



*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.*

*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.**

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 243

# **CHURCH at CORINTH**

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*Sunday, April 28, 2024 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Stand.*

# THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*Turn to face the baptismal font.*

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

## **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 • "GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE AND SING!"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 385*



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy Lord,  
within your church,  
your followers have often allowed their disagreements  
to get in the way of being faithful to your word.

Remove any barriers our communities face  
that prevent us from sharing your word  
and building up your church.

**Amen.**

*Sit.*

# ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

*Hymnal Supplement 1991 • "Now the Feast and Celebration" Eucharistic Setting*

*Congregation:*

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

## READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

### Acts 18:1-4

<sup>1</sup>After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, <sup>3</sup>and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together—by trade they were tentmakers. <sup>4</sup>Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## READING

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

### 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

<sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

<sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

*Stand.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY • "RISE, O CHURCH, LIKE CHRIST ARISEN"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 548*



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,  
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low  
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture  
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



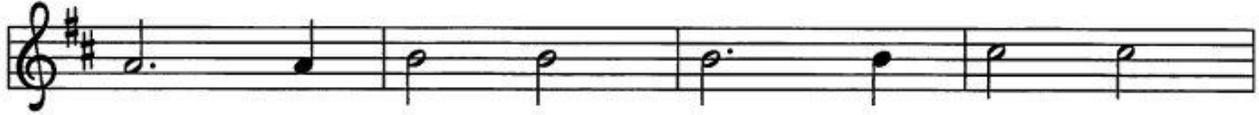
from this meal of love and grace;  
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;  
 God has called us to re - ceive;  
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion  
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed  
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,  
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.  
 to re - lease and to con - sole.  
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.  
 from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



God, the won - der of our days.  
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.  
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.  
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

# CREED

Together, let us 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 THE CHURCH

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen  
and love has triumphed over fear,  
let us pray for the church, the world,  
and all those in need of good news.

*At the conclusion of each petition:*

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer..**

Into your hands, most merciful God,  
we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your abiding love;  
through Jesus Christ,  
our resurrected and living Lord.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Sit.*

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As Jesus gave himself fully for us  
and then appeared to the disciples bringing peace,  
so let us now bring wholeness and healing to others  
through our tithes and gifts.

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



## OFFERTORY

*Stand.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,  
you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**Amen.**



# SANCTUS • "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

*Hymnal Supplement 1991 • "Now the Feast and Celebration" Eucharistic Setting*

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, 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

The risen Christ is made known to us  
in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.

*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.*

## WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE

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"

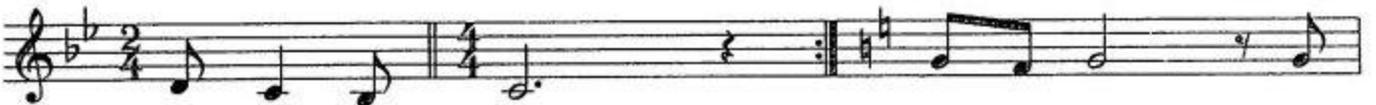
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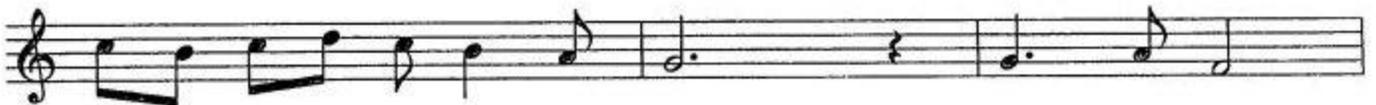
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
you break the chains of ha - tred and  
you are the way of jus - tice and  
you are the way of mer - cy and



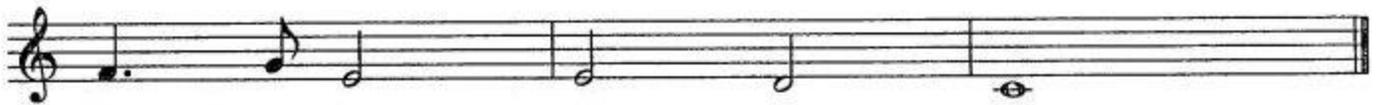
world:  
fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
peace:  
love:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

# COMMUNION HYMN • "ONE BREAD, ONE BODY"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 496



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



wom - an or man, no more.  
one in the Lord of all.  
gath - ered to one for all.

