

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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that are spoken by a leader are in regular type.

**Words spoken by the assembly are in boldface type.**

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# REFORMATION DAY

*Sunday, October 31, 2021 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.*

## ▪ Gathering ▪

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

### Prelude

*Debbie Hushagen*

### Welcome and Announcement

# Gathering Dialogue

From the beginning of time  
to the thousandth generation,  
**be still and know that I am God.**

Though the earth should change,  
though its foundations be shaken,  
**be still and know that I am God.**

Should the church rise or fall,  
Should it be divided or stand as one,  
**be still and know that I am God.**

Whether or not households uphold the covenant  
and remember the steadfast love of the Lord,  
**be still and know that I am God.**

When justice and mercy are made known,  
When the Kingdom comes,  
**be still and know that I am God.**

## 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 • "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 504*

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.



GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING, AND SONG

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord,  
we thank you that your Holy Spirit  
renews the church in every age.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people.

Keep us steadfast in your word,  
protect and comfort us in times of trial,  
defend us against all enemies of the gospel,  
and bestow on the church your saving peace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

## Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 46

*Psalms for All Seasons, 46D, alternate refrain 2*

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

*Lector reads verses; **congregation sings refrain.***

C G C F

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that

D G C F C F C G7 C

I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**Refrain.**



There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.  
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.  
The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

***Refrain.***

Come, behold the works of the Lord;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.  
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.  
“Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth.”  
The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

***Refrain.***

# Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

## Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Gospel Acclamation • “Alleluia”

*Holy Communion: Tree of Life Setting*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia,



Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For



you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -



ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

# Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 8:31-36

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Sermon

Pastor Briana R. Merkle.

# Hymn of the Day • "No Longer Strangers"

Gather, Second Edition 532 / Worship & Praise 102



1 We once were lost;  
2 We once were cut off;  
3 We who once were dead,



with - out hope, with - out God; but now in Christ  
but now we are brought near, for Christ is our  
now we . . . live in the light, we fol - low Christ



Je - sus, we have been found—  
peace, . . . we were bro - ken, now whole— one  
Je - sus, a - bun - dant in grace— who



saved by the prom - ise of God!  
spir - it, one bod - y of Christ!  
saved us, who raised us to life!



No long - er stran - gers, no long - er lost and a - lone!



No long - er stran - gers, now we are



saints! We are one in the house of God!

# Nicene Creed

Together, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



# Prayers of the Church

Set free from sin and death  
and nourished by the word of truth,  
we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

*At the conclusion of each petition:*

A mighty fortress is our God,  
**on earth You have no equal.**

Confident that you hear us, O God,  
we boldly place our prayers into your hands;  
through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

**Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**



GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

## Offering

We give to the Lord of our tithes and offerings.

*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](http://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.”

*For those worshiping in person, you are invited to leave your offering in the offering plates located in the side aisles as you come forward for Holy Communion.*

# Offertory

*“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” • arr. Don Neptun  
MVLC Worship Band*

## Offertory Response

*Sung to the tune of “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.”*

**God’s Word shall stand above the pow’rs,  
shall end all their thanksgiving.**

**The Spirit and the gifts are ours,  
for God with us is living.**

**Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
though all of these be gone,  
they yet have nothing won.**

**The kingdom’s our forever!**

# Offering Prayer

Together, we pray.

**God of abundance,  
you cause streams to break forth in the desert  
and manna to rain from the heavens.**

**Accept the gifts you have first given us.**

**Unite them with the offering of our lives  
to nourish the world you love so dearly;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

# Great Thanksgiving

May God our refuge be with you!  
**And also with you!**

People of God, lift your hearts to the One who created you.  
**We offer them to God,  
who writes words of hope upon our hearts.**

God's children, come to the Table of grace.  
**We will feast on the wonders  
of the God who loves us.**

You took creation by the hand,  
leading it out of chaos,  
as the first morning dawned,  
mountains trembling in the mist,  
running rivers which gladdened your heart.

God of our lives,  
you created all this for us,  
giving us peace and righteousness  
to be our playmates in the fields of grace.

