

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 elbowbump anyone but for immediate family members you are seated with.
- ) Please do not attend worship if you are currently sick with any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, nausea, or diarrhea.
- ) Please do not attend worship if you had close personal contact with anyone who has been diagnosed or is awaiting test results for COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
- Notify the Church Office if you receive a positive COVID-19 test result within 7 days of attending a worship service. Your name will be kept anonymous unless required for reporting to the Department of Health...

#### On the cover:

During the season of Epiphany, we often focus on themes and imagery of light. This year, however, we are highlighting the Jerusalem Cross., which features a large cross at center with four smaller crosses in the quadrants created by the central cross. This cross symbolizes (a) the Five Wounds of Christ; (b) Jesus and the four evangelists/gospels; and/or the Gospel being spread to the four corners of creation. While it was used as a cross of the Crusaders during medieval times, it's more modern usage is as a symbol of evangelism: the Good News of Jesus Christ being proclaimed throughout the world. We are incorporating it into imagery found in the stories of the Gospel texts during this season of light, Good News, and sharing the Word of God. Each week will also feature songs from different nations and Christian communities from around the globe.

# transfiguration of our Lord

Sunday, February 27, 2022 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

# 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 the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

#### Amen.

The "Kyrie" on the facing page is sung once through.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from you
when you did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.

Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

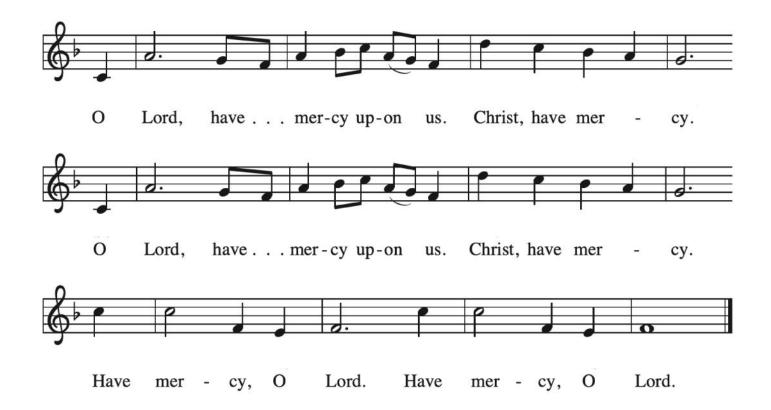
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Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

#### Amen.

# **Kyrie** • "O Lord, Have Mercy"

All Creation Sings, Holy Communion Setting 11



# 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** • "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 834



# Prayer of the Day

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

# First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 99 • "We Are His People"

Martin Foster

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



Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

\*Refrain.\*

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. *Refrain*.

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. *Refrain.* 

# Second Reading

A reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians.

## 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

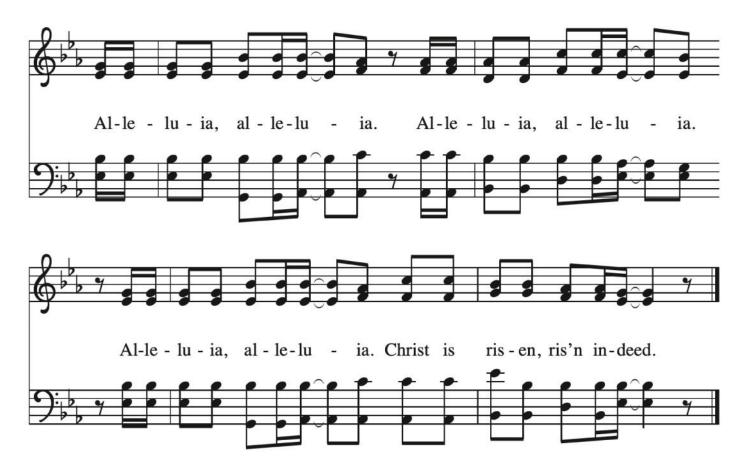
Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# Gospel Acclamation • "Alleluia"

All Creation Sings, Holy Communion Setting 11



# Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of our Lord.

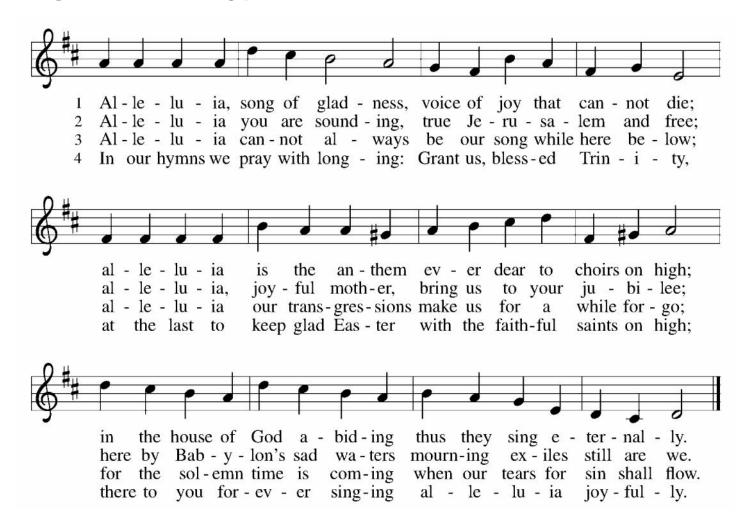
Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon

Pastor Briana R. Merkle.

# **Hymn of the Day •** "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 318



## 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

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

# Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

# 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

- *y* 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.
- J 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

"Turn Around" MVLC Sanctuary Choir Joan Kohler, flute; Don Neptun, guitar

# Offering Prayer

Together, we pray.

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

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, 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, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light.

