Messiah Lutheran Church July 28, 2024 11:00 am Worship

Welcome to the Lord's House

Welcome to Messiah! Whether you're a member, a returning guest, or maybe this is your first time at Messiah, we welcome you to this time of worship. During our time together, we hope that you experience the presence and love of God in a profound and life-changing way! May the music shared stir you, may the prayers offered comfort you, and may the proclaimed Word of God challenge you to live with a new passion and purpose. Again, we are honored that you have chosen to worship here today. Let's give God all glory and praise.

First-Time guests, we invite you to look through the "Welcome to Messiah" brochure found in the attendance card slot on the pew in front of you. If you have any questions, please talk to an usher. For families with young children, there is a Cry room available at the back of the Sanctuary.

Once we enter God's House, we pray that our hearts are changed, and that His perspective becomes ours; that we release the cares of this world, and bask in the beauty of His holiness; that we give Him whatever burdens our heart, and find the Spirit's peace that passes all human understanding; that we learn more about Jesus through His Word, and the joy that comes from a closer walk with the Lord.

"Be thoughtful-be silent-be reverent; for this is the house of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord; During the service, let the Lord speak to you; After the service, speak to one another."

If a song is being sung, words are provided on the screens at the front of the sanctuary. We invite you to sing along, or meditate on the song's message.

 O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory. Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You.

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen. 2



Lutheran Service Book. Concordance contains an alphabetical listing of key words in the texts of the hymnal. Although it might seem to be structured for church professionals choosing hymns for services, it has *value for all people* in the church. Paging through the book, it is easy to discover what words are frequently repeated in hymns—words that are important to singers of Christian songs. Among frequently repeated words are "eternal," "forever," "everlasting," "endless," "eternally," and "eternity." There is no time limit to the relationship God has with His faithful people. P=Pastor C=Congregation

In the Invocation,

we "invoke" God's presence by repeating the name in which we were baptized by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. THE PRESERVICE PRAISE "Praise You in this Storm"

Į THE GREETING

THE SONG OF INVOCATION "Forever"

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King. His love endures forever. For He is good, He is above all things. His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, His love endures forever. For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise.

Chorus: Forever God is faithful! Forever God is strong! Forever God is with us, forever! Forever God is faithful! Forever God is strong! Forever God is with us, forever, forever!

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever. And by the grace of God we will carry on! His love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise. **Chorus**

THE INVOCATION

- P: We celebrate in victory today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!
- P: Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
- C: Enter not into judgment with Your servant, for no one living is righteous before You.
- P: Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul.
- C: Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God! Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

- P: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
- C: The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

THE CONFESSION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

- P: It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in the Small Catechism informs and directs us with these words, which summarizes it well. Confession has two parts: First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven. Humble yourselves, then, before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.
- C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. By nature I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.
 - P: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

C: Amen.

P: As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

In the Confession,

we bare our souls before the Lord, admitting our sins and accepting responsibility for the harm they caused in our relationships with God and with each other. (1 John 1:8-9; Rom. 3:23)

The pastor then speaks God's Word to give the forgiveness Jesus won for us on the cross. (John 20:23)

In the Collect,

The pastor and congregation greet each other as the angel greeted Mary at her annunciation. (Luke 1:28) The phrase also indicates the special relationship between the pastor and the congregation.

We call this prayer a "Collect" because it collects the themes of the lessons and puts them into a prayer.

The First Lesson

is taken from a book of the Old Testament, and is found on page 7 in the pew Bible. It coordinates with the Gospel lesson. A pattern of Scripture readings for each week of the year comes from the Old Testament. Jesus also kept this practice.

The Second

Lesson is generally from St. Paul's letters, and is found on page 977 in the pew Bible. We may read through an entire book over several weeks.

The Gospel Song may change weekly or the ordinary verse is from John 6:68.

We rise for the Holy Gospel as we would stand for Jesus Himself, since the Gospel is His living Word to us.

Line FIRST LESSON Genesis 9:8-17

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth.¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹² And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷ God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

THE SECOND LESSON Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL SONG "Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You, I want to see You. To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory, Pour out Your power and love, as we sing "Holy, Holy, Holy."

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy we want to see You. Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy we want to see You.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 6:45-52

⁴⁵ Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night^[a] he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰ for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹ And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵² for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH-The Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Gospel Lesson is selected according to the season or festival Sunday of the Church Year, and is found on page 818 in the pew Bible.

We respond to the Word of God with an acclamation of praise, and then by confessing our faith.

The Apostles'

Creed dates from about 75 AD and was used in the instruction of those to be baptized. We are confessing our personal faith.

The Sermon Hymn may coordinate with the Gospel lesson, or with the pastor's sermon topic.

