



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

October 23, 2022

The Twentieth 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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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

*HYMN: "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"

WOV 730

Em C D7 G D G Am Dsus4 D

1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav-ior's praise!
 2 To all who live in ho-ly fear your mer-cy ev-er flows.
 3 To Is-ra-el, your ser-vant blest, your help is ev-er sure;

G C Am7 G D G Am Em

You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
 With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex - pose.
 the prom-ise to our par-ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.

Bm Em Am D G C Dsus4 D

Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—
 The ruth-less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
 Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,

G C Am G D G Am Em

great won-ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
 the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
 and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

*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

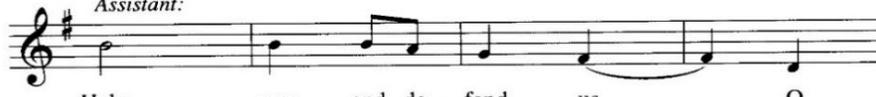


mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

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 -

(song continues next page ➡)

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*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

VIOLA SOLO: *Canticle of the Turning* (8:30)

Jackie Sullivan

CHOIR ANTHEM: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (11:00)

THE FIRST LESSON

Sirach 35:12-17

¹² Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. ¹³ For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. ¹⁴ Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it; ¹⁵ and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. ¹⁶ He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. ¹⁷ He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

THE PSALM

Psalm 84:1-6

¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

² The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest
where she may lay her young,

by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

³ Happy are they who dwell in your house!

They will always be praising you.

⁴ Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁵ Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

⁶ They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. ¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sarah Walker

*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 18th chapter.

*THE GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

SERMON

1 God! When hu-man bonds are bro-ken and we lack the love or skill
 2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir-it come in-to our world of stress,
 3 You in us are bruised and bro-ken: hear us as we seek re-lease
 4 Send us, God of new be-gin-nings, hum-bly hope-ful in-to life.
 5 Give us faith to be more faith-ful, give us hope to be more true,

to re-store the hope of heal-ing, give us grace and make us still.
 for the sake of Christ for-giv-ing all the fail-ures we con-fess.
 from the pain of ear-lier liv-ing; set us free and grant us peace.
 Use us as a means of bless-ing; make us stron-ger, give us faith.
 give us love to go on learn-ing: God! En-cour-age and re-new!

*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.

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
to Refrain
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 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

THE AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*



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:



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

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



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

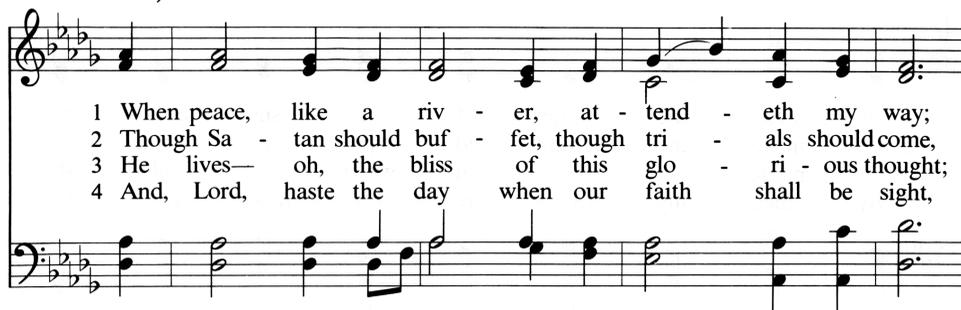


3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

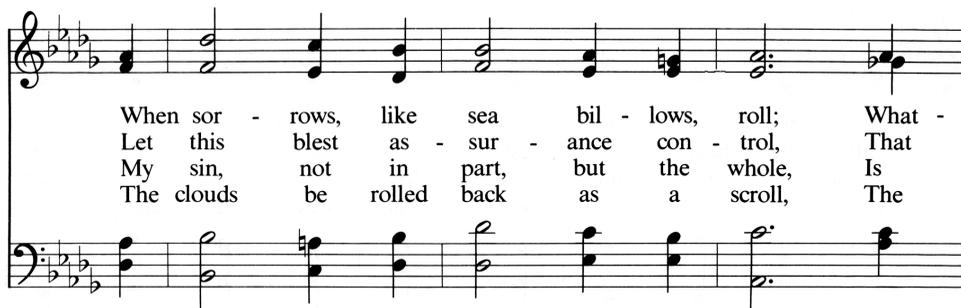


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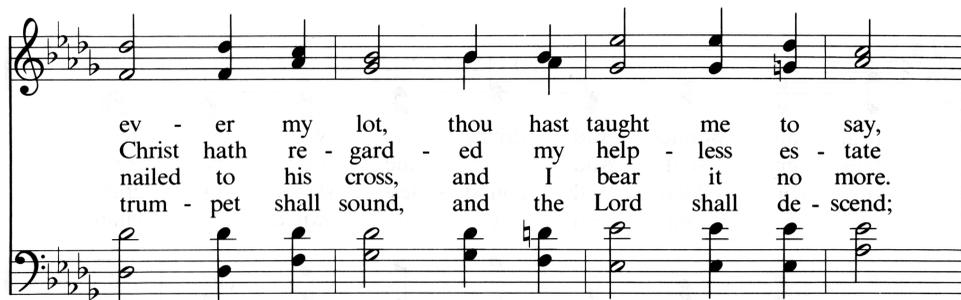
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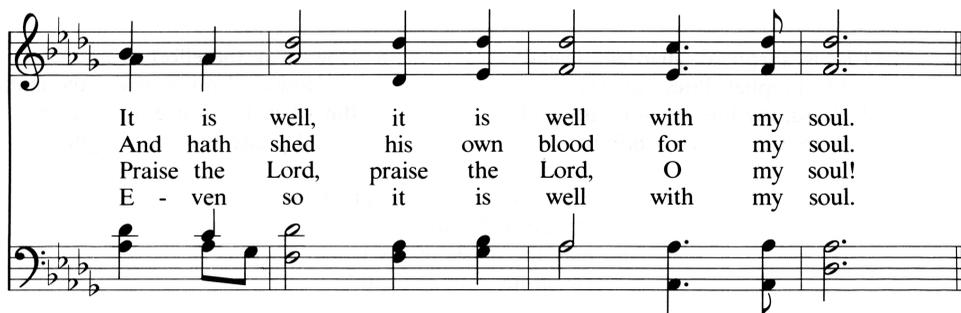
1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way;
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come,
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought;
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,



When sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What -
 Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That
 My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The



ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 Christ hath re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate
 nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more.
 trum - pet shall sound, and the Lord shall de - scend;



It is well, it is well with my soul.
 And hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*THE BENEDICTION and THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Art Rockett, and from Messiah Lutheran Church in celebration of the new members we are receiving into our congregation today.

A NURSERY with audio is available through the double doors. Please check at the start of service if there is an attendant. Applicants or volunteers wishing to serve in this area are encouraged to call the office or contact Gary Heideman. Information is also on www.mlutheran.org

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

WE REJOICE TO RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS TODAY! Please welcome *Ellen Anderson, Andy and Carolyn Duessel, Phil and Emily Reed, Lydia, Nathan, Ron and Claudia Trolard, and Mark and Joanna Winge*. A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall following each service.

PASTOR DIANA'S LECTIONARY STUDY resumes this Wednesday, October 26th 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.

CHILI & CHILLIN' AT MESSIAH! MLC members and friends are invited to the *Annual Chili Cookoff and Costume Contest* Sunday, October 30 at 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. If you would like to bring chili, donate candy, or help in some other way, please sign up at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

MLC'S PLANNING FOR MISSION CONGREGATION MEETING will be Sun., November 13th at 9:45 a.m.

WOMENS BOOK & SOCIAL CLUB meets tomorrow, Oct 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Bobbey Huwaldt (135 Lawson Wall Dr. HSV) The group meets monthly. POC: Janell Zesinger

MOMS (Men of Messiah) will gather at BeeZr Tuesday, Oct 25 starting at 5:30 p.m. BeeZr is located at 109 North Side Square in downtown Huntsville. www.gobeezr.com POC: Mark Zesinger

WORK ON THE ELECTRONIC MARQUEE'S LANDSCAPING is planned for this Saturday, Oct. 29, starting around 9:00 a.m. The existing flowerbed around the posts is too small. Please let Pete Woods know if you are available to help and remember to bring gloves & digging tools.

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - Single Toothbrushes **FOOD PANTRY** - Cake Mix & Frosting

COORDINATORS ARE NEEDED for Greeters, Coffee Makers & Wednesday Night Dinner

<u>Interim Pastor</u>	Pastor Diana Bottin	<u>Acolytes</u>	Matthew Kokan (8:30)
<u>Director of Music Ministries</u>	Lois Graff		Olivia Sullivan (11:00)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Greeters</u>	Douglass Family (8:30)
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		Ellie Nelson (11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Ushers</u>	Kirk Hamlet, Owen Wasmoen (8:30)
	Meredith Kilby		Bruce Machamer, Bruce Peter (11:00)
<u>Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields	<u>Lector</u>	Lee Smith (8:30), Mary Ann Stasiak (11:00)
		<u>Cantor</u>	Emily Reed (8:30), Adam Neely (11:00)
		<u>Stream Team</u>	Danny Hopkin, Paul Zutter
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Jean Stuart

INTERIM PASTOR DIANA BOTTIN

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****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, October 23

- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
- 9:45 a.m. - New Member Reception
- 12:15 p.m. - New Member Reception
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth

Monday, October 24

- 6:30 p.m. - Women's Book Club @ Bobbey Huwaldt home

Tuesday, October 25

- 9:00 a.m. - Comforters
- 5:30 p.m. - Men of Messiah Fellowshi @ BeeZr - 109 North Side Square, HSV

Wednesday, October 26

- 9:30 a.m. - Pastor's Lectionary Class
- 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

Thursday, October 27

- 7:00 p.m. - Kit Ministry

Saturday, October 29

- 9:00 p.m. - Electronic Marquee Landscaping Project Workday

Sunday, October 30

- 8:30 a.m. - Service of Worship: *LBW Setting 2 with the Lord's Supper*
 - 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
 - 11:00 a.m. - *Service of Worship: *LBW Setting 2 with the Lord's Supper*
 - 4:30 p.m. - Chili Cookoff - Halloween Party
- *These services are live streamed on mlutheran.org*

LOOKING AHEAD:

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.

December 11: Ring and Sing Concert at 6:30 p.m.

December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services of Worship at 5 and 7 p.m.

December 25: Lessons & Carols Services of Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Attendance:

October 9: Online - 82

October 16: 8:30 a.m. - 104, 11:00 a.m. - 83

Offerings Counted October 18, 2022

Church Ministries

Current Mortgages

Wednesday Night Dinners

Music at Messiah

Lunches for Learning Mission

Lutheran World Relief Disaster Response

Handmade Market

Messiah Mugs

Property

ONLINE GIVING

Scan the QR code to give to MLC today.



Thank you to everyone involved in the planning and organization of yesterday's first ever Community German Food Festival! Your time & energy are greatly appreciated and we made many new friends with our neighbors.