

As a community following Christ,
we LOVE with an open heart
GROW with a curious mind
and SHARE with a generous spirit.

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.

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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.

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 202

ISAAC BORN to SARAH

Sunday, September 17, 2023 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be God, the one who forms us,
+ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

The “Kyrie” refrain on the facing page is sung once through.

Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed
by the world’s violence and suffering.**

**We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Amen.

The “Kyrie” refrain on the facing page is sung once through.

Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.

KYRIE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion, Setting Eight

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

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 • "RAISE A SONG OF GLADNESS"

Songs & Prayers from Taizé

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Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of promise,
Abraham scoffed and Sarah laughed
when they were told of your plans for them and their family.

Yet you remained faithful to your promise,
and gave them a son, Isaac.

Help us to trust in your promises for our lives,
and to live according to your will.

Amen.

Sit.

STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

Kevin Dahl, President of the Congregation.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE • "ALLELUIA"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship • Holy Communion, Setting Eight

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. *whistle along*
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
whistle along Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

READING

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” ¹⁰Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁵But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

¹The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. ²Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. ⁴And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” ⁷And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "GOD IT WAS"

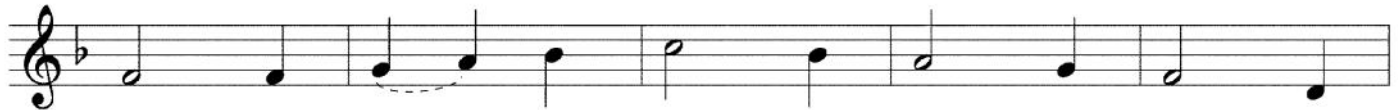
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1. God it was who said to A - bra - ham, "Pack your
2. God it was who said to Mo - ses, "Save my
3. God it was who said to Jo - seph, "Down your
4. Christ it was who said to Mat - thew, "Leave your
5. In this crowd of com - mon peo - ple, Once un -



bags and trav - el on!" God it was who
peo - ple, part the sea!" God it was who
tools and take your wife!" God it was who
books and fol - low me!" Christ it was who
known, whom we re - vere, God calls us to



said to Sar - ah, "Smile and soon you'll bear a
said to Mir - i - am, "Sing and dance to show you're
said to Mar - y, "In your womb I'll start my
said to Mar - tha, "Lis - ten first, then make the
share his pur - pose Start - ing now and start - ing



son!" Trav - 'ling folk and a - ged moth - ers Wan - d'ring
free!" Shep - herd - saints and tam - bou - rin - ists Do - ing
life!" Car - pen - ter and coun - try maid - en Leav - ing
tea!" Civ - il ser - vants and house - keep - ers, Chang - ing
here. So we cel - e - brate his call - ing, So we



when they thought they'd done— This is how God
what he knew they could— This is how God
town and trade and skills— This is how God
plac - es at a cost— This is how Christ
prize and praise his choice, As we pray that



calls his peo - ple, Los - ing all be - cause of One.
calls his peo - ple, Lib - er - at - ing what they should.
calls his peo - ple, Mov - ing them through what he wills.
calls dis - ci - ples, Find - ing those he knew were lost.
through this com - pa - ny God will act and raise his voice.

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

Remembering the caring and generous works of God,
we pray for the church, creation,
and the needs of our neighbors.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Remember us according to your steadfast love
as we offer these and the prayers of our heart,
trusting in your compassion
made known through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

OFFERING

Hospitality—a warm welcome—is generosity.

When we welcome each child of God into the life of this church,
we extend God’s own generous hospitality.

Our gifts help this graceful ministry to flourish
and to grow and to give glory to God.

Let us gather our gifts together
and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

*You can participate in the Offering electronically
by scanning the QR code and filling out the online form.*



OFFERTORY

10:45 a.m.

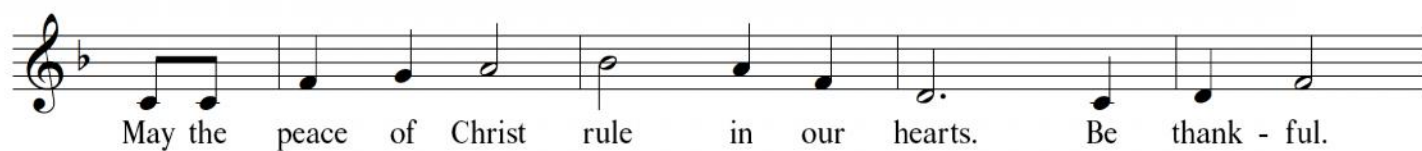
“Two Sephardic Songs”

Bill Kohler, soprano saxophone; Brenna Sage, piano.