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"

All Creation Sings, Holy Communion Setting 11



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, 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 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

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

# 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"

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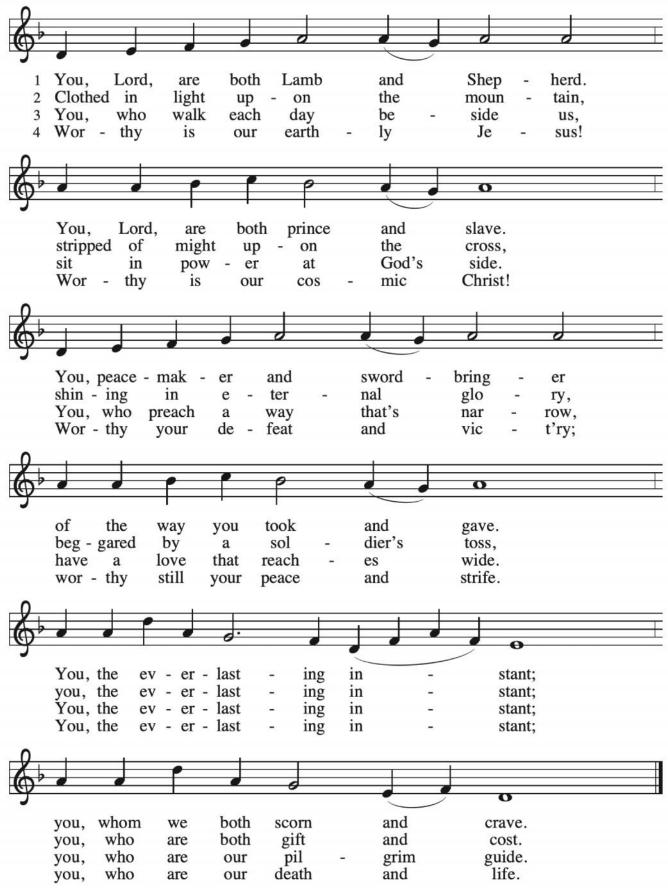


# **Communion Hymn •** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 631



# **Communion Hymn** • "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd" *All Creation Sings 954*



# Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

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.

Compassionate God,

as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Blessing

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

#### Amen.

# **Sending Hymn** • "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 671



# Sending

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

# Postlude

Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Lucine Lane in memory of Jim Lane and Aaron Lane.

# Worship Notes

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#### Worship leaders include:

#### Both services

- PREACHER and PRESIDER: Pastor Briana Merkle.
- WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Ken Edmonds.
- DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
- VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- ALTAR GUILD: Diksha Knierim, Sandy Knierim, Diane Nelson, Karen Slavens.

#### 8:15 a.m.

- USHERS: Fred Albert (head usher), Janice Harrison, Skip Harrison.
- GREETERS: Anne Roff.
- COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Genie Lennon, Anne Roff.
- LECTOR: Diane Tyler.
- SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

#### 10:45 a.m.

- USHERS: Ken Johnson, Terry Johnson, Bob Yost (head usher).
- GREETER: Cathy Kostelecky.
- ACOLYTES: Camdon Cornell, Tristan Cornell.
- COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Carolee Berntsen, Bob Linden.
- LECTOR: Amy Lewis.
- ) SOUND: Megan Hutton.

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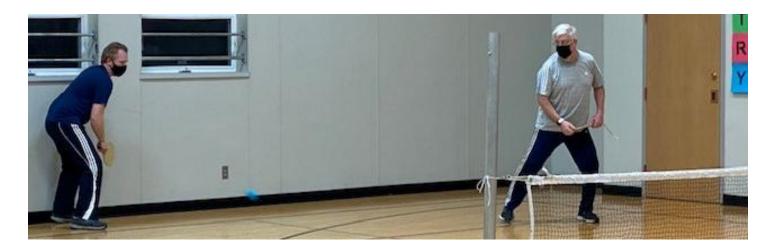


## FIRST FRIDAY FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Friday, March 4, 2022 • 6:30 p.m. in the Education Building

All are welcome. Bring a favorite game to play or snacks to share.

(It's also a Youth Hangout Night: a progressive Lent-themed night with the Puyallup 12:12 youth group. Meet at MVLC at 6:30. RSVP to Pastor Bri.)



#### PICKLEBALL

Various dates\* • 6:00 p.m. in the Gym

All are welcome. No experience necessary. Equipment will be provided.

\*First, third, and fifth Thursdays. Second and fourth Fridays.

# Upcoming Events in Life Together

## "Shrove Sunday" Pancake Breakfast

TODAY • 9:30 a.m. • Life Together Hall We celebrate together prior to the start of Lent.

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#### Soup and Bread Lunch

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 • 11:30 a.m. • Life Together Hall We gather for lunch prior to our afternoon Ash Wednesday worship service.

## Ash Wednesday Worship Service • afternoon

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. • Sanctuary "From dust you have come and to dust you shall return."

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#### Soup and Bread Dinner

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 • 6:00 p.m. • Life Together Hall We gather for dinner prior to our evening Ash Wednesday worship service.

### Ash Wednesday Worship Service • evening

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 • 7:00 p.m. • Sanctuary We remember our mortality and that we are created beings.

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#### Out of the Wilderness to Bath and Table • Lenten Midweek Worship

Wednesday evenings • 3/9 + 3/16 + 3/23 + 3/30 + 4/6Soup and bread dinner at 6:00 p.m. • Lenten Midweek Worship at 7:00 p.m. In our human brokenness, we live in a wilderness of sin and separation from God. As a people we have also endured a COVID wilderness as we have "wandered" through despair and division during the pandemic. Yet, in our wilderness, through God's grace and forgiveness, God provides us the Means of Grace through Baptism (Bath) and Holy Communion (Table) to lead us safely out of the wilderness of life. Come and explore these themes of wilderness, Bath, and Table as we gather together for worship.