But when we beheld the works  
of temptation, sin, and death,  
we became their slaves,  
writing their lies on our hearts.

Longing to be our God,  
you sent the prophets  
to call us to be your people,  
but we refused to listen.

Finally, Jesus came, the bearer  
of truth and freedom for all.

With those whose hearts are broken,  
and those who long for your days of peace,  
we sing our thanksgiving to you:

# 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.**

**Your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us our daily bread.**

**Amen.**

What does this mean?

**In fact, God gives daily bread without our prayer,  
even to all evil people,  
but we ask in this prayer that God cause us to recognize  
what our daily bread is and to receive it with thanksgiving.**

What does “daily bread” mean?

**Everything included in the necessities  
and nourishment for our bodies;  
such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, farm, fields,  
livestock, money, property, an upright spouse, upright children,  
upright members of the household, upright and faithful leaders,  
good government, good weather, peace, health, decency, honor,  
good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.**

# Communion

All who hunger and thirst, come.

The table is ready.

# 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.*

*Please leave your attendance slips in the offering plates when coming forward for communion.*

## 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 • “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 512*



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

# Communion Song • "Seed, Scattered and Sown"

Worship & Praise 121

*Refrain*

C G Am F G C C<sup>7</sup>

Seed, scat-tered and sown; wheat, gath-ered and grown;

F G C C/B Am Dm<sup>7</sup> Gsus G

bread, bro-ken and shared as one, the Liv-ing Bread of God.

C G Am F G C C<sup>7</sup> F G

Vine, fruit of the land; wine, work of our hands; one cup that is

C C/B Am Dm<sup>7</sup> C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> G C (C) G

shared by all; the Liv-ing Cup, the Liv-ing Bread of God.

Am G F C

1 Is not the bread we break a  
2 The seed which falls on rock will  
3 As wheat up - on the hills was

Dm G C E

shar - ing in our Lord? Is not the  
with - er and our will die. The seed with -  
gath - ered and was grown, so may the

Am F G G<sup>7</sup> *Refrain*

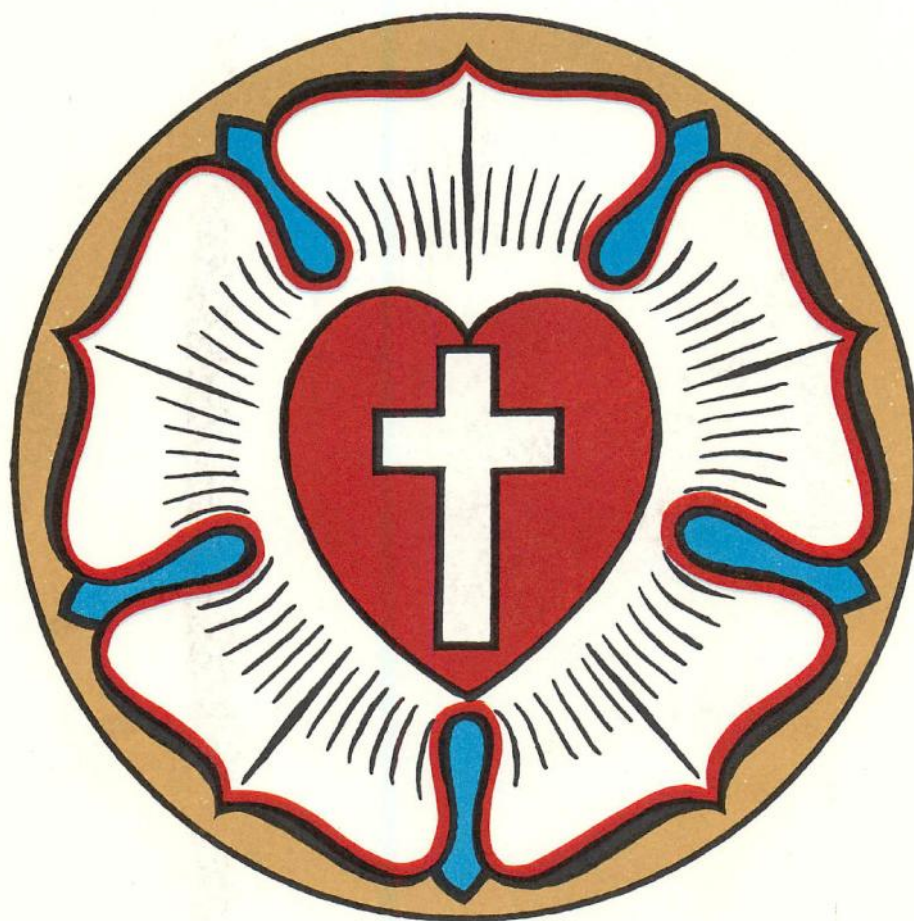
cup we bless the blood of Christ out - poured?  
in good ground the will flow - er and have life.  
church of God be gath - ered in - to one.