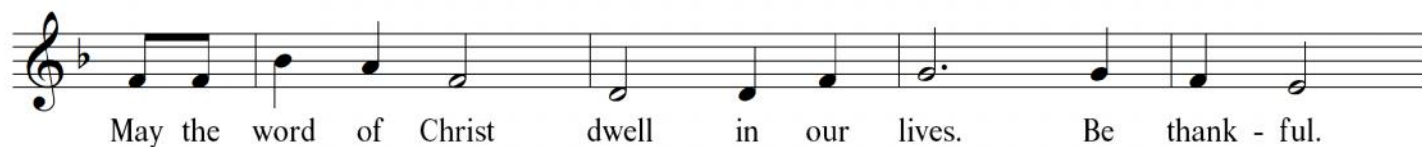
Stand.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "BE THANKFUL"

Lutheran Summer Music 2023



May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. Be thank - ful.



May the word of Christ dwell in our lives. Be thank - ful.



May we sing with joy, giv-ing thanks to God. Al - le - lu ia, al - le - lu ia!



May we sing with joy, giv-ing thanks to God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu ia!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

THE 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.

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, HOLY"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship • Holy Communion, Setting Eight



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



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



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



est. 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.

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

Jesus invites you to this table.

Come, eat and live.

Sit.

DISTRIBUTION

At Mountain View Lutheran Church we practice an open communion table, which means that everyone is welcome to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. (You don't have to be a member of MVLC.)

If you need an alcohol-free element or a gluten-free element, then please let your server know.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.

This is the table, not of the Church, but of Jesus Christ.
It is made ready for those who are loved by God,
whether you feel loved or not.

It is for those who desire to grow in love with God.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little.

You who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time or ever before.

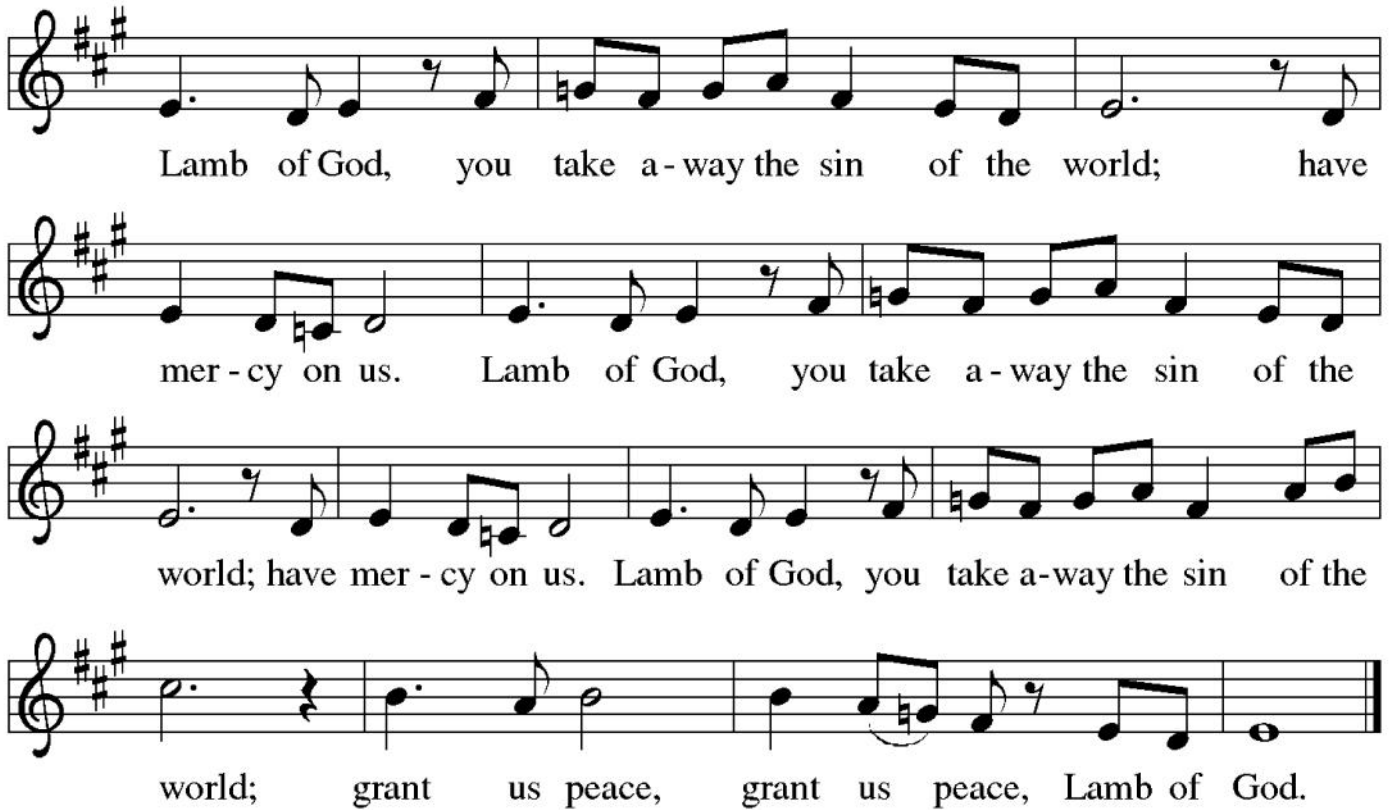
Come, you who have tried to follow
and you who live with a sense of failure in your following.

