



# September 11, 2022

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



*Good Morning and Welcome*

Guests, we are glad you are here. Please fill out the yellow “Connection Card” in the pew and place in the offering. Sound Assistance and unattended nursery with audio available.

[\*\*Online Guest Form\*\*](#)

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**SERVICE of WORSHIP**  
*Healing Service*  
\* Please stand as you are able

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME and 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

## HYMN: “God’s Work, Our Hands”

1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
2 God's work, our feet: trav - ling to - geth - er,  
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
4 God is at work in and a - round us:

build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!

rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,

feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - ring the cold.  
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.

Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,

shar - ing the good news of your Gos - - pel.

### \*THE 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.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

### TEMPLE TALK: *Stewardship*

Dennis Fry

### CHOIR ANTHEM: *Ubi Caritas* (11:00)

*Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 41:8-10

<sup>8</sup>But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; <sup>9</sup>you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, “You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off”; <sup>10</sup>do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

## THE PSALM

*Psalm 23*

- <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.**
- <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**
- <sup>3</sup>He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.**
- <sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- <sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**
- <sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:1-4

21Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lisa Bartel

## \*THE GOSPEL

John 16:16-22,33

<sup>16</sup>"A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me." <sup>17</sup>Then some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying to us, 'A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup>They said, "What does he mean by this 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Are you discussing among yourselves what I meant when I said, 'A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'?" <sup>20</sup>Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. <sup>22</sup>So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. <sup>33</sup>I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage, I have conquered the world!"

## HOMILY

\*HYMN: "Amazing Grace"

LBW 448

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1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart fear, And  
 3 Through man y dan - gers, toil snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; His

Dm Bb F

Dm F Am F

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re-lieved; How pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace brought  
 Word my hope se-cures; He will my shield me and

Bb F Dm F C7 F

now am found; Was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear The hour first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, And grace lead  
 por - tion be As long life  
 por -

## \*THE NICENE CREED

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 INTERCESSION

In your great mercy, hear us, O God.

## THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

*Those who wish to receive a healing prayer, laying on of hands, and/or anointing with oil may come forward at this time.*

## \*THE PRAYERS CONTINUES

We continue our prayers.

Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing.

**When we are afraid, give us courage; when afflicted, give us patience; when dejected, give us hope; and when alone, assure us of the support of your holy people.**

## THE BLESSING

### \*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.

## THE OFFERING

### \*THE PREFACE

### \*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"

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The top staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. It features a series of eighth notes and quarter notes. Below the staff, lyrics are written in a cursive font. The first line reads: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have". The second line continues: "mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the". The music concludes with a final note on the word "the".

sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: "Thy Holy Wings"

WOV 741

1 Thy ho - ly wings O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me  
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans-ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
 where I will find sweet com-fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
 Oh, take in - to thy keep-ing thy child-ren great and small,

and let my ev - ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
 for I am but a new-born and need thy ten - der care.  
 and while we sweet - ly slum-ber, en - fold us one and all.

#### \*THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful God, constant source of all healing,  
 we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank  
 you for the gift of your Son, through whom we have health and salvation. As we  
 wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit to  
 be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love; through  
 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### \*THE BENEDICTION

\*SENDING HYMN: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" vs 1,3

WOV 721

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.  
 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.  
 I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.  
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."  
 Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE

## WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Please refer to the Prayers of the Church of today's online service

**THE FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by Neda & Adam Ballard in honor of family milestones this year. Neda's parents, Sharon & Butch are celebrating 50 years of marriage; Neda & Adam are celebrating 20 years; and her sister Jess & Sam are celebrating 10 years.

**UNSTAFFED NURSERY** with audio is available through the double doors. Applicants or volunteers wishing to serve in this area are encouraged to call the office or contact Gary Heideman. Please see the announcement in MLC E-News and [mlutheran.org](http://mlutheran.org) for more details.

**ALL ARE INVITED** to enjoy coffee, tea, and fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY!** Thank you for bringing pantry items for HAP. Thanks to all who came out and helped with our workday at CASA Gardens.