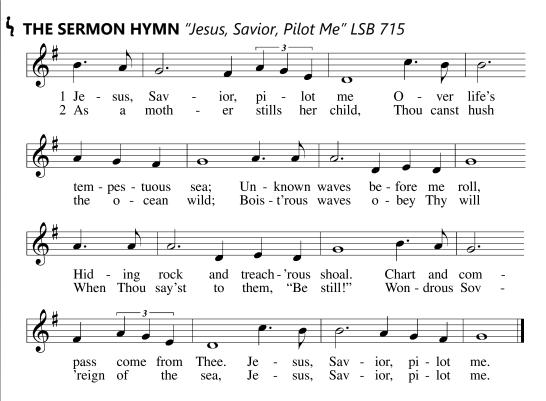
The Sermon

applies God's Word to our lives and helps to equip us to fulfill our baptismal calling to new life in Christ.

We present our gifts to God to symbolize the offering of ourselves to the Lord, saying thank You to God, and showing we trust Him to supply all our needs. (Romans 12:1)

After the Offering Prayer,

we ask all of those watching the service on the live stream, please fill out an attendance card. If you have any special prayer requests, you will find a space for this online as well.



THE SERMON "Jesus meant to 'PASS BY THEM ... '"

- 1. Jesus saw the disciples' struggle.
- 2. Jesus meant to "pass by them..."
- 3. Jesus got into the boat with them and stopped the struggle.
- 4. Jesus gets into our boats of struggle and gives us Himself.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" LSB 715

When at last I near the shore and the fearful breakers roar Twixt me and the peaceful rest,

Then, while leaning on Thy breast,

May I hear Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pilot thee."

$\boldsymbol{\zeta}$ THE OFFERING PRAYER AND OFFERING

Prayer is one of the marks of the congregation gathered in worship, according to Acts 2:42.

More prayer requests for the week are located in the Announcement Guide.

I THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P: O God of peace, we praise You for the salvation You have given to us through Jesus, and for the Gospel message which declares our victory in Jesus.
- C: May we grow in the knowledge of Your Word, learning to live in Your peace-the peace which passes all human understanding. May we walk each day with feet fitted with the Gospel of peace, so that Satan's lies would not harm us or cause us alarm. Calm our fears, and help us to rest in You.
- P: Almighty God, give Your blessing and guidance to all in authority and the service of government in our land and throughout the world.
- C: Cause them to pursue righteousness and justice in all their dealings that we may live in prosperity and peace.
- P: O Lord, thwart the murderous intentions of the devil by defeating violence and hatred in our world. Give courage to those in authority to carry out their duties to protect the innocent and to punish evildoers.
- C: We stand with our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are persecuted, threatened or even killed for being Christian. Lord, we pray for Your comfort and peace upon their hearts. Work on those whose minds and hearts are consumed with evil and hate, that they may be turned to the peace, hope and love found in You, the only true God.
- P: O Lord Jesus Christ, in Your Blessed Sacrament You give us Your body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.
- C: As we receive these gifts, help us to make confession of the unity You give in this Sacrament. Keep us from impenitence, that all who receive Your body and blood may receive it to their good and the glory of Your holy name.
- P: All these things and whatever else You would have us ask, grant us, Heavenly Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C: Amen.

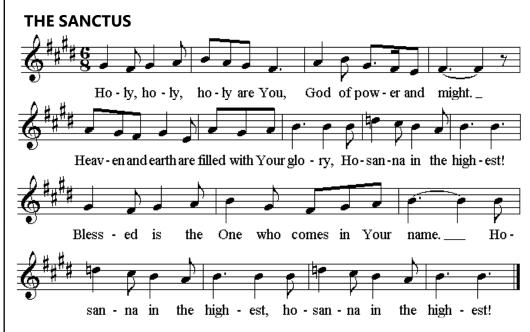
"Sanctus" is the Latin word for holy, and is the name of an important hymn of Christian liturgy. It is sung at the heart of the eucharistic prayer, the prayer of consecration of the bread and wine. The text is taken from Isaiah 6:3, which describes the prophet's vision of the throne of God surrounded by six-winged, ministering seraphim. This text is also influenced by Rev. 4:8. The concluding text. "blessed is He who comes."

The Lord's

Prayer is the prayer Jesus taught to His disciples and to us in His Word. (Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4)

The Words of Institution are a collection of all four Gospel

accounts of the Last Supper, based on the oldest and fullest text found in 1 Corinthians 11.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying:

"Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.



The Agnus Dei is a canticle that found its way into the liturgy as early as the

8th century.

Following Jesus' baptism, John the Baptist acclaims Him as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." John 1:36

A Prayer before Communing-

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let *me find favor in* Your eyes to receive this holv Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

After we receive the Sacrament we hear the comforting words spoken, "The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith to life everlasting."



ζ THE COMMUNION

If you are a guest today, please read page 15 before communing. You are welcome to kneel or stand at the communion rail.

THE COMMUNION SONGS "Come As You Are"

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been. Come broken hearted, let rescue begin. Come find your mercy, Oh sinner, come kneel. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

Chorus: So, lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken- lift up your face. Oh wanderer, come home, you're not too far. So, lay down your hurt, lay down your heart; Come as you are.

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed. Come sit at the table; come taste the grace. There's rest for the weary; rest that endures. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure. **Chorus**

Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are.

There's joy for the morning; Oh sinner, be still. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. **Chorus**

Come as you are.