*Refrain*

# COMMUNION HYMN • "UNITED AT THE TABLE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 498

*Refrain*



U - nit - ed at the ta - ble: all our joy is



joined in song. U - nit - ed in the faith:



all our joy to God be - longs.



1 We will praise God, we will sing  
2 We will praise God, we will feast  
3 We will praise God, we will play



al - le - lu - ias with hymns and with psalm - o - dy;  
at the boun - ti - ful ta - ble of life and grace;  
al - le - lu - ias with rhy - thm and in - stru - ments;



we will praise God for the love  
we will praise God and give thanks  
we will praise God for the love



that sus - tains us e - ter - nal - ly.  
for com - mu - nion with ev - 'ry race.  
that in - vites all cre - a - tion to dance.

# COMMUNION HYMN • "I COME WITH JOY"

All Creation Sings 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.

*Stand.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,

**in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.**

**Amen.**

## 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.

Eternal God,

**whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of your Son, that we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## QUILT BLESSING

Almighty God, thank you for all who share their time, talent, and treasure to create these beautiful creations of love to people all over the world. Bless these quilts wherever they end up in the world, that they may provide warmth and security to those who have experienced tragedy, displacement, or who have no other shelter. May all who are wrapped in these quilts feel the goodness of God's warmth and grace. We commission these quilts as an expression of our mission to LOVE with an open heart, GROW with a curious mind, and SHARE with a generous spirit.

**Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN • "THE LORD NOW SENDS US FORTH"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 538*



The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,



to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.



The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain



to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;



that falls to you and me and all who are made free.



Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

## SENDING

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Flowers on the altar today  
are given to the glory of God  
by the MVLC Altar Guild.*

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## ADULT EDUCATION

**9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in April and May**

This morning, Pastor Bri and the youth and mentors of the Rock Ministry middle school/high school class lead us in learning about the LOVE, GROW, and SHARE poles that were recently created and installed on our campus.

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### Both services

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- J PRESIDER: Pastor Eric Bostrom.
- J ASSISTING MINISTER: Kevin Dahl.
- J MUSIC LEADER: Daniel Schreiner.
- J VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- J ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Harris, Janet Larson, Mervina Sturgeon.

### 8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Joe Anderson, Janice Harrison, Skip Harrison (head usher), Gary Larson.
- J GREETER: Flora Larson.
- J ACOLYTE: Penelope Neptun.
- J LECTOR: Michelle Schweikl.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Jeanne Anderson, Kathy Harris.
- J SOUND: Tore Sleveland.

### 10:45 a.m.

- J USHERS: Diksha Knierim, Erik Knierim (head usher), Lindy Nelson, Marlene Wright.
- J GREETERS: Deborah VanderLey, Scott VanderLey.
- J ACOLYTES: Alison Hutton, Colin Hutton.
- J LECTOR: John Dahle.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Ellen Leapaltdt, Diane Nelson.
- J SOUND: Megan Hutton.

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**10.2%**

of youth will be diagnosed with a substance use disorder in their lifetime.

**1 in 5**

Teens & young adults lives with a mental health condition.

**20%**

of youth and young adults will contemplate suicide.

*Source: National Council for Mental Wellbeing*

# YOU CAN SAVE A LIFE

## WHY YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand & respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among children and adolescents ages 6-18.

### FREE WORKSHOP

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**Mountain View Lutheran Church**

**3505 122nd Ave E**

**Edgewood, WA 98372**

*Includes instructional materials and light lunch*

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Teachers & School Staff

Coaches & Camp Counselors

Youth Group Leaders

Parents

ANY Adults who Work with Youth

### WHAT THIS WORKSHOP COVERS:

How to connect the youth with help.

Common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges in youth.

Common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges.

How to interact with a child or adolescent in crisis.

Trauma, substance use, and the impact of social media and bullying.

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