

MESSIAH
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MADISON, ALABAMA

God's People. Reaching Out

July 2, 2023

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Good Morning and Welcome!

Guests, we are glad you are here.

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP
LBW Setting 2 with the Lord's Supper

** Please stand as you are able*

THE PRELUDE: "God Bless America" (Smith)

Miriam Conrad, Guest Pianist

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: "Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"

ELW 676

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
 Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

*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



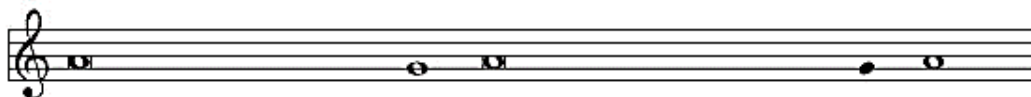
☩ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



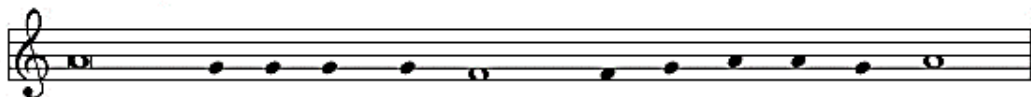
☩ For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



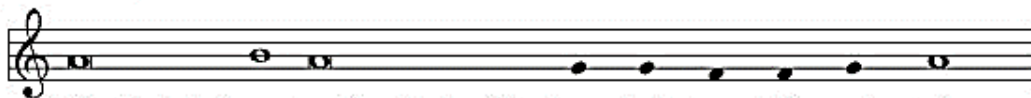
☩ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



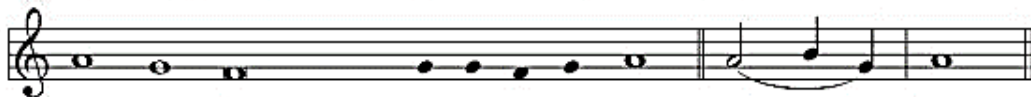
☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



☩ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

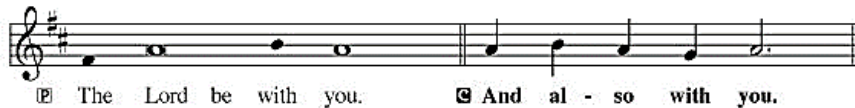


let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



☩ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. ☩ A - men

*THE SALUTATION



*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

THE PSALM: *Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18*

¹Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

²For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;

you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

³"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴"I will establish your line forever,

and preserve your throne for all generations.' "

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout!

They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

¹⁶They rejoice daily in your name;

they are jubilant in your righteousness.

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength,

and by your favor our might is exalted.

¹⁸Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;

our king to the Holy One of Israel.

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Children's Sermon

Chris Berry

*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.

*THE GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

THE SERMON

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
 3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
 4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the

cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
 thresh-olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
 grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
 fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -

self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
 sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
 tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850-1935, alt.

Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

*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

***THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

God, 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

Piano Solo: "Battle Hymn of the Republic" (Steffe)

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

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "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. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come." The score ends with a double bar line.

***THE 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.

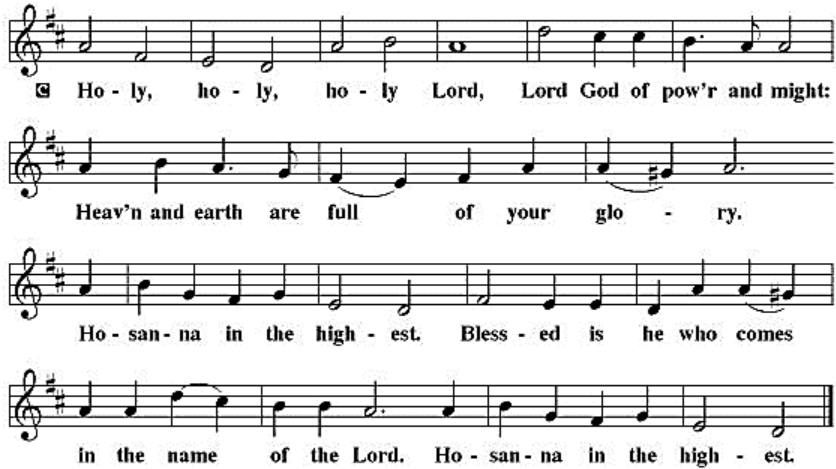
***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING and THE PREFACE**

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



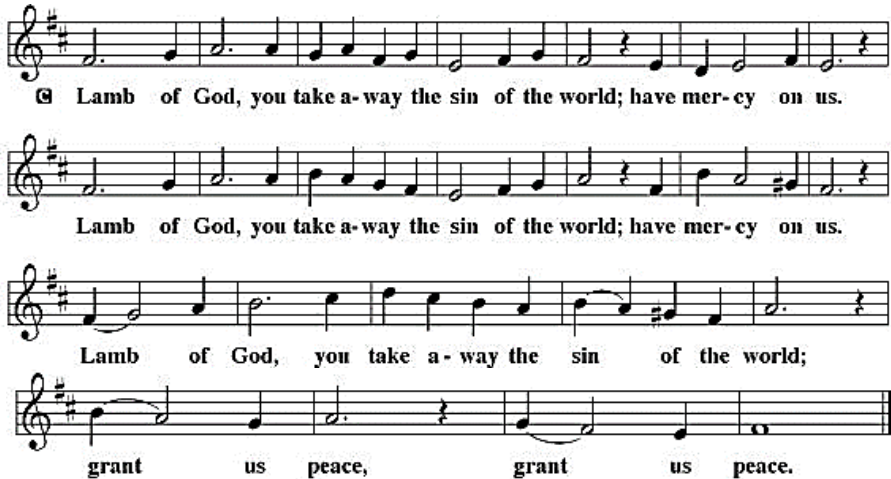
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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"

