



MESSIAH
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MADISON, ALABAMA

God's People. Reaching Out

May 21, 2023

11:00 AM Service

Ascension of Our Lord



Good Morning and Welcome!

Guests, we are so glad you are here.

Please fill out the yellow "Connection Card" in the pew and place in the offering basket or give to the usher or the pastor as you leave.

Sound Assistance and staffed nursery available.

Online Guest Form

Messiah Lutheran Church

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SERVICE of WORSHIP

** Please stand as you are able*

Contemporary Service with the Lord's Supper

Unless printed in the bulletin, all music can be found in the black contemporary song binders at the number listed.

PRELUDE "Let Everything That Has Breath"

#16

Chorus 1

Let ev'rything that
Ev'rything that
Ev'rything that has breath
Praise the Lord
Let ev'rything that
Ev'rything that
Ev'rything that has breath
Praise the Lord

Misc 1 (Bridge)

If we (they) could see
How much You're worth
Your pow'r Your might
Your endless love
Then surely we would
Never cease to praise

Verse 1

Praise You in the morning
Praise You in the evening
Praise You when I'm young
And when I'm old
Praise You when I'm laughing
Praise You when I'm grieving
Praise You ev'ry season of the soul

Verse 2

Praise You in the heavens
Joining with the angels
Praising You forever and a day
Praise You on the earth now
Joining with creation
Calling all the nations to Your praise

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen

Verse 1

You're the Word of God the Father
From before the world began
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice
Let the skies declare Your glory
Let the land and seas rejoice

Chorus

You're the author of creation
You're the Lord of ev'ry man
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands

Verse 2

Yet You left the gaze of angels
Came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross
With a prayer You fed the hungry
With a word You stilled the sea
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free

Verse 3

With a shout You rose victorious
Wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in Your wake
Now You stand before the Father
Interceding for Your own
From each tribe and tongue and
nation
You are leading sinners home

*RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 47

- ¹Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- ²For the LORD Most High is to be feared;
he is the great king over all the earth.
- ³He subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet.
- ⁴He chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- ⁵God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.
- ⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our king, sing praises.
- ⁷For God is King of all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill.
- ⁸God reigns over the nations;
God sits upon his holy throne.
- ⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered together
with the people of the God of Abraham.

¹⁰The rulers of the earth belong to God,
and he is highly exalted.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*SONG: "Holy Roar"

♩=78 **INTRO**
G⁵



1. From the
(2. Here we)

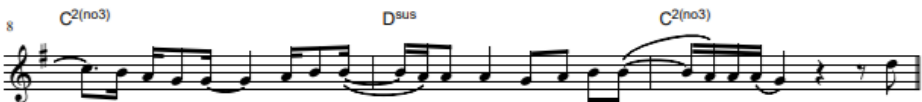
VERSE



earth to the sky, let it rise, let it rise. From the dark un - to light, now a -
stand, here we wait, have Your way, have Your way. Ev - 'ry hand in this place, God, we



-live, now a - live. We are here _____ to lift You up, _ here to sing _
raise, God, we raise. We are here _____ to lift You up, _ here to sing _

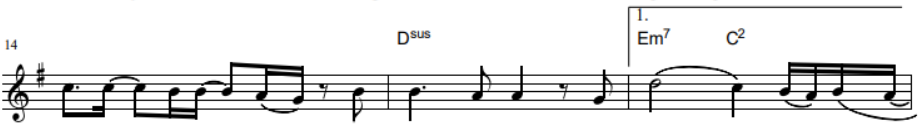


_____ a song of love, _ here to give _____ You, God, what You are wor - thy of: _ A
_____ a song of love, _ here to give _____ You, God, what You are wor - thy of: _

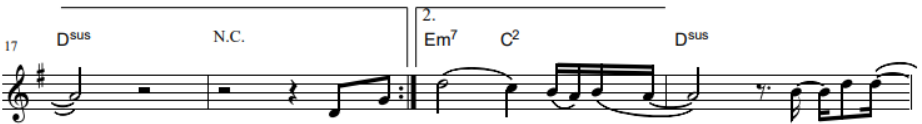
CHORUS



ho - ly roar, _ reach - ing _ for heav - en, _ our praise poured out with a



reck - less _ a - ban - don. _ Our wor - ship, God, is whol - ly _ Yours. _



_____ 2. Here we whol - ly _ Yours. _____ We _ are whol -

21 **BRIDGE**
 Em⁷ C² D^{sus} C² G
 ly — Yours. — For - ev - er wor - thy, for - ev - er wor -

24 D^{sus} C² Em⁷
 - thy, for - ev - er wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain. —

26 **CHORUS**
 1. D^{sus} G 2. D^{sus} G
 — For - ev - er wor - — Hear — this ho - ly roar, —

29 Em⁷
 reach - ing — for heav - en, — our praise poured out with a reck - less — a - ban - don. — Our

32 D^{sus} 1. Em⁷ C² D^{sus}
 wor - ship, God, is whol - ly — Yours. — To You — a

35 2. Em⁷ C² D^{sus} Em⁷ C²
 whol - ly — Yours. — We — are whol - ly — Yours. —

38 **INSTRUMENTAL**
 D^{sus} G⁵

43 **ENDING**
 G⁵
 — All — the earth, — a ho - ly roar. —

46 (repeat as desired)
 We're lift - ing up — a ho - ly roar. —

*THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

THE SERMON

*SONG: “You Are My King”