# Prayer after Communion

Lord of life,  
in the gift of your body and blood  
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.

Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,  
bearing witness to the abundance of your love  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**



# • Sending •

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD

## 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.

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

*Psalm 126*

People of God,  
you are Christ's body,  
bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, + one God,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn • "We Are All One in Mission"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 576*



- 1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
- 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit-ness in God's name.
- 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

# Sending

God's Word forever shall abide.

**The Kingdom's ours forever!**

# Postlude

*Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God  
by Mary Finney  
in memory of her parents.*

# Worship Attendance

*For those participating in worship from home,  
please register your worship attendance online at  
[www.mtviewlutheran.org/worshipattendance](http://www.mtviewlutheran.org/worshipattendance)*

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### Both services

- ) PREACHER: Pastor Briana Merkle.
- ) PRESIDER: Pastor Kim Latterell.
- ) WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Pastor Glenn Petersen.
- ) MUSIC LEADER: Dan Schreiner.
- ) CANTOR: Debbie Hushagen.
- ) VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- ) ALTAR GUILD: Flora Larson, Karen Lonn, Diane Nelson, Helen Oren.

### 8:15 a.m.

- ) USHERS: Fred Albert (head usher), Joe Anderson, Gary Larson.
- ) GREETER: Michelle Schweikl.
- ) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Flora Larson, Genie Lennon.
- ) LECTOR: Jeanne Anderson.
- ) BAND: Rod Ray, guitar.
- ) SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

### 10:45 a.m.

- ) USHERS: Erik Knierim, Keith Wright, Bob Yost.
- ) GREETER: Diksha Knierim.
- ) ACOLYTES: Alison Hutton, Colin Hutton.
- ) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Barry Johnsrud, Gretchen Johnsrud.
- ) LECTOR: Carol Petesen.
- ) BAND: Debbie Hushagen, keyboards; Jim Hushagen, guitar; Bill Kohler, bass; Joan Kohler, flute.
- ) SOUND: Megan Hutton

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# Spending Guideline and Benevolences

**Sunday, November 7, 2021 • 9:30 a.m. • Life Together Hall**

The Finance Committee will present the proposed Spending Guideline for 2022, particularly looking forward to a year where we will add a pastor and other vital new staff members. Additionally, the Peace and Justice Ministry Group will update the congregation on Benevolences for the year and share the process they've been working on to evaluate and nominate benevolence recipients.

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## DEVOTED to the FELLOWSHIP in CHRIST Consecration Breakfast / Consecration Sunday

**Sunday, November 14, 2021**

We gather for a day to renew our personal commitment to do God's work on earth through our time, prayer, service, and financial giving. You are invited to a fellowship breakfast between services at 9:30 a.m. and then to lay your commitment card before the altar during the worship service you attend. In each of these acts, we are together renewed in our commitment to this fellowship in Christ.

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## Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, November 21, 2021 • 12 noon • Life Together Hall**

We gather to learn about the mission and ministry of Mountain View Lutheran, as well as vote to approve the 2022 Spending Guideline.

*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.*

—ACTS 2:39

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

—ACTS 2:42