

MESSIAH
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MADISON, ALABAMA
God's People. Reaching Out

September 25, 2022

The Sixteenth 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.

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Messiah Lutheran Church

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SERVICE of WORSHIP

Now the Feast and Celebration

** 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.

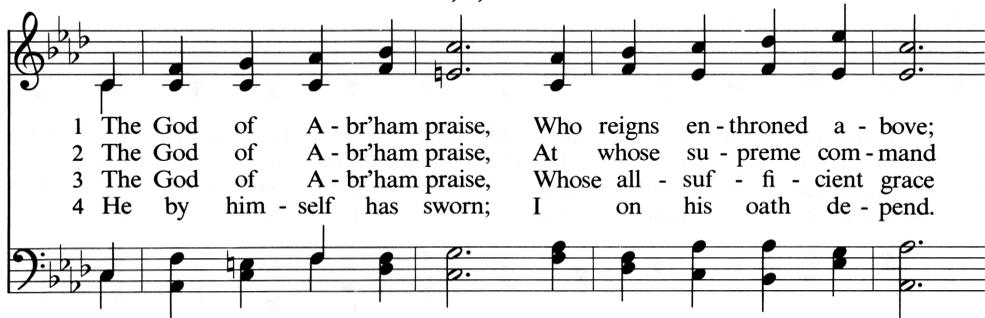
(silence for reflection and self examination)

Most merciful God,

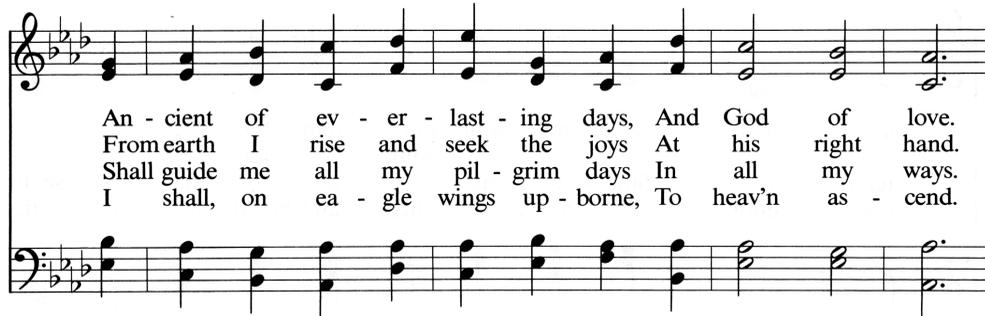
We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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



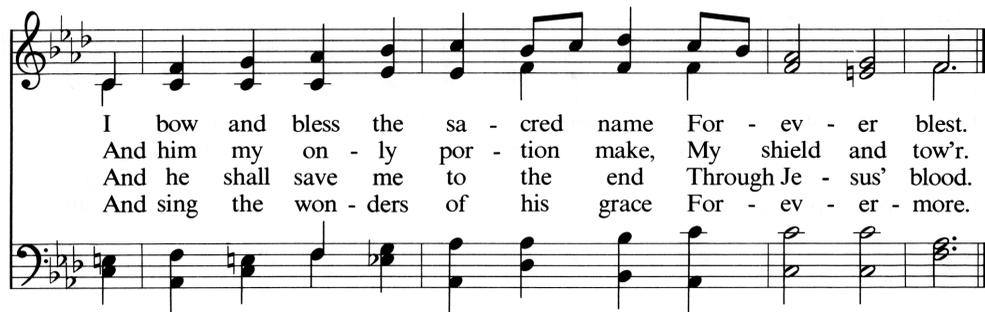
1 The God of A - br'ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 2 The God of A - br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com - mand
 3 The God of A - br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
 4 He by him - self has sworn; I on his oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, And God of love.
 From earth I rise and seek the joys At his right hand.
 Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.
 I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend.



Je - ho - vah, great I Am! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I all on earth for - sake— Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—
 He deigns to call me friend; He calls him - self my God!
 I shall be - hold his face; I shall his pow'r a - dore,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
 And him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.
 And he shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.
 And sing the won - ders of his grace For - ev - er - more.

*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 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 your 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

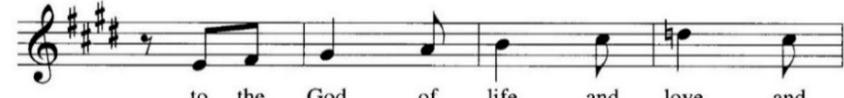
Congregation:



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 -

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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

for ev - er. *to Refrain*

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*

CHOIR ANTHEM: *On Eagle's Wings* (11:00)

THE FIRST LESSON

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

⁶Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, ⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; ⁶who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

THE PSALM

Psalm 146

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

² Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.

³ When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁴ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁵ who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise forever;

⁶ who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.

⁷ The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

⁸ the LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

⁹ The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of

God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Bonnie Flowers

*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!

Optional Repeat

*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

*THE GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will

not also come into this place of torment.’²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

SERMON

*HYMN: “The Church of Christ, in Every Age” vs 1,4,5

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1 The Church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age Be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, The vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant Church a - rise, A car - ing
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, Can cure the

change, but Spir - it - led, Must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry For shel - ter and for
 Church that longs to be A part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, And teach us how to

her - i - tage And keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, And nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, And clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread And feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.

5 We have no mission but to serve
 In full obedience to our Lord;
 To care for all, without reserve,
 And spread his liberating Word.

