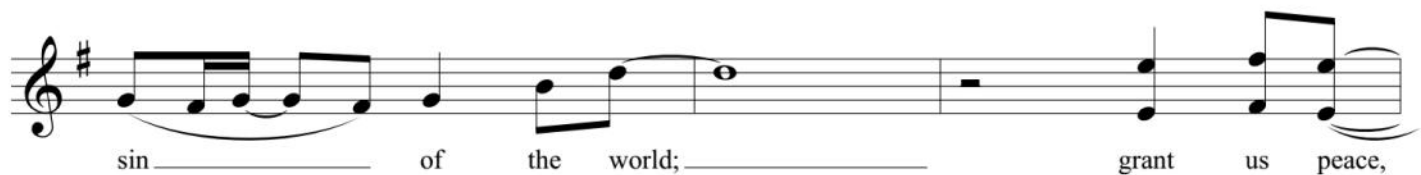
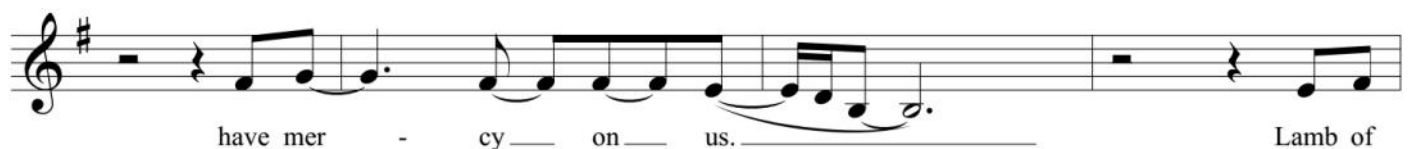
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If gluten-free wafers are required for health reasons, then please ask the pastor serving communion for a wafer.

LAMB OF GOD • "LAMB OF GOD"

Behold, I Make All Things New



COMMUNION HYMN • "O HOLY SPIRIT, ROOT OF LIFE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 399



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -



a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -



wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

COMMUNION HYMN • "I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME"

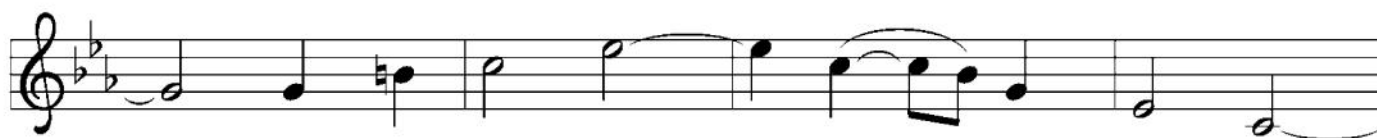
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 325



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table,

**you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.**

**Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

DEACON BLESSING

DEACON SENDING

Deacons are called to “make Christ
and his redemptive love known by word and example.” (1 Timothy)

Such love is expressed in the extension of Holy Communion
to those who are homebound or hospitalized.

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

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, + one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "EARTH IS FULL OF WIT AND WISDOM"

All Creation Sings 1064



1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound-ing God's de - light - ed laugh,
2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.
Ev - 'ry crea-ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.
cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - jice
Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

SENDING

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Holy Manna”

*Flowers on the altar
are given to the glory of God
by Anne Roff
in memory of her husband Rick.*

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Worship leaders include:

Both services

- J PREACHER: Pastor Briana Merkle.
- J PRESIDER: Pastor Eric Bostrom.
- J WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Ken Edmonds.
- J DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
- J VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- J ALTAR GUILD: Karen Lonn, Dotty Shireman, Betsy Tunstall.

8:15 a.m. worship

- J USHERS: Ken Swanson (head usher), Terry Freed, Walt Freed.
- J GREETER: Anne Roff.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Kathy Harris, Michelle Schweikl.
- J LECTOR: Diane Tyler.
- J SOUND: Dale Olson.