**MESSIAH MUSIC GROUPS** will resume this week! For children: Cherubs (PK-1<sup>st</sup>) and Seraphs (2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>). For youth and adults (7<sup>th</sup>-Adult): Notabella, Messiah Choir, Instrumental Ensemble. Dates and times on bulletin board, e-news, or online at [mlutheran.org](http://mlutheran.org).

**2022 MLC TALENT SHOW and SPAGHETTI SUPPER** will be Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. If you would like to participate, please contact Lois Graff. Donations support Ukrainian Relief.

**PLANNING FOR MISSION** Sunday is October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our Fall Stewardship emphasis is "Growth, Unity, and Trust in God's Community". Temple Talks beginning today will reinforce this theme.

**A COMMUNITY GERMAN FOOD FEST** is planned for Saturday, October 22. Come help us share MLC's German/Lutheran heritage with our friends and neighbors. Please sign up at the Welcome Center. POC: Dana Burton

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Christ Kiswahili in Nashville has invited you to an event on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 - 2. More information in e-news.

Sign up at <https://form.jotform.com/MLCmadison/christ-kiswahili-visit>

**KIT MINISTRY ITEM** - 4 oz. Bars of Soap    **FOOD PANTRY** - Instant mashed Potatoes

<u>Interim Pastor</u>	Pastor Diana Bottin	<u>Acolytes</u>	Natalie Zesinger (8:30)
<u>Director of Music Ministries</u>	Lois Graff		(11:00)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Greeters</u>	Claire Strand (8:30)
<u>Communication &amp; Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		Whitney & Amelia Morse (11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Ushers</u>	Joe Huwaldt, Lee Smith (8:30)
	Meredith Kilby		Tom McNamara, Bruce Peter (11:00)
<u>Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields	<u>Lector</u>	Lee Smith (8:30)
<u>Youth Director</u>	Deacon Sara Galyon	<u>Stream Team</u>	Andrew King (11:00)
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Glen Long, Craig Martin Mary Burke

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## **\*\*CHURCH CALENDAR\*\***

### **Sunday, September 11-God's Work our Hands**

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages  
9:45 a.m. - Town Hall Re: Constitution  
2:00 p.m. - MOES Go! Trampoline Park  
5:00 p.m. - Jr. Youth/ 6:00 Sr. Youth

### **Tuesday, September 13**

9:00 a.m. - Comforters

### **Wednesday, September 14**

10:00 a.m. - Dominoes for Mission Kickoff  
5:00 p.m. - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Classes  
5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner  
6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir  
6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir  
6:00 p.m. - German Food Fest Meeting  
6:30 p.m. - Notabella  
7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir

### **Saturday, September 17**

10:00 a.m. - Contemporary Team Rehearsal  
1:00 p.m. - Young at Heart Miniature Golf Outing

### **Sunday, September 18**

8:30 a.m. - Service of Worship: *WOV Bread of Life* with the Lord's Supper  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages  
9:45 a.m. - Congregational Meeting - Constitution  
11:00 a.m. - \*Service of Worship: *Contemporary Service* with the Lord's Supper  
12:15 p.m. - Instrumental Ensemble  
5:00 p.m. - Jr. Youth/ 6:00 Sr. Youth  
*\*These services are live streamed on mlutheran.org*

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

September 18: Special Congregation Meeting - MLC Constitution Revision  
September 21-25: Disaster Relief Mission Trip (dates may shift, slightly)  
September 24: MLC Talent Show & Spaghetti Supper  
September 25: Sara Galyon Farewell  
September 26: Women's Book & Social Club - Zesinger home  
September 27: MOMS (Men of Messiah) gather location TBA  
October 2: Planning for Mission Sunday  
October 15: Trip to Christ Kiswahili, Lunches for Learning Fall Handmade Market, Faythe Freese Organ Concert  
October 22: MLC Community German Food Fest

### **Attendance:**

August 28: Online - 66  
September 4: 8:30 a.m. - 70, 11:00 a.m. - 35

### **Offerings Counted September 6, 2022**

Church Ministries  
Current Mortgages  
*Lunches for Learning*  
Flowers  
Hurricane Flood Relief

Messiah Mugs  
Facility Usage  
Lutheran World Relief  
Kit Ministries

**ONLINE GIVING**  
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**Interest Form**  
For October 15 Trip to Christ Kiswahili for children & Youth

