

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

July 9, 2023

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



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.

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

*Bread of Life from **With One Voice** with the Lords' Supper*

** Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE: "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

John Wesley

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Amen.

*HYMN: "Jesus Shall Reign"

ELW 434

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 thron'g to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with


shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793


*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.

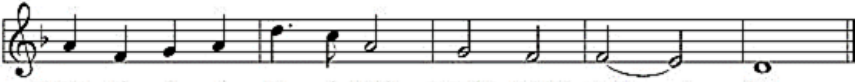
*THE KYRIE



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ⓐ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

*HYMN OF PRAISE



ⓐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



ⓑ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



ⓐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



ⓓ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

① For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 ② you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

THE PSALM

Psalm 145:8-14

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,

¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lisa Bartel

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go”

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. 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 11th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

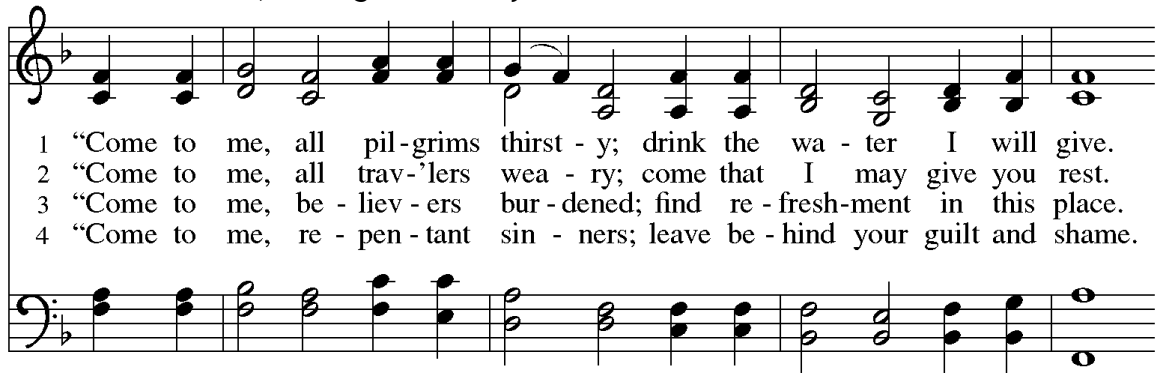
¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

THE SERMON




1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.
 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain


Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985

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*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

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

THE OFFERING

Piano Solo (8:30): "It Is Well With My Soul" (Spafford)

Choir Anthem(11:00): "Rise, Shine!" (Dale Wood)

*THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord"

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 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you,

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

THE AGNUS DEI



☞ 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, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain

watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Thankful Hearts"

☑ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,
and lead us forth in joy with shouts
of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*THE BLESSING



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
 Text © Oxford University Press 1931.

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "I Stand Amazed"

Charles Hutchinson

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Rich Reed
Amber Alt
Efrem Reeves
Barbara Fesler

Bruce Peter
Esta Hodnett
Ann
Gallegos Family

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Marc & Debbie Neely in thanksgiving for sister, Susan, and by Stephen & Claire Strand in celebration of William's ordination tomorrow.

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

NURSERY HELP WANTED! If you would be interested in job-sharing a nursery position, please contact Laurie Campbell at personnel.committee@mlutheran.org for details.

"GOD'S GOOD CREATION" Vacation Bible School resumes this Wednesday evening from **5:30 PM to 8:00 PM** and concludes July 19. This week the children will explore the wonder and marvel of bees! VBS will be at Messiah and together with our friends from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. See mlutheran.org to sign up.

ORDINATION OF WILLIAM STRAND as a rostered minister of the ELCA will be tomorrow at 6 p.m. at MLC. A reception will follow. If you would like to assist with the reception please see the Welcome Center or this morning's E-News with the SignUp Genius link.

BACKPACK & BRIEFCASE BLESSING is Sunday, July 30 at both services. This year's Faith Formation theme is "Follow Jesus." **Sunday School for Pre-K to Grade 12 will resume on Rally Day which is August 6!** A "Rally Day" picnic will take place following the late service and will include a Hot Dog "Rally" with a variety of regional hot dog stations to explore and enjoy!

WALK TO END ALZHEIMERS BAKE SALE is Sunday, August 13 between and after services in MLC's Narthex. POC is Janice Aldaco. More information on www.mlutheran.org Come, walk with the 'Messiah Lutheran and Friends' team at 2 p.m. on Sun., Oct. 1 at Big Spring Park.

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - 70 Count Spiral Notebooks FOOD PANTRY Vienna Sausages

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| <u>Pastor</u> | Kristine Schroeder | <u>Acolytes</u> | Sarah Rydbom (8:30) |
| <u>Music & Choir Director</u> | Randall Fields | | (11:00) |
| <u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u> | Claire Strand | <u>Greeters</u> | Vicki Grewe (8:30) |
| <u>Communication & Tech Director</u> | Meredith Kilby | | (11:00) |
| <u>Office Managers</u> | Bobbey Huwaldt | <u>Lectors</u> | Greg Kilby (8:30) |
| | Meredith Kilby | | Jutta DeMarsh (11:00) |
| <u>Interim Director/Faith Formation</u> | William Strand | <u>Ushers</u> | Gabino Aldaco, Owen Wasmoen (8:30) |
| | | | Bruce Machamer, TBD (11:00) |
| | | <u>Cantor</u> | Diana Rhodes |
| | | <u>Altar Guild</u> | LeeLinda Baggett (8:30) |
| | | | Jutta DeMarsh (11:00) |
| | | <u>Sound & Stream Team</u> | Meredith Kilby (8:30) |
| | | | Claire Davis , Bob Davis (11:00) |
| | | <u>Flower Guild</u> | Mary Burke |

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A Lutheran Resource for Worship

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****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, July 9

- 9:45 a.m. - Adult Sunday Class/Gospel of Luke
- 9:45 a.m. - Set-up Parish Hall for Ordination Reception
- 10:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 12:15 p.m. - Instrumental Ensemble

Monday, July 10

- 5:00 p.m. - Ordination Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. - Ordination of William Eugene Strand with reception following

Wednesday, July 12

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

Thursday, July 13

- 6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. - Church Council Meeting

Saturday, July 15

- 10:00 a.m. - Contemporary Rehearsal

Sunday, July 16

- 8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. - Worship: *Now the Feast* with the Lord's Supper
- 9:45 a.m. - Adult Sunday Class/Gospel of Luke
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: Contemporary Service

LOOKING AHEAD

- July 22** - Jr./Sr. Youth Escape Room Outing
- July 23** - Congregation Kit Packing between services
- July 30** - Blessing of the Backpacks and Briefcases
- August 6** - Rally Day
- August 13** - ALZ Bake Sale

Attendance:

June 25 Online: - 128 July 2 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 64, 11:00 a.m. - 31

Offerings Counted July 5, 2023

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|-------------------------|------------|----------------------|----------|
| Church Ministries | \$3,635.09 | Music | \$100.00 |
| Current Mortgages | \$1,055.00 | Flowers | \$30.00 |
| Messiah Mugs | \$19.00 | Facility Usage | \$464.00 |
| LWR - Disaster Response | \$50.00 | Lunches for Learning | \$75.00 |
| Doris Mullins Memorial | \$75.00 | Pastor Esther Gift | \$20.00 |

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Pastor Kris Schroeder

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