10:45 a.m. worship

- J USHERS: Mark Cantrell, Diane Nelson, Lindy Nelson, Kandy Rose.
- J ACOLYTE: Parker Thornton.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Carolee Berntsen, Terry Jensen.
- J LECTOR: Jim Hushagen.
- J SOUND: Jon Thornton.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER • FALL EVENTS

Slowcooker Drive

Our *SouperFamilies Program* returns for the 2022–2023 school year! This program provides a crockpot and a weekly nutritious meal to each family with a student at our local ECEAP Preschool. We need your help securing *forty* six-quart crockpots. You can shop our Amazon wish list and send directly to the Center or drop off Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Amazon wish list: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/FCNVRD0S9LTH>

Seeking Volunteer Tutors

After a successful pilot program we are excited to bring back our after school tutoring program, Study Buddies, in early 2023! We are busy connecting with local schools and plan to open the registration process for students late Fall 2022.

We are beginning to recruit volunteer tutors NOW! Below is a link to a volunteer interest survey. If you fill out the form, we will follow up with an interview to learn more about your background and interest and answer any questions you have.

Interest form: <https://www.mtviewcommunitycenter.org/studybuddies>

(Relaunch of) Seeds of Change Community Nights

We are very excited to announce the return of our “Seeds of Change” Community Nights, starting with a “soft launch” in October. Meals and activities will take place on Thursday, October 6 and Thursday, October 20. Dinner is **free** and will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Family activities will be Family Open Gym (10/6) and Bingo (10/20). Please register if you plan on attending the activities after the meal. These are not drop-off events; parents/guardians must also attend.

These meals and events are for members of the community **and** members of the congregation!

Register: <https://www.mtviewcommunitycenter.org/seeds-of-change>

Bound by Hope Benefit Lunch

On Wednesday, October 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. join other community and business leaders for the “Bound by Hope” Benefit Lunch at Mountain View Community Center. Invite a friend and join us for this free lunch as a sponsor or attendee. Hear about new and upcoming programs, ways to volunteer, and how MVCC continues to be agile to meet the needs of our community. Join us to take an active role in creating a better community for everyone to live, learn, and work in.

Register: <https://www.mtviewcommunitycenter.org/bound-by-hope>

Trunk or Treat

MVCC is hosting a Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 29 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and you are invited to attend! There is no need to pre-register to attend the event.

You can sign up to be a trunk sponsor today! As a trunk sponsor, you are responsible for providing a treat for each child and decorating your trunk in any kid-appropriate theme you like. Once you've registered and the event date approaches, details about set-up will be sent to you via email.

Register to sponsor a trunk: <https://www.mtviewcommunitycenter.org/trunk-or-treat>

If you need more information about any of these events, then please visit the MVCC website at www.mtviewcommunitycenter.org or contact them at 253-826-4329.

LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

We offer lifelong faith formation opportunities for all ages each Sunday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

► ROCK MINISTRY

Education Building. Children from age two through youth in high school are invited to a morning of Bible study, crafts, snacks, song, and other activities with a group of students and adult mentors.

► CHILD CARE

Child Care Center/Nursery. There is child care available for those under the age of two in the Nursery, which is located in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Church Office.

► ADULT EDUCATION

Life Together Hall. Various classes and presentations are provided for the adults of the congregation. Here is the current fall schedule.

- J 9/18 Conversations in preparation for Earth Ministry's visit.
- J 9/26 Earth Ministry.
- J 10/2 Sue Potter and Kate Wright of Nourish Pierce County.
- J 10/9 Pastor Eric teaching on Martin Luther.
- J 10/16 Pastor Eric teaching on Martin Luther.
- J 10/23 Pastor Eric teaching on Martin Luther.
- J 10/30 Pastor Eric teaching on Martin Luther.
- J 11/6 Presentation on MVLC's Season of Giving.
- J 11/13 Consecration Breakfast.
- J 11/20 Presentation on MVLC's Spending Guidelines.

+ WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Second and fourth Thursdays • 9:30 a.m. • Chapel basement.
All women are invited to this pastor-led study.

+ MENS BIBLE STUDY

Each Saturday • 7:00 a.m. • Chapel basement.
All men are invited to this member-led study. Breakfast at 7. Study at 7:30.