"Praise You in this Storm"

I was sure by now God You would have reached down And wiped our tears away, stepped in and saved the day. But once again I'll say amen and it's still rainin'.

Pre-chorus:

As the thunder rolls, I barely hear You whisper through the rain "I'm with You."

And as Your mercy falls, I'll raise my hands And praise the God who gives and takes away.

Chorus:

And I'll praise You in this storm and I will lift my hands For You are who You are no matter where I am. And ev'ry tear I've cried You hold in Your hand You never left my side.

And though my heart is torn I will praise You in this storm.

I remember when I stumbled in the wind You heard my cry to You and raised me up again But my strength is almost gone-How can I carry on if I can't find You.

Pre-chorus & Chorus

I lift my eyes unto the hills– where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth! I lift my eyes unto the hills– where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth!

Chorus

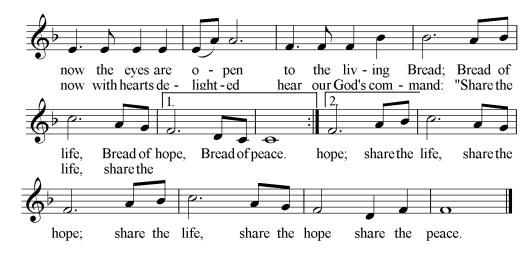


A Prayer after Communing–

Almighty and everlasting God I thank and praise You for feeding me the *life-giving body* and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with mv mouth received the holv Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, My Lord. Amen

"Ask, and it will be given to *you; seek, and* vou will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For evervone who asks receives. and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened." Matthew 7:7–8 The Post-Communion Song. is based on Psalm 105. *The first time* this canticle appeared in the liturgy was in the 4th century. The personal encounter with Christ and His gifts in the Lord's Supper leads indeed to a joyful service to "tell evervone what He has done!" Let us shine His light.





Benediction: the Lord recognizes us as His people, puts His name on us, and fulfills all promises in His name.

The Aaronic

(Num. 6:24-25; Matt. 18:19-20)

We enter to pray and praise and we leave with a renewed commitment to serve and witness!

You are welcome to take this bulletin home and use it for personal devotions this week.

Otherwise, we ask that you return it to an usher. Thank you!

THE BENEDICTION

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 - The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you His peace.

C: Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER

Almighty and Amazing King, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved gift. Keep me in strong faith this week, through the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

¹ THE MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

I THE CLOSING SONG "Less Like Me"

Oh I have days I lose the fight Try my best but just don't get it right Where I talk a talk that I don't walk And miss the moments right before my eyes Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped Somebody with a hand that I could have held When I just can't see past myself, Lord help me be-

Chorus: A little more like mercy, a little more like grace, A little more like kindness, goodness, love and faith A little more like patience, a little more like peace A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.

Serving in the Lord's House Today

PREACHER/ LITURGIST	Rev. Matthew Allen Lee
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Our Response to the Lord Last Week

Weekly Worship Attendance Adult Bible Class Sunday School Attendance	529 154 59
Church Faith Budget	
Given last week	\$ 50,506
Given year to date	\$ 1,386,746
Given year to date last year	\$ 1,404,426
<u>Building Fund</u>	
Given last week	\$ 645
Given year to date	\$ 190,714



In planning for the future, consider including the church in your will.

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

As You come to the Lord's Supper, you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that with Lutheran Christians, you believe His Body and Blood are present and you desire to serve Him as a dynamic disciple in the fellowship of all believers. Our Holy Communion practice is called "CLOSE" communion, not "CLOSED" communion. "Close" communion invites all those who answer the following questions in the affirmative. We DO seek to help each visitor and member, to prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament. If you have not communed with us before, or if you cannot answer yes to the questions below, please speak to our Pastor or an Elder before communing.

- 1. Have I been baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
- 2. Do I believe that I am a sinful human being without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
- 3. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil?
- 4. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His true Body and Blood?
- 5. Do I intend, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to live a Godly life?

At Messiah, Communion is distributed in a manner whereby the individual cup, followed by the common cup, are offered at the same table. Communicants seated in the middle sections of the Sanctuary proceed to the altar first, standing behind the usher. Then the communicants in the side sections will proceed to the altar, also standing behind the usher. This will provide a prayerful setting surrounding the significance of receiving Christ's body and blood.

A light, alcohol-free wine is offered in clear glasses in the individual trays. Gluten-free wafers are available at the usher tables in the back.



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Services available on our Website/YouTube

Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary: 8:30 & 11:00AM (Holy Communion every 2nd and 4th Sunday)

♥ Sunday School & Adult Bible Class: 9:45-10:40AM

MESSIAH LUTHERAN

Wednesday Worship in the Sanctuary: 7:00PM (Holy Communion every Wednesday)



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With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will share God's light as we:

Gladly enter God's House weekly (Worship) —Psalm 122:1 Listen for God's voice. (Discipleship-Bible Study, Quiet Time, Prayer)— John 10:27 Open my heart and hands to serve God. (Ministry) —1 Samuel 12:24 Wholeheartedly love God and my neighbor. (Evangelism/Fellowship-Outreach) —Luke 10:27

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