

FOR WE DID NOT FOLLOW CLEVERLY DEvised MYTHS WHEN WE MADE KNOWN TO YOU THE POWER AND COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, BUT WE HAD BEEN EYEWITNESSES OF HIS MAJESTY. FOR HE RECEIVED HONOR AND GLORY FROM GOD THE FATHER WHEN THAT VOICE WAS CONVEYED TO HIM BY THE MAJESTIC GLORY, SAYING, "THIS IS MY SON, MY BELOVED, WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED." WE OURSELVES HEARD THIS VOICE COME FROM HEAVEN, WHILE WE WERE WITH HIM ON THE HOLY MOUNTAIN.

SO WE HAVE THE PROPHETIC MESSAGE MORE FULLY CONFIRMED. YOU WILL DO WELL TO BE ATTENTIVE TO THIS AS TO A LAMP SHINING IN A DARK PLACE, UNTIL THE DAY DAWNS AND THE MORNING STAR RISES IN YOUR HEARTS. FIRST OF ALL YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THIS, THAT NO PROPHECY OF SCRIPTURE IS A MATTER OF ONE'S OWN INTERPRETATION, BECAUSE NO PROPHECY EVER CAME BY HUMAN WILL, BUT MEN AND WOMEN MOVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT SPOKE FROM GOD.

BUT FALSE PROPHETS ALSO AROSE AMONG THE PEOPLE, JUST AS THERE WILL BE FALSE TEACHERS AMONG YOU, WHO WILL SECRETLY BRING IN DESTRUCTIVE OPINIONS. THEY WILL EVEN DENY THE MASTER WHO BOUGHT THEM—BRINGING SWIFT DESTRUCTION ON THEMSELVES. EVEN SO, MANY WILL FOLLOW THEIR LICENTIOUS WAYS, AND BECAUSE OF THESE TEACHERS THE WAY OF TRUTH WILL BE MALIGNED. THEY HAVE LEFT THE STRAIGHT ROAD AND HAVE GONE ASTRAY, FOLLOWING THE ROAD OF BALAAM SON OF BOSOR, WHO LOVED THE WAGES OF DOING WRONG, BUT WAS REBUKED FOR HIS OWN TRANSGRESSION; A SPEECHLESS DONKEY SPOKE WITH A HUMAN VOICE AND RESTRAINED THE PROPHET'S MADNESS. THESE ARE WATERLESS SPRINGS AND MISTS DRIVEN BY A STORM; FOR THEM THE DEEPEST DARKNESS HAS BEEN RESERVED. FOR THEY SPEAK BOMBASTIC NONSENSE, AND WITH LICENTIOUS DESIRES OF THE FLESH THEY ENTICE PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST ESCAPED FROM THOSE WHO LIVE IN ERROR. THEY PROMISE THEM FREEDOM, BUT THEY THEMSELVES ARE SLAVES OF CORRUPTION; FOR PEOPLE ARE SLAVES TO WHATEVER MASTERS THEM.

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.**

SUMMER NARRATIVE LECTIONARY

# Time after Pentecost: **2 PETER 2**

*Sunday, July 9, 2023 • 9:30 a.m.*

PRELUDE

*“Lord, My Strength”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Stand.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of our neighbors.

*Kneel or stand.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We have hurt our community.**  
**We have squandered your blessings.**  
**We have hoarded your bounty.**  
**In the name of Jesus,**  
**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

# DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy:

you are freed and forgiven

in the name of + Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**


*Stand.*

## KYRIE • "KYRIE"

*With One Voice 601 • Ghana*



1,3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

## 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 • "TRANSFORM US"

Gather, Third Edition 878



1. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured,  
2. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured,  
3. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured,



Stood a - part on Ta - bor's height.  
Once spoke with those ho - ly ones.  
Would not stay with - in a shrine.



Lead us up our sa - cred moun - tains,  
We, sur - round - ed by the wit - ness  
Keep us from our great temp - ta - tion—



Search us with re - veal - ing light.  
Of those saints whose work is done,  
Time and truth we quick - ly bind.



