



MESSIAH
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MADISON, ALABAMA

God's People. Reaching Out

June 16, 2023

11:00 AM Service

Seventh 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.

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*

Band-led worship with the Lord's Supper

Worshippers who prefer lyrics with its music should use the black Band-led Service binders. Music for songs that are not in the binders are available from an usher.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (Sondra K. Smith)

Notabella
Rhonda Gaede, Director

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: "Grace Alone" (Dustin Kensrue)

Music Available

I was an orphan lost at the fall
Running away when I'd hear your call
But Father, you worked your will
I had no righteousness of my own
I had no right to draw near your throne
But Father, you loved me still

I was in darkness all of my life
I never knew the day from the night
But Spirit, you made me see
I swore I knew the way on my own
Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone
But Spirit, you moved in me

And in love before you laid the
world's foundation
You predestined to adopt me as your own
You have raised me so high
above my station
I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone

At your touch my sleeping
spirit was awakened
On my darkened heart the light
of Christ has shone
Called into a kingdom that
cannot be shaken
Heaven's citizen by grace and grace alone

You left your home to seek out the lost
You knew the great and terrible cost
But Jesus, your face was set
I worked my fingers down to the bone
Nothing I did could ever atone
But Jesus, you paid my debt

So I'll stand in faith by grace and grace alone
I will run the race by grace and grace alone
I will slay my sin by grace and grace alone
I will reach the end by grace and grace alone

By your blood I have
redemption and salvation
Lord, you died that I might reap
what you have sown
And you rose that I might be a new
creation
I am born again by grace and grace alone

***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

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE: "Grace Like Rain" (Todd Wilson Agnew)**

#10

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
And I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see so clearly

[Repeat REFRAIN]

When we've been there, ten thousand
years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing Your praise
Than when we first begun

REFRAIN:

And Hallelujah, grace like rain
Falls down on me
And Hallelujah and all my stains
Are washed away, they're washed away

[Repeat REFRAIN twice]

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

And Hallelujah
And Hallelujah
And Hallelujah
And Hallelujah all my stains
Are washed away, they're washed away

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

(After the Prayer, the Canticle continues)

And Hallelujah, grace like rain
Falls down on me
And Hallelujah and all my stains
Are washed away, they're washed away

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 65:9-13

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;

with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness,

and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹²May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,

and the hills be clothed with joy.

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;

Let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—

indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rhonda Gaede

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Refrain from "Grace Like Rain"

And Hallelujah, grace like rain
Falls down on me
And Hallelujah and all my stains
Are washed away, they're washed away

And Hallelujah; And Hallelujah
And Hallelujah
And Hallelujah all my stains
Are washed away, they're washed away

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

SERMON

Pastor Kristine Schroeder

Here in this worn and weary land
Where many a dream has died
Like a tree planted by the water
We never will run dry
So living water flowing through
God, we thirst for more of You
Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one
desire

Just to know You and to make You known
We lift Your name on high
Shine like the sun, make darkness
run and hide
We know we were made for so much
more than ordinary lives
It's time for us to more than just survive
We were made to thrive

Into Your Word, we're digging deep
To know our Father's heart
Into the world, we're reaching out
To show them who You are

So living water flowing through
God, we thirst for more of You
Fill our hearts and flood our souls
with one desire
Just to know You and to make You known
We lift Your name on high

Shine like the sun, make darkness
run and hide
We know we were made for so much more
than ordinary lives
It's time for us to more than just survive
We were made to thrive

Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable
Love unstoppable, anything is possible
Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable
Love unstoppable, anything is possible
Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable
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Just to know You and to make You known
We lift Your name on high
Shine like the sun, make darkness
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We know we were made for so much more
than ordinary lives
It's time for us to more than just survive
We were made to thrive,

We were made to thrive

*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**

*PRAYERS

(After each petition)

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

Offertory Song: "Forever Reign" (Jason Ingram/Ruben Morgan)

Music Available

You are good, You are good
When there's nothing good in me
You are love, You are love
On display for all to see
You are light, You are light
When the darkness closes in
You are hope, You are hope
You have covered all my sin

You are peace, You are peace
When my fear is crippling
You are true, You are true
Even in my wandering
You are joy, You are joy
You're the reason that I sing
You are life, You are life
In You, death has lost its sting

Oh, I'm running to Your arms
I'm running to Your arms
The riches of Your love
Will always be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace
Light of the world forever reign

You are more, You are more
Than my words will ever say
You are Lord, You are Lord
All creation will proclaim

You are here, You are here
In Your presence, I'm made whole
You are God, You are God
Of all else I'm letting go

Oh, I'm running to Your arms
I'm running to Your arms
The riches of Your love
Will always be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace
Light of the world forever reign

Oh, I'm running to Your arms
I'm running to Your arms
The riches of Your love
Will always be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace
Light of the world forever reign