*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

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

*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.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

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.

to Refrain

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The second staff ends with a double bar line and the instruction 'to Refrain'.

***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 and THE PREFACE**

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 him thanks and praise.

***THE SANCTUS**

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

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sa-vior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove e-choes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sa-vior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sa-vior all the day long.

1. Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the Word."
Lest the Church neglect its mission, and the Gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.
2. Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community.
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.
3. Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
Asking that the world around us share your children's liberty.
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.
4. Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society.
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.
5. Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend
And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

*THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*THE BENEDICTION

FAREWELL AND GOD SPEED FOR DEACON SARA GALYON

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Redacted Content. Please refer to the Prayers of the Church during the online service.

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Messiah Lutheran Church in honor of Deacon Sara. We thank her for her many contributions over her years of service to our congregation and our youth and we wish her Godspeed as she travels to her next adventure, and by Greg & Meredith Kilby in celebration of Grandson Jack Cecil Akins who is one month old today.

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 for more details.

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

DEACON SARA'S FAREWELL is TODAY at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please stop in and wish her well and enjoy some coffee and donuts.

PASTOR DIANA'S LECTIONARY STUDY starts this Wednesday, September 28th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and explore this coming Sunday's lectionary text. The class will be about an hour. Bring your favorite Bible translation to use.

WOMENS' BOOK & SOCIAL CLUB returns Mon., Sep. 26 at 6:30 p.m. 124 Sturdivant, Mad. All MLC women welcome. Bring an appetizer and beverage to share. Contact Janell Zesinger if interested.

MoMs (MEN OF MESSIAH) will meet Tuesday, Sep. 27 at 5:30 p.m. at Casual Pint in Providence. All MLC men welcome. Contact Mark Zesinger if interested.

MAKE MLC SHINE Please come make Messiah's light shine by helping with the workday, Saturday October 1st at 9:00 a.m. Bring cleaning and/or work gloves, then share in a fellowship lunch. Text or Call Lisa Evers at 703-608-5453 to RSVP for pizza or to offer to bring a salad or dessert.

2022 WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S is Saturday, Oct. 1 at Big Spring Park. Walk starts at 10:00 a.m. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. POC: Janet Aldaco. More info on www.mlutheran.org

PLANNING FOR GIVING SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 2. Our Fall Stewardship emphasis is "Growth, Unity, and Trust in God's Community". Today's temple talk is from Stewardship Chair, Tim Pitchko. Please watch for your "Plan for Giving" cards in the mail. Online pledging on mlutheran.org

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

<u>Interim Pastor</u>	Pastor Diana Bottin	<u>Acolytes</u>	(8:30), Hannah Seitz (11:00)
<u>Director of Music Ministries</u>	Lois Graff	<u>Greeters</u>	Douglass Family (8:30)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand		Whitney & Amelia Morse (11:00)
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby	<u>Ushers</u>	Joe & Bobbey Huwaldt (8:30)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt		Bruce Machamer, Tom McNamara (11:00)
	Meredith Kilby	<u>Lector</u>	Dennis Fry (8:30), (11:00)
<u>Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields	<u>Cantor</u>	Bob Gustafson
<u>Youth Director</u>	Deacon Sara Galyon	<u>Stream Team</u>	Daniel Hopkin, Lee Seitz
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Janice Aldaco, Jan Murphy

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****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, September 25

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages

9:45 a.m. - Reception for Deacon Sara with Donuts

3:00 p.m. - Youth Farewell Kickball & BBQ Deacon Sara @ Huwaldt Home

Monday, September 26

6:30 p.m. - Women's Book & Social Club at Zesinger Home

Tuesday, September 27

9:00 a.m. - Comforters

5:30 p.m. - MoM's @ Causal Pint

Wednesday, September 28

9:30 a.m. - Lectionary Study with Pastor Diana

5:00 p.m. - 1st and 2nd Year Confirmation Classes

5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner

6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir

6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir

6:30 p.m. - Notabella

7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir

Saturday, October 1

9:00 a.m. - Fall Workday at MLC with Pizza fellowship

9:00 a.m. - Walk to End Alzheimers - Big Spring Park

Sunday, October 2 Planning for Giving Sunday

8:30 a.m. - Service of Worship: *LBW Setting 2* with the Lord's Supper

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for Adults

9:45 a.m. - Packing Raising Men/Women Kit Packing

11:00 a.m. - *Service of Worship: *LBW Setting 2* with the Lord's Supper

12:15 p.m. - Instrumental Ensemble

5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth

**These services are live streamed on mlutheran.org*

LOOKING AHEAD:

October 1: ALZ Walk - Big Spring Park, MLC

October 2: Planning for Giving Sunday

October 15: Lunches for Learning Fall Handmade Market, Faythe Freese Organ Concert

October 16: Bishop Strickland visit

October 22: MLC Community German Food Fest

October 30: Chili Cook-Off/Halloween Party

November 13: Congregation Meeting at 9:45 a.m.

November 30, December 7, 14, 21: Advent Services of Worship at 12 noon and 7 p.m.

Attendance:

September 11: Online - 64

September 18: 8:30 a.m. - 87, 11:00 a.m. - 51

Offerings Counted September 20, 2022

Church Ministries

Current Mortgages

Wednesday Night Dinners

Kit Ministries Mission

Owen's House for Women Mission

Outreach Ministry

Annette Joens Memorial

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