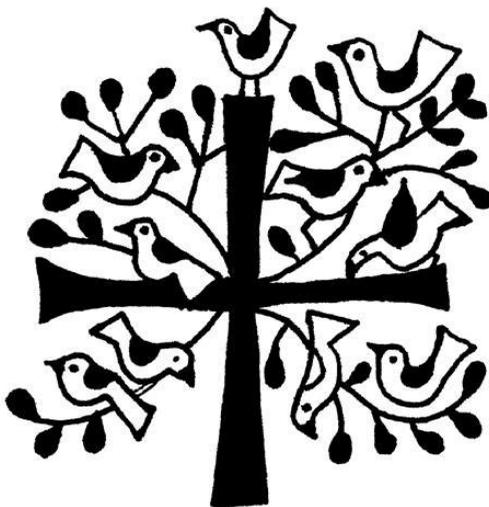




July 30, 2023
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



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 2 with the Lord's Supper

** Please stand as you are able*

THE PRELUDE: “Andante Sostenuto” (Alan Gray) Stephen Schneider, 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.



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thic - ken, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.



*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



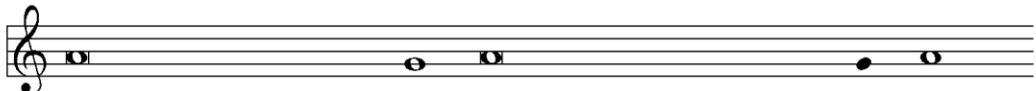
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **☩** Lord, have mer - cy.



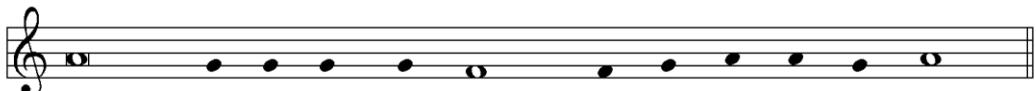
A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



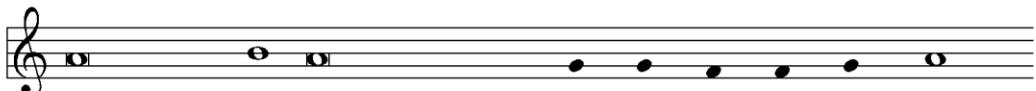
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



A 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.



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

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



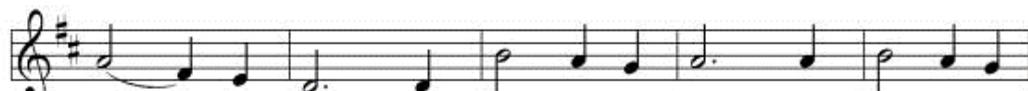
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and 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, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

*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 13:31-33, 44-52

³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

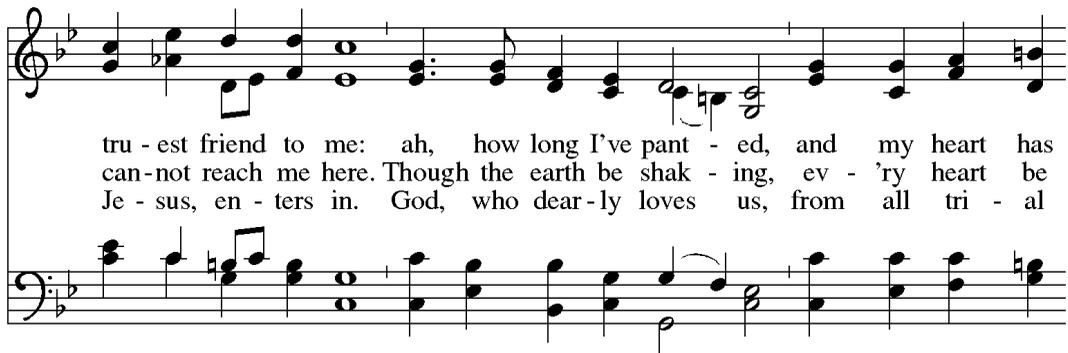
THE SERMON

*HYMN: “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

ELW 775/LBW 457



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,
2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me
3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has
can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be
Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear-ly loves us, from all tri - al



faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;
quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light-nings flash and thun - ders crash;
saves us, gives sweet peace with-in. I have borne this world - ly scorn;

(song continues next page ➡)

no - thing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask be - side thee.
 yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure: Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: JESU, MEINE FREUDE, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662; arr. hymnal version
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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00)

Katelyn Lea Saari

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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 PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

*BAPTISMAL WELCOME (11:00)

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

THE OFFERING

Choir Anthem (8:30): "Come Sing a Joyful Song" (W. A. Mozart)

Organ Solo (11:00): "Offertory" (Franz Abt)

*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 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 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: "Be Thou My Vision"

ELW 793/WOV 776



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

(song continues next page ➡)



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

HYMN: “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

ELW 533/LBW 250



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



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so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

*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 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

ELW 705/LBW 415

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

*THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: "Choeur Ecclesiastique" (Charles Vincent)

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Redacted. Please pray for all who are lifted in prayer during the Prayers of the Church.

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

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.

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

KATELYN LEA SAARI, daughter of Jennifer and Matt is received into the Lord's Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today. Katelyn's Baptismal Sponsors are Megan Fernandes and Asha Hertler. May God bless Katelyn as she lives and grows in our Christian faith.

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.

A SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING is planned for today at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The item on the agenda is the congregation's approval to fund urgently needed removal of racoons who have gained access to MLC's attic spaces, and the remediation of damage they and other rodents have caused to MLC's attic insulation. Information about the issue can be found at the Welcome Center.

BACKPACK BLESSING is today 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 in the Parish Hall and will include a Hot Dog "Rally" with a variety of regional hot dog stations to explore and enjoy!

THINKING OF JOINING MLC? NEW MEMBER SUNDAY IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 13. If you have questions or are interested in becoming a member. please talk to Pastor Kris or Claire Strand.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMERS BAKE SALE is Sunday, August 13 between and after services. 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

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolytes</u>	Logan Rydbom (8:30)
<u>Music & Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields		Ryan Fedrick (11:00)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Greeters</u>	(8:30)
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		(11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Lectors</u>	Tim Pitchko (8:30)
	Meredith Kilby		Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
<u>Nursery</u>	Katrina Strand	<u>Ushers</u>	Joe & Bobbey Huwaldt (8:30)
			Tom MacNamara, Bruce Machamer (11:00)
		<u>Cantor</u>	Adam Neely
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	LeeLinda Baggett/Janet Smith (8:30)
			Debbie Neely (11:00)
		<u>Sound & Stream Team</u>	(8:30)
			Daniel Hopkin/Lee Seitz (11:00)
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Jutta DeMarsh

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, July 30

8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

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

9:45 a.m. - Special Congregational meeting (see information at left)

Tuesday, August 1

9:00 a.m. - Comforters

Thursday, August 3

6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry

Sunday, August 6

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

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Rally Day!!

9:45 a.m. - Adult Sunday School on Gospel of Luke

10:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: WOV Bread of Life with the Lord's Supper

12:00 p.m. - Worship

LOOKING AHEAD

August 6 - Rally Day

August 13 - ALZ Bake Sale. New Member Sunday

August 20 - Kit & Quilt Blessing Sunday, LWR Kit Packing (Rescheduled)

August 23 - Wednesday Night Dinner (Spaghetti Fundraiser for ALS Patient Care)

August 30 - First Communion Class

Attendance:

July 16 Online: - 84

July 23 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 86, 11:00 a.m. - 70

Offerings Counted July 23, 2023

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