



**June 25, 2023**  
*Fourth 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.

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**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
**LBW Setting 1 with the Lord's Supper**

*\* Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE: "Andante" (Peter Cornet)

Steven Schneider, Guest Organist

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

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

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## \*THE GREETING

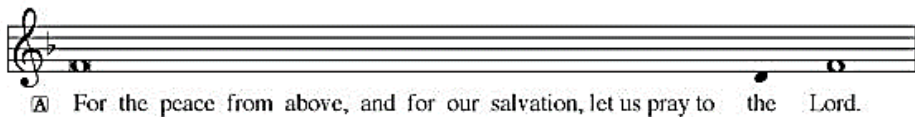
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

\*THE KYRIE



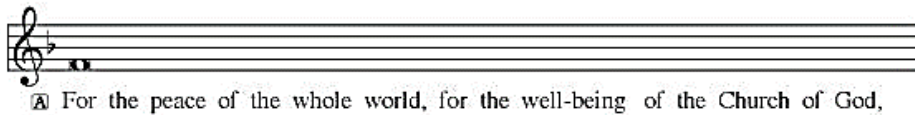
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



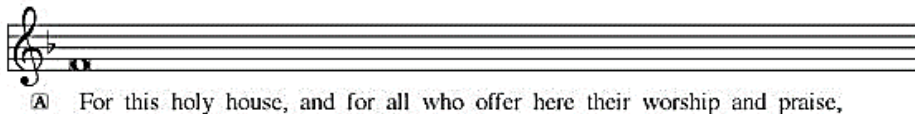
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



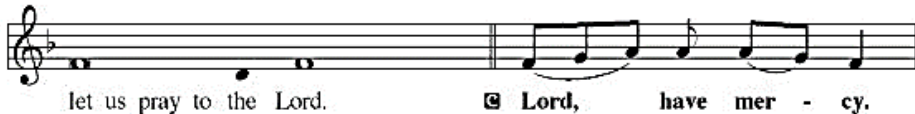
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



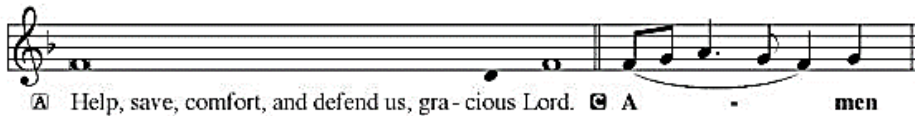
**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was  
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and  
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.  
☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and  
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and  
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.  
☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was



\*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

TEMPLE TALK

Bonnie Flowers & Timothy Pitchko , SES Assembly Update

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 20:7-13

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup>If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering: “Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.” <sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

THE PSALM: *Psalms 69:7-10, 16-18*

<sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.

<sup>8</sup>I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my mother’s children.

<sup>9</sup>Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

<sup>10</sup>I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach.

<sup>16</sup>Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn to me.

<sup>17</sup>Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

<sup>18</sup>Draw near to me and redeem me;  
because of my enemies deliver me.

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Bonnie Flowers

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## \*THE GOSPEL

Matthew 10:26-34,37-39

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

\*HYMN: "Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"

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1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":  
 kin - dred, leav - ing, all for Je - sus' sake.  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.



## \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by 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

God in you mercy, hear our prayer.

## \*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

## THE OFFERING

Organ Solo (8:30): "Gavotte" (Jean-Philippe Rameau)

Choir Anthem (11:00): "The Lone Wild Bird" (David N. Johnson)

## \*THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards"

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## \*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

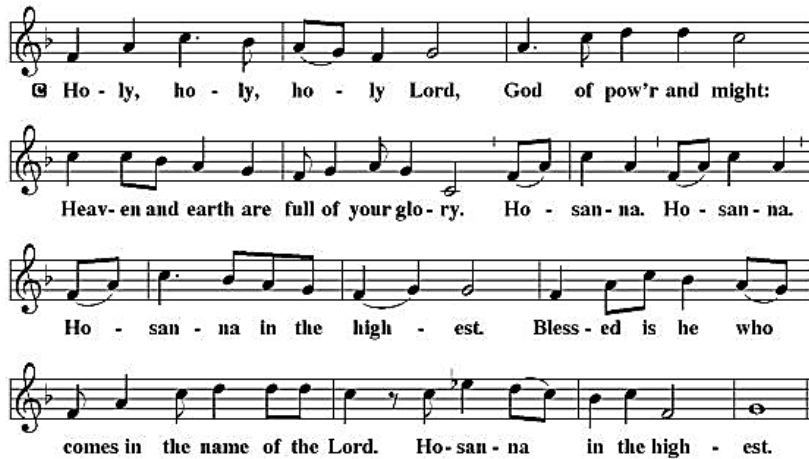
**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING and THE PREFACE**