Lift us from where we have fall - en,  
Live in this world as your Bod - y,  
Lead us down those dai - ly path - ways



Full of ques - tions, filled with fright.  
Cho - sen daugh - ters, cho - sen sons.  
Where our love is not con - fined.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Eternal God,  
you have given us prophets and witnesses  
to pass down knowledge of Jesus Christ  
and his saving grace for all people.

Give us the wisdom to receive and to pass on the testimony of the faithful,  
for you are the way, the truth, and the life,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Sit.*

## ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE • "CELTIC ALLELUIA"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 174*

*Sing twice.*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the 'Celtic Alleluia'. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff also ends with a double bar line.

## READING

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter.

### 2 Peter 1:16—2:2, 15-19

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I intend to keep on reminding you of these things, though you know them already and are established in the truth that has come to you. <sup>13</sup>I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, <sup>14</sup>since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. <sup>15</sup>And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

<sup>1</sup>But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive opinions. They will even deny the Master who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. <sup>2</sup>Even so, many will follow their licentious ways, and because of these teachers the way of truth will be maligned.

<sup>15</sup>They have left the straight road and have gone astray, following the road of Balaam son of Bosor, who loved the wages of doing wrong, <sup>16</sup>but was rebuked for his own transgression; a speechless donkey spoke with a human voice and restrained the prophet's madness.

<sup>17</sup>These are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm; for them the deepest darkness has been reserved. <sup>18</sup>For they speak bombastic nonsense, and with licentious desires of the flesh they entice people who have just escaped from those who live in error. <sup>19</sup>They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption; for people are slaves to whatever masters them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



# CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

*Stand.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY • "LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 765*



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:  
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

# 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

Trusting in God's abundant mercy,  
let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

*At the conclusion of each petition:*

God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God,  
in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Sit.*

## OFFERING

“Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” —LUKE 12:33-34

Where is your heart when you come to church? Is it in your family? Is it on your wealth? Is it on your limitations? I want to invite you today to sow and eternal legacy by giving to God from the treasures you cannot take with you.

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



## OFFERTORY

*“Dona Nobis Pacem”  
Instrumental trio*

*Stand.*

# OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "THANKS TO GOD, AUTHOR OF LIVING"

Samoa

Thanks to God, au - thor - of - liv - ing, who has nur - tured us with

grace, free - ly lov - ing and for - giv - ing, leav - ing none with - out em -

brace. We bring prais - es and thanks - giv - ing. Al - le -

*We bring prais - es and thanks - giv - ing, Al - le,*

lu - ia joy - fully sing. We bring prais - es and thanks -

*Al - le - lu - ia joy - fully joy - fully sing. We bring, we bring prais - es and thanks -*

giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia joy - fully sing.

*giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia joy - fully sing.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things.

Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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"

All Creation Sings • Holy Communion, Setting 11 • Puerto Rico



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er 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.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

# THE LORD'S PRAYER • "CAMBODIAN LORD'S PRAYER"

*Global Choral Songs • Cambodia*



Our\_ Fa - ther, who\_ art in heav - en, hal-lowed be thy name,



thy\_ king-dom come, thy\_ will be done, here on\_earth as it is\_ in\_ heav'n.



Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and\_ for - give our tres - pass - es,



Lord, for-give as we for-give those who tres-pass a - gainst\_ us;



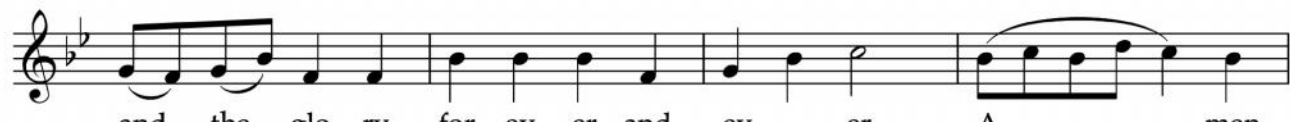
for-give us, Lord, for - give us, Lord. And lead us not in - to temp-tation,



lead us\_ not; but de-liv-er us from e - vil, Lord, we\_ pray your



mer - cy. For yours is the king - dom, and\_ the\_ pow - er



and\_ the\_ glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men,



a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.



## COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table.

Come, eat what is good.

*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"

Sweden




Lamb of God who takes our\_ guilt a - way,



Lamb of God who\_ takes our\_ guilt a - way,



Lamb of God who\_ takes our\_ guilt a - way, re -



deem - ing, re - leas - ing, re - liev - ing\_ grace.\_\_\_\_\_

# COMMUNION HYMN • "I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 611*



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - 'ling days are done.

# COMMUNION HYMN • "TAKE AND EAT"

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## Refrain



Take and eat; take and eat: this is my bod - y



giv-en up for you. Take and drink; take and drink:



this is my blood giv - en up for you.

## Verses



1. I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
2. I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;
3. I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;
4. I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid;
5. I am the light that came in - to the world;
6. I am the first and last, the Liv - ing One;



I am the seed that died to be re - born;  
I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;  
I am the gate that guards you night and day;  
A cho - sen stone and pre - cious in his eyes;  
I am the light that dark - ness can - not hide;  
I am the Lord who died that you might live;



I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;  
I am the life that rais - es up the dead;  
You are my flock: you know the shep-herd's voice;  
You are God's dwell - ing place, on me you rest;  
I am the morn - ing star that nev - er sets;  
I am the bride-groom, this my wed - ding song;



I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.  
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.  
You are my own: your ran - som is my blood.  
Like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.  
Lift up your face, in you my light will shine.  
You are my bride, come to the mar - riage feast.

# COMMUNION HYMN • "O LORD, WE PRAISE YOU"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 499



1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you, in thanks -  
2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en, life to  
3 Lord God, be - stow on us your grace and fa - vor, that we



giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your  
win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
fol - low Christ our Sav - ior and live to -



bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that  
love than this to you could bind us; may this feast of  
geth - er here in love and u - nion, nor re - pent this



they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!  
that re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
blest com - mu - nion. O Lord, have mer - cy!



May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our  
Lord, your kind - ness so much did move you that your  
Let not your good Spir - it for - sake us; by this



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead  
blood now moves us to love you. All our debt you have paid;  
ho - ly ban - quet re - make us. Give your church, Lord, to see



in all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!  
days of peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

Stand.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, generous God,  
**for the refreshment we have received  
at your banquet table.**

**Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**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.

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

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead  
our Lord Jesus, + the great shepherd of the sheep,  
by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will,  
working among us that which is pleasing in his sight,  
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

**Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN • "LORD, MY STRENGTH"

Worship & Praise 93



1 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me through the dark;  
 2 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, you and you a - lone:



Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, heal this wan - d'ring heart.  
 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me safe - ly home.



Be my eyes, be my ears, be the on -  
 Ev-'ry step that I make, be the road



- ly voice I hear; guide my soul, give me sight,  
 I will take; be the thoughts that I keep



help me walk with - in your light.  
 and in ev - 'ry word I speak.



3 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me through the dark;



Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, heal this wan - d'ring heart.



Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, you and you a - lone:



Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me safe - ly home.



## 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 Kay Coody and Kathy Harris  
in memory of their parents  
Albert and Helen Jansen.*

*Join us immediately after worship for a brunch celebrating  
Pastor Eric's 20 years of ordained ministry!*

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For children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade.

MVLC families with pre-K children (ages 4 or 5) can register your kids with the kindergarten class.

We ask that visiting families stick with the K through Grade 5 age range.

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Songs.

Bible stories.

Crafts.

Snacks.

Games.

Fellowship and friends.



## Mountain View Lutheran Church Day with the Rainiers

**Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Game time: 1:35PM • Gate time: 12PM**

Join in on the fun for an afternoon of baseball  
at Cheney Stadium!

The Tacoma Rainiers take on the Salt Lake Bees.

**GROUP EXPRESS TICKET- \$15:**

- RESERVED SEAT TICKET
- BALLPARK MEAL (HOT DOG, SNACK ITEM & BOTTLED WATER)
- GROUP VIDEO BOARD RECOGNITION



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