



# August 13, 2023

## *Eleventh 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 nursery with audio available.*

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

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**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
**LBW Setting 1 with the Lord's Supper**

*\* Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE: "My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me: Martin" 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: "Shout to the Lord"

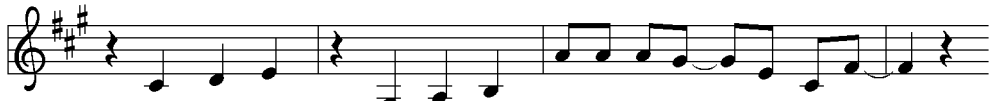
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My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.



All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.



My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;



let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.



Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise



to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the



sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;



for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.



Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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## \*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



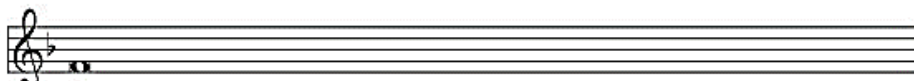
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