Come, not because the Church invites you;
it is Christ who invites you to be known and fed and loved here.

Please come. Receive the gifts of God for all the people of God.

LAMB OF GOD • "LAMB OF GOD"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship • Holy Communion, Setting Eight



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN • "THIS IS CHRIST'S BODY"

All Creation Sings 967



This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with



mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,



bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

COMMUNION HYMN • "I COME WITH JOY"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 482



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

COMMUNION HYMN • "GOD EXTENDS AN INVITATION"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 486



God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

Stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed be your name, O God,
**for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.**

**Strengthened by this food,
send us as a community following Christ,
to LOVE with an open heart,
GROW with a curious mind,
and SHARE with a generous spirit.**

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

DEACON SENDING

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

The God of glory,
+ Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who live in you,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "GOD, BE THE LOVE TO SEARCH AND KEEP ME"

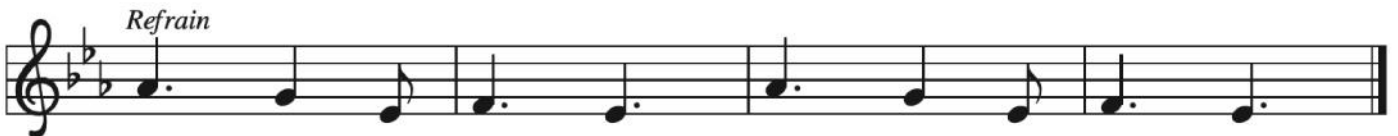
All Creation Sings 1084



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho-ly, great cloud of wit-ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash-ing of light-ning,
4 Walk-ing be-hind to hem my jour-ney, go-ing a-head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up-hold me:
es-en-fold; proph-ets, a-pos-tles, an-gels wit-ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan-et:
light my way, and from be-neath, a-bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

SENDING

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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

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Both services

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- J PRESIDER: Pastor Eric Bostrom.
- J ASSISTING MINISTER: n/a.
- J DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
- J VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- J ALTAR GUILD: Diksha Knierim, Sandy Knierim, Angela Machumu, Dotty Shireman.

8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Terry Freed, Walt Freed, Chris Ray.
- J GREETER: Betsy Tunstall.
- J LECTOR: Eileen Newton.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Flora Larson, Betsy Tunstall.
- J SOUND: Gene Quandt.

10:45 a.m.

- J USHERS: Julie Kibler, Mark Kibler, Erik Knierim (head usher), Marv Rose.
- J GREETER: Linda Roa.
- J ACOLYTES: Nate Schaefer.
- J LECTOR: Chris Schaefer.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Linda Roa, Kandy Rose.
- J SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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LOVE • GROW • SHARE

Worship and Service Retreat / Acolyte Training

TODAY • 12 noon in the Life Together Hall

Third, fourth, and fifth graders and their parents learn about worship and the roles kids can serve in. They will also learn how to acolyte.

Women's Bible Study

Thursday, September 21 • 9:30 a.m. in the Library

Women's Bible Study returns from its summer vacation! All women of the congregation and their friends are welcome to attend this pastor-led Bible study. This study will continue to meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month. If you have any questions, then please contact Barb Edmonds at edmondsbk@comcast.net.

Family BINGO Night

Thursday, September 21 • 6:45 p.m. in the Mountain View Community Ctr

After the MVCC Seeds of Change Community Dinner (at 5:30 p.m.) the MVCC is hosting BINGO. If you will be attending, then please register at www.mtviewcommunitycenter.org/family-connections-events and click on the "Register Here" button above the BINGO poster.

Rock Ministry Play Date

Sunday, September 24, 2023 • 12 noon at Edgewood Community Park

MVLC families are invited to a fellowship event/play date at "Tractor" Park (Edgewood Community Park) immediately following the second worship service.

MVCC Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 28, 2023 • 3:00 p.m. in the MVLC Parking Lot

The event may be a few weeks away, but *now* is time to sign up to be a trunk sponsor and start working on your theme/costume(s). Visit www.mtviewcommunitycenter.org/family-connections-events and click on "Register to Sponsor a Trunk" to do just that.

Save the Dates / Coming Soon

-) *Season of Generosity*. Three Sundays—October 22, October 29, and November 5—and the time in between.
-) *Consecration Sunday*. Sunday, November 5.
-) *Congregational Meeting*. Sunday, November 19.