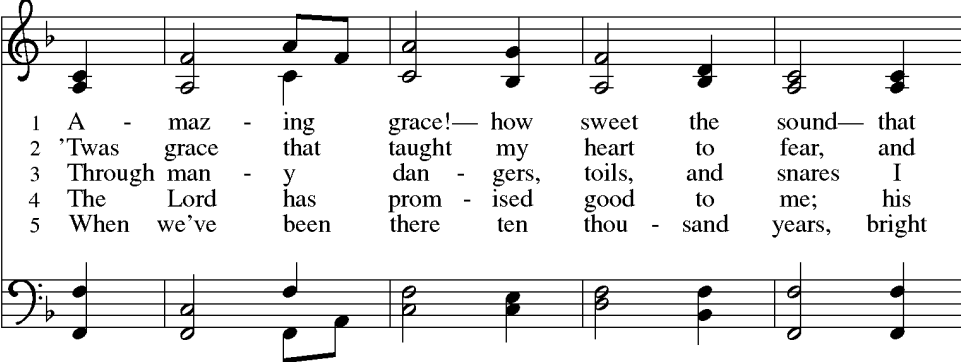


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

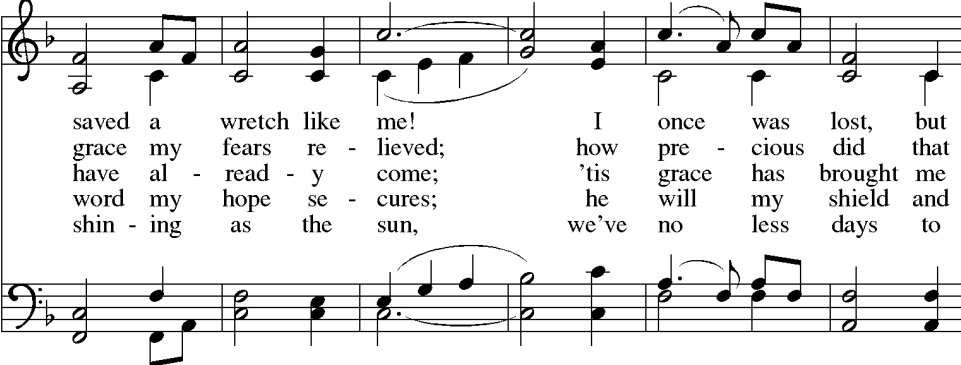
THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

ELW 779



1 A - maz - ing grace! — how sweet the sound — that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised, good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 may we still be - hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932
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HYMN (if needed-not printed): "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" *Green Hymnal* LBW 221

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - 'ry - one what
he has done. Let ev - 'ry - one who seeks the Lord re -
joice 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

*THE SENDING HYMN "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

ELW 888

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,

and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929
 Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903

*THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: "God Bless the USA" (Greenwood)

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by John & Mary Burke to the Glory of God.

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 for details.**

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

THANK YOU, Miriam Conrad for accompanying worship today.

“GOD’S GOOD CREATION” Vacation Bible School takes a break this week and will continue next Wednesday, July 12th from **5:30 PM to 8:00 PM** and continues July 19. This past Wednesday, in VBS, the children got to meet some chicks! They then learned about all the ways that donating chicks to families in different areas of the world can help them. On the 12th they will be learning about bees! 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 please use the SignUp link in MLC E-News or sign up at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. POC Kari Pitchko.

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.

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 & Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields		(11:00)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Lectors</u>	Laura Peterson (8:30)
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobby Huwaldt	<u>Ushers</u>	Mark Thompson (8:30)
	Meredith Kilby		Bruce Machamer, Matthew DeMarsh(11:00)
<u>Interim Director/Faith Formation</u>	William Strand	<u>Altar Guild</u>	Chris Berry (8:30)
			Karen Jackson (11:00)
		<u>Cantor</u>	Adam Neely
		<u>Stream Team</u>	Stephen Strand (8:30)
			Glen Long, Stephen Strand (11:00)
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Jutta DeMarsh

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, July 2

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

Monday, July 3

Office on Limited Staff

Tuesday, July 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY

Office Closed

Thursday, July 6

6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry

Sunday, July 9

8:30 a.m. - Worship: WOV Bread of Life 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: WOV Bread of Life with the Lord's Supper

LOOKING AHEAD

July 10 - William Strand Ordination

July 12 - "God's Good Creation" VBS continues July 19

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 18 Online: - 74

June 25 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 72, 11:00 a.m. - 66

Offerings Counted June 25, 2023

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