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 Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. 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"**



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

**THE DISTRIBUTION**

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

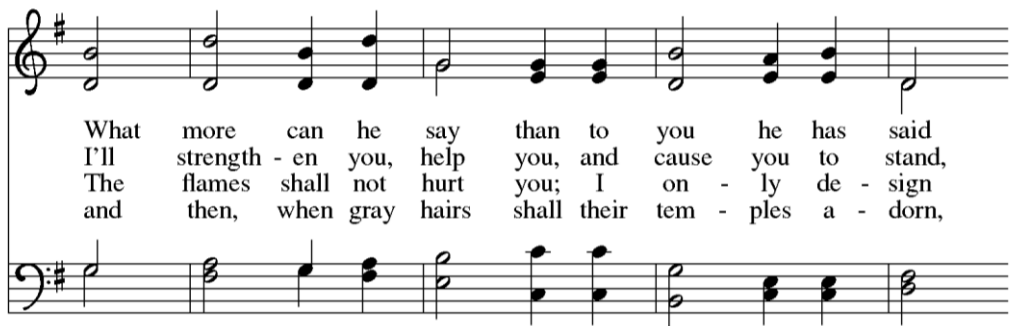
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1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

\*THE BLESSING

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as praise thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: "Postlude" (Peter C. Lutkin)

## WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Messiah Lutheran Church.

A NURSERY WITH AUDIO OF THE SERVICE is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Parents with newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome. **Nursery Help Wanted! If you would be interested in job sharing a nursery position, please contact Laurie Campbell at [personnel.committee@mlutheran.org](mailto:personnel.committee@mlutheran.org) for details.**

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

THANK YOU, Steven Schneider, for accompanying worship today.

"GOD'S GOOD CREATION" Vacation Bible School continues this Wednesday evening from **5:30 PM to 8:00 PM** and continues July 12, and 19. This past Wednesday, in VBS, the children got to meet some goats! They then learned about all the ways that donating goats to families in different areas of the world can help them. Next week they will be learning about chicks! Each session is stand alone so if your children have not yet registered, you can still register for any of the remaining Wednesdays through July 19.

ORDINATION OF WILLIAM STRAND as a rostered minister in the ELCA will be Monday, July 10, 6 p.m. at MLC. Please make plans to attend. Your presence and your prayers are requested. For anyone wanting to help and/or bring heavy hors d'oeuvres for the reception contact Kari Pitchko at [tkpitchko@gmail.com](mailto:tkpitchko@gmail.com).

PASTOR ESTHER WEDDING! At the recent synod assembly, we learned that Pastor Esther Nguomo of Christ Kiswahili is getting married in Kenya in July! If you wish to donate toward a monetary gift from Messiah, you can put it in the offering on Sunday labeled "Gift for Pastor Esther". There is also a card to sign in the narthex. The card and gift will be sent next week.

Bruce Peter wishes to thank everyone for their support and prayers for his successful back surgery Monday.

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - 4 oz. Bars of Soap FOOD PANTRY Rice/Dry Beans

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolytes</u>	Olivia Sullivan (8:30)
<u>Music &amp; Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields		Hadley Oltmans (11:00)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Greeter</u>	Baggetts (8:30)/ Heidemans (11:00)
<u>Communication &amp; Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby	<u>Lectors</u>	Joe Huwaldt (8:30)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt		Lee Smith (11:00)
	Meredith Kilby	<u>Ushers</u>	Zach Dehm, Owen Wasmoen (8:30)
<u>Interim Director/Faith Formation</u>	William Strand		Bruce Machamer, Tom McNamara (11:00)
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	Janet Smith/ Janell Zesinger (8:30)
			Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
		<u>Cantor</u>	Bob Gustafson
		<u>Stream Team</u>	Shane Peterson (8:30)
			Bob Davis, Lee Seitz (11:00)
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Linda Heideman

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

### **Sunday, June 25**

9:45 a.m. - Adult Sunday Class/Gospel of Luke

10:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, June 28**

5:30 p.m. - "God's Good Creation" VBS

### **Thursday, June 29**

6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry

### **Sunday, July 2**

8:30 a.m. - Worship: LBW Setting 1 with the Lord's Supper

9:45 a.m. - Adult Sunday Class/Gospel of Luke

10:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: LBW Setting 1 with the Lord's Supper

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**June 28** - "God's Good Creation" VBS continues July 12 & 19

**July 10** - William Strand Ordination

**July 22** - Jr./Sr. Youth Escape Room Outing

**July 23** - Congregational Kit Packing

**July 30** - Blessing of the Backpacks and Briefcases

**August 6** - Rally Day

### **Attendance:**

June 11 Online: - 178

June 18 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 103, 11:00 a.m. - 52

### **Offerings Counted June 18, 2023**

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