#33

Verse 1

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died
And rose again

That You my King
Would die for me
Amazing love
I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You

Chorus 1

Amazing love
How can it be

Misc 1 (Ending)
You are my King
You are my King
Jesus You are my King
Jesus You are my King

*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, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary,

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father,

He will come again 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

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

THE OFFERING “Lord I lift Your Name On High”

*OFFERING 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

*PRAYERS

*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

DISTRIBUTION

*BLESSING

**Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen**

Verse 1

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Chorus 1

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Verse 2

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

Misc 1 (Bridge)

Shine your light and let the whole
world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole
world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "Might to Save"

Contemporary Worship Team

Gerry Meyers - vocals

Stephanie Gillespie - vocals

David Gillespie - drums

Ric Birdsong - acoustic guitar

Bob Davis - electric guitar

Stephen Strand, Lee Seitz, Shane Peterson - sound technicians

Kyle Thompson - acoustic guitar

Paul Zutter - bass guitar

Gretchen Perry - violin

Randall Fields - keyboard

Meredith Kilby - camera

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Please refer to the names during Prayers of the Church

THE FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by the Sullivan Family in honor of Jackie's high school graduation and Janet and Anderson's wedding anniversary.

A NURSERY, staffed by Katrina Strand, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

THANK YOU, Randall Fields, for accompanying worship today! We are thrilled to announce that Randall has accepted a part-time Music Director position at MLC and will begin June 1. A part-time Accompanist position is still open and a revised job description will be announced soon.

ALL ARE INVITED to enjoy coffee in the Fellowship Hall after service.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION for MLC's Faith Formation today. Meet in your classrooms for a last short lesson with your teachers. Then proceed to the parish hall for games, crafts, and snacks as we celebrate the time we have had together, learning about God's Word and actions in our world.

PENTECOST SUNDAY is Sunday May 28th. All are encouraged to wear red to celebrate the day.

MESSIAH MUSIC CAMP IS JUNE 5 - JUNE 11 - Give your child or grandchild a memorable week of music, fun, and recreation for just \$100 (\$20 discount for each additional sibling). Register online at www.musiccamp.mlutheran.org **Adult and Youth Volunteers needed**. If interested and available, please contact Camp Director Stephanie Gillespie at musiccamp@mlutheran.org

"GOD'S GOOD CREATION" Vacation Bible School will be held on Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to Noon, June 21, 28, July 12, and 19. Each session is independent so feel free to sign up even if your children can only attend one or two sessions VBS will be at Messiah and together with our friends from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. See e-news for registration information.

2023 DISASTER RECOVERY MISSION TRIP is planned for **June 21-25!** We'll be returning to the Mayfield, KY area to assist in recovery efforts from the December 2021 tornadoes. Much work remains to be done. All those 16 years of age and older are welcome (16 and 17 year olds must be accompanied by a parent). If interested in serving in this important outreach mission, please let Andrew King know at outreach_rep@mlutheran.org

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - 4 oz. Bars of Soap **FOOD PANTRY** Deodorant

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| <u>Pastor</u> | Kristine Schroeder | <u>Acolytes</u> | Olivia Sullivan (8:30) |
| <u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u> | Claire Strand | | (11:00) |
| <u>Communication & Tech Director</u> | Meredith Kilby | <u>Greeter</u> | Ingram Family (8:30) |
| <u>Office Managers</u> | Bobby Huwaldt | | (11:00) |
| | Meredith Kilby | <u>Ushers</u> | Owen Wasmoen, Gabino Aldaco (8:30) |
| <u>Choir Director</u> | Randall Fields | | Mark Thompson, Bruce Machamer(11:00) |
| <u>Interim Director/Faith Formation</u> | William Strand | <u>Lector</u> | Tim & Kari Pitchko (8:30) |
| <u>Nursery Attendant</u> | Katrina Strand | | Jutta DeMarsh (11:00) |
| | | <u>Altar Guild</u> | Janet Smith (8:30) |
| | | | Gretchen Perry (11:00) |
| | | <u>Cantor</u> | Martin Campbell |
| | | <u>Stream Team</u> | Hopkin, Peterson, Seitz |
| | | <u>Flower Guild</u> | Jutta DeMarsh |

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, May 21

- 8:10 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School End of Year Celebration
- 10:40 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- *4:00 p.m. - Junior/Senior Youth Group Meetings **Note Time Change*

Tuesday, May 23

- 9:00 a.m. - Comforters

Wednesday - May 24

- 7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir

Thursday - May 25

- 7:00 p.m. - Kit Ministry

Friday - May 26

Office on Limited Staffing

Sunday, May 28 - Pentecost Sunday

- 8:10 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. - Worship: LBW 2 with the Lord's Supper
- 9:45 a.m. - Adult Sunday Class/Gospel of Luke
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: LBW 2 with the Lord's Supper
- TBD - Junior/Senior Youth Group Movie Night

Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

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

LOOKING AHEAD

June 5-11 - Messiah Music Camp - Register Today at www.musiccamp.mlutheran.org

June 21 - "God's Good Creation" VBS begins and continues June 28, July 12, 19

August 6 - Rally Day

Attendance:

May 7 Online: - 90

May 14 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 104, 11:00 a.m. - 67

Offerings Counted May 14, 2023

Church Ministries
Current Mortgages
Wednesday Night Dinners
Flowers
Owen's House

Lunches for Learning
Kit Ministries
Messiah Mugs
Comforters

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Pastor Kris Schroeder

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with account transfers, etc.*