

SERVICE of WORSHIP
Now the Feast and Celebration

THE PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS
BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection and self examination)

Most merciful God,

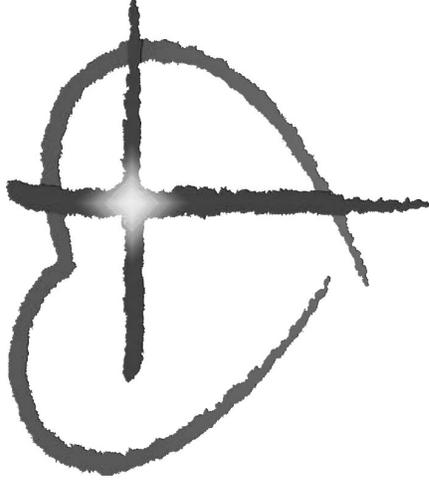
We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

August 22, 2021

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



If you are an online guest today, please leave a record of your visit, below. Thank you!

Online Guest Form

Messiah Lutheran Church

7740 Hwy 72 West, Madison, AL 35758
(256)721-0041 / www.mlutheran.org

HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

229

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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 -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat - ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who

to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom
 your fear it; We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They
 For God him - self fights by our side With

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

Has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 In bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 Goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way,

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.
 They can - not win the day. One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

THE GREETING & KYRIE

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.

THE KYRIE

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Refrain

Assistant: Congregation:

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.
 to Verses

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For you people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:

God. A - men.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "Now the Feast"

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,

all of cre - a - tion sings for joy

to the God of life and love and

free-dom: praise and glo-ry for ev-er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and u-nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *to Refrain*

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

2. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon-or and glo-ry to Christ *to Refrain*

for ev-er.

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of God; to make all things new. *to Refrain*

THE SALUTATION

Presider:

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. *Congregation:*

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...
 God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord.
Amen

TEMPLE TALK: Lutheran World Relief Kits and Quilts

Rhonda Gaede, Jeanette Beamer

BLESSING and SENDING of LWR KITS and QUILTS

SAXOPHONE SOLO: As the Deer

Jayson Perry

THE FIRST LESSON

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

24 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people,

¹⁴ "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods of your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷ for it is the LORD our God who brought

us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed;¹⁸ and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go”

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!

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

THE GOSPEL

John 6:56-69

⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵ And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

God, Whose Almighty Word

400

1 God, whose al - might - y word
 2 Lord, who once came to bring,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three,

dark - ness heard And took their flight:
 deem - ing wing Heal - ing and sight,
 ho - ly dove, Speed forth your fight;
 Trin - i - ty, Wis - dom, love, might!

Hear us, we hum - bly pray, And where the Gos - pel day
 Health to the sick in mind, Sight to the in - ly blind:
 Move on the wa - ter's face Bear - ing the lamp of grace,
 Bound-less as o - cean's tide, Roll - ing in full - est pride,

Sheds not its glo - rious ray,
 Oh, now to hu - man-kind Let there be light!
 And in earth's dark - est place
 Through the earth, far and wide,

THE SERMON

Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Justin Ellers

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 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

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all
 people according to their needs.

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

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting
 in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY: "As the Grains of Wheat"

Refrain *Congregation:*
 As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
 gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;

so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre-a-tion shares this feast with you.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God,
everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release
what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole
lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all
creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider:
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Congregation:
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider:
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

Congregation:
right to give God thanks and praise.

The preface appropriate to the day or season is sung or said.

Presider: It is our duty and delight . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY

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!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"

Congregation:
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

Congregation:
have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

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

grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: "One Bread, One Body"

710

One Bread, One Body

Refrain
One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all;
G C/G GM7 C/G G D Em B

one cup of bless - ing which we bless,
Em D G Em A D D7

and we, though man - y through-out the earth,
G C/G GM7 C/G G D Em B

we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Em D G A D G C/G G

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,

Em D Em D

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

Refrain

Em F Am D

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky
 Here I Am, Lord

752

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G C/G G C/G G D

All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

G Em Am G C Am Am7 D

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin - est bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G C/G G C/G G D

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
 call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you
 lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER
 May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and
 blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen**
 THE BENEDICTION
 THE DISMISSAL
 THE POSTLUDE