My heart will sing no other name
Jesus, Jesus

My heart will sing no other name
Jesus, Jesus

My heart will sing no other name
Jesus, Jesus

My heart will sing no other name
Jesus, Jesus

**(At the presentation of the gifts, the assembly sings)*

Oh, I'm running to Your arms
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The riches of Your love
Will always be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace
Light of the world forever reign

My heart will sing no other name
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Oh, I'm running to Your arms
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***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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.**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us,

**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

Distribution Song: “Jesus Messiah” (Chris Tomlin/Daniel Carson/Ed Cash/Jesse Reeves) #39

He became sin, who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing

REFRAIN:

Jesus Messiah, name above all names
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from
Heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread, his blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled, and the veil
was torn
Love so amazing, love so amazing

[Repeat REFRAIN]

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in
You
All the glory to You, God, the light of the
world

[Repeat REFRAIN]

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all
You're the Lord of all
The Lord of all

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

*BLESSING: “The Blessing” (Kari Jobe Carnes / Cody Carnes / Steven Furtick / Chris Brown)
Music Not Printed

The Lord bless you and keep you
May His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace

**The Lord bless you and keep you
May His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace
Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen**

(Silence to consider the God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed)

Hear all creation lift its voice
Hear mountains sing and rivers rejoice
For the name of Jesus, for His name

There's nothing greater than to be His
To bring Him glory and to fully live
For the name of Jesus, for His name

And we His people saved by grace
We bow our hearts and we bring our praise
To the sweet redeemer, for His name

So with everything we are
And everything we have
We pour out our offerings
And if ever we should fail
The rocks will rise up
And crown Him the King of Kings

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And everything we have
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And if ever we should fail
The rocks will rise up
And crown Him the King of Kings

He mends our hearts, He keeps our ways
He lights our nights and He leads our days
All for His glory, for His name

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Hear All Creation"

Messiah's Praise Band
Ric Birdsong, Director

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Ric Birdsong - Director, Acoustic Guitar/Vocals

David Gillespie - Drums

Randal Fields - Keyboards/Vocals

Paul Zutter - Bass

Bob Davis - Electric Guitar/Vocals

Kyle Thompson - Electric Guitar

Gretchen Perry - Violin

Stephanie Gillespie - Vocals

Gerry Meyers - Vocals

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

See Prayers of the Church

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Ed & Georgann Trexler, and by Rick & LeeLinda Baggett in celebration of their 32nd wedding anniversary on July 15th.

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.

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 will conclude this Wednesday evening from **5:30 PM to 8:00 PM**. Last week the children got to learn about bees and beekeeping, this week the children will get to meet a live pig!

A TOWN HALL MEETING is next Sunday in the Parish Hall at 9:45 a.m. A SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING is planned for Sunday, July 30 at 9:45 a.m. The item on the agenda is the ongregation'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.

KIT PACKING will be between services next Sunday, July 23. If you are available to help please do so. The truck will be here in August!

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

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolytes</u>	Natalie Zesinger (8:30)
<u>Director of Music</u>	Randall Fields		Hannah Seitz(11:00)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Greeters</u>	Dagmar Miller (8:30)
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		(11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Lectors</u>	Andrew King (8:30)
	Meredith Kilby		Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
<u>Nursery</u>	Katrina Strand	<u>Ushers</u>	Glen Long, Peter Woods (8:30)
<u>Notabella Bell Choir Director</u>	Rhonda Gaede		Mark Thompson, Tom McNamara (11:00)
		<u>Cantor</u>	Lee Smith
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	Janet Smith, Janell Zesinger (8:30)
			LeeLinda Baggett (11:00)
		<u>Sound & Stream Team</u>	Stephen Strand (8:30)
			Danny Hopkin. S.Strand, Shane Peterson (11:00)
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Linda Heideman

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, July 16

8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

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

Wednesday, July 19

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

Thursday, July 20

6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry

Saturday, July 22

1:00 p.m. - Jr./Sr. Youth Escape Room Outing

Sunday, July 23

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

9:45 a.m. - Congregation Kit Packing between services

9:45 a.m. - Town Hall Meeting (see information at left)

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

July 25 - Comforters Resume

July 26 - Wednesday Night Dinner Planning Meeting

July 30 - Blessing of the Backpacks and Briefcases, Special Congregation Meeting

August 6 - Rally Day

August 13 - ALZ Bake Sale

August 23 - ALZ Wednesday Night Dinner

Attendance:

July 2 Online: - 128

July 9 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 67, 11:00 a.m. - 36

Offerings Counted July 9, 2023

Church Ministries

Current Mortgages

ELCA Good Gifts

Youth National Gathering

Lunches for Learning

Mullins Memorial

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M-F, 8:30 AM to Noon