



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

**August 20, 2023 - 11:00 AM Service of Worship**  
***Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost***



*In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.*

***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.

**[Online Guest Form](#)**

*Sound Assistance and staffed nursery available.*

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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: "Your Grace Is Enough"

Messiah's Praise Band

Ric Birdsong, Director

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: "Your Grace Is Enough" (Matt Maher)

Great is Your faithfulness, O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's heart  
You lead us by still waters and to mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

Great is Your love and justice, God  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

REFRAIN:

[Repeat REFRAIN twice]

So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, O God  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

\*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: "He Reigns" (Kirk Franklin)

It's the song of the redeemed  
Rising from the African plain

It's the song of the forgiven  
Drowning out the Amazon rain

The song of Asian believers  
Filled with God's holy fire  
It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation  
A love song born of a grateful choir

REFRAIN:

It's all God's children singin'  
Glory, glory, hallelujah  
He reigns, he reigns  
It's all God's children singin'  
Glory, glory, hallelujah  
He reigns, he reigns

Let it rise above the four winds  
Caught up in the heavenly sound

Let praises echo  
from the towers of cathedrals  
To the faithful gathered underground

Of all the songs sung  
from the dawn of creation  
Some were meant to persist  
Of all the bells rung from a thousand  
steeple  
None rings truer than this

[Repeat REFRAIN twice]

And all the powers of darkness  
Tremble at what they've just heard  
'Cause all their powers of darkness  
Can't drown out a single word  
When all God's children sing out

[Repeat REFRAIN]

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*(After the Prayer, the Canticle continues)*

Glory, glory, hallelujah He reigns, he reigns

It's all God's children singin' Glory, glory, hallelujah He reigns, he reigns

TEMPLE TALK

Diane Davis - Kit Ministry, Comforters - Paulette McNamara

**WORD**

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— <sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. <sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 67

<sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to us and bless us;  
**may the light of God's face shine upon us.**

<sup>2</sup>Let your way be known upon earth,  
**your saving health among all nations.**

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
**let all the peoples praise you.**

<sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
**for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
**let all the peoples praise you.**

<sup>6</sup>The earth has brought forth its increase;  
**God, our own God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup>May God give us blessing,  
**and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.**

SECOND READING:

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] <sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2a</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

<sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sarah Walker

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory, glory, hallelujah He reigns, he reigns

It's all God's children singin' Glory, glory, hallelujah He reigns, he reigns

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 15:21-28

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

SERMON

Pastor Kristine Schroeder

SONG: "Yes and Amen" (Josiah Bell / Robert Marvin / Matt Redman)

Father of kindness,  
You have poured out grace  
You brought me out of darkness  
You have filled me with peace

Giver of mercy,  
You're my help in time of need  
Lord I can't help but sing

REFRAIN:

Faithful, you are  
Faithful forever you will be  
Faithful, you are  
All your promises are yes and Amen  
All your promises are yes and Amen

Beautiful Saviour,  
You have brought me near  
You pulled me from the ashes  
You have broken every curse

Blessed redeemer,  
You have set this captive free  
Lord, I can't help but sing

[Repeat REFRAIN twice]

I will rest in your promises  
My confidence is your faithfulness

[Repeat REFRAIN]

\*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: "Holy Roar" (Jason Ingram / Chris Tomlin / Ed Cash) Messiah's Praise Band

From the earth to the sky  
Let it rise, let it rise  
From the dark into light

Here we stand, here we wait  
Have Your way, have Your way  
Every hand in this place

Now alive, now alive

We are here to lift You up  
Here to sing a song of love  
Here to give You, God  
What You are worthy of

A holy roar  
Reaching for Heaven  
Our praise poured out  
With a reckless abandon  
Our worship, God  
Is wholly Yours

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

A holy roar reaching for Heaven  
Our praise poured out with a reckless abandon  
Our worship, God, is wholly Yours  
All the earth, a holy roar  
O, we are lifting a holy roar

God, we raise

We are here to lift You up  
Here to sing a song of love  
Here to give You, God  
What You are worthy of

We are wholly Yours

Forever worthy, forever worthy  
Forever worthy is the Lamb who was slain, oh  
Forever worthy, forever worthy  
Forever worthy is the Lamb who was slain

## BLESSING OF THE KITS & QUILTS

\*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: “Your Great Name” (Krissy Nordhoff / Michael Neale)

Lost are saved, find their way,  
at the sound of Your great name  
All condemned, feel no shame,  
at the sound of Your great name  
Every fear, has no place,  
at the sound of Your great name  
The enemy, he has to leave,  
at the sound of Your great name

Jesus, worthy is the lamb that was slain for  
us, son of God and man  
You are high and lifted up, that all the world  
will praise Your great name

All the weak, find their strength, at the  
sound of Your great name  
Hungry souls, receive grace, at the sound of  
Your great name  
The fatherless, they find their rest, at the  
sound of Your great name  
Sick are healed, and the dead are raised, at  
the sound of Your great name

Jesus, worthy is the lamb that was slain for  
us, son of God and man  
You are high and lifted up, that all the world  
will praise Your great name

## \*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)

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.**

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

\*SENDING SONG: “This Is Amazing Grace”

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth  
with holy thunder?  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

REFRAIN:

Who brings our chaos back into order?  
Who makes the orphans a son and daughter?  
The King of glory, the King of glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

[Repeat REFRAIN]

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for  
All that You've done for me

Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

[Repeat REFRAIN]

\*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: "This Is Amazing Grace"

Messiah's Praise Band

**Messiah's Praise Band**

Ric Birdsong - Director, Acoustic Guitar/Vocals

James McKee - Drums

Randall Fields - Keyboards/Vocals

Paul Zutter - Bass

Bob Davis - Electric Guitar/Vocals

Sarah McArthur - Vocals

Gerry Meyers - Vocals

Stephen Strand - Sound Engineer

## WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Eugene and Anita Stohs  
Alex DeLong  
Theresa Meyer  
Julie Maxon

Charlie  
Amber Alt  
Charles Alexander  
Jeff Klick

**THE FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by Anita DeJong in loving memory of Gerard deJong whose birthday was today.

**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 have coffee in the Fellowship Hall after each service of worship.

**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.

**PEST REMEDIATION** will begin tomorrow. We recommend calling the church office before stopping by so we can best accommodate your needs.

**A CONGREGATION KIT PACKING** is today between services in the Parish Hall. **Come! Be a minion in support of the LWR Kit Mission. Hands of all ages are welcome.**

**LWR TRUCK LOADING** is next Sunday, August 27 immediately after 8:30 a.m. service. If you have a hand-truck at home, please bring it. Many hands will make quick work of the task.

**MLC'S DISASTER RELIEF MISSION TEAM** will share their experiences from their June trip to Kentucky next Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall after the loading has finished.

**THE WEEKEND FOOD PROGRAM** continues to support 40 students at risk for food insecurities. Please come to the Fellowship Hall next Sunday at Noon to pack bags. All are invited to help pack food bags for the 3 schools MLC serves.

**SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER DINNER FOR ALS PATIENT CARE** is coming up on Wednesday, August 23, at 5:30 p.m. Your free-will donations will help support ALS patients and those who care for them. For more information visit <https://www.als.org/alabama>

**FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION CLASS** is Wednesday, August 30, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. starting in MLC's Sanctuary. Any youth grade 2 or older who has yet to receive this instruction is encouraged to sign up via the link in MLC-E News or by calling the office. Questions? Please speak to Pastor Kris.

**KIT MINISTRY ITEM** - Blue/Black Pens (No Gel Pens) **FOOD PANTRY** Vienna Sausages

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolyte</u>	Hannah Seitz (11:00)
<u>Music &amp; Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields	<u>Greeter</u>	(11:00)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Lector</u>	Hannah Seitz (11:00)
<u>Communication &amp; Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby	<u>Communion Assistant</u>	Diane Davis
		<u>Ushers</u>	Tom & Paulette McNamara (11:00)
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	Karen Arnold (11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Stream Team</u>	D. Hopkin, S. Strand (11:00)
	Meredith Kilby	<u>Flower Guild</u>	Jan Murphy, Janice Aldaco
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Katrina Strand		

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

### **Sunday, August 20 Kit & Quilt Blessing**

- 8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. - Faith Formation/Sunday School for all Ages
- 9:45 a.m. - Congregation Kit Packing
- 4:00 p.m. - Youth "Messy Games" at St. Matthews

### **Tuesday, August 22**

- 9:00 a.m. - Comforters

### **Wednesday, August 23**

- 5:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class-Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m. - ALS Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. - Dinner Theater Rehearsal

### **Thursday, August 24**

- 6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry

### **Sunday, August 27 TRUCK LOADING**

- 8:30 a.m. - Worship: LBW Setting 2 with the Lord's Supper
- 9:45 a.m. - Faith Formation Classes (all Ages) LWR Truck Loading, Disaster Relief Recap
- 9:45 a.m. - Weekend Food Program Packing
- 10:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: LBW Setting 2 with the Lord's Supper
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr./Sr. Youth Fourth Sunday Dinner

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**August 28** - Women's Book & Social Club Resumes

**August 30** - First Communion Class/Wednesday Night Dinners Resume

### **Attendance:**

August 6 Online: - 66      August 13 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 93, 11:00 a.m. - 61

### **Offerings Counted August 13, 2023**

Church Ministries  
Current Mortgages  
Comforters  
Pest Control  
Lunches for Learning

Messiah Mugs  
Music Ministry  
Facility Usage  
ALS  
ALZ Bake Sale/Walk

### **Pastor Kris Schroeder**

Email: [pastor.kris@mlutheran.org](mailto:pastor.kris@mlutheran.org)  
Pastor Cell Phone: 480-338-6519

### **Communication Survey**

Now through August 31  
Just six short questions.  
Scan the QR code. Thank  
you for participating!



*Please do not respond to messages or emails  
by Pr. Kris (staff, or council) for help or assistance with a "sensitive"  
matter that solicits money or asks for gift cards, help with account  
transfers, etc. If you are not sure, please call the church office  
during business hours (256) 721-0041M-F, 8:30 AM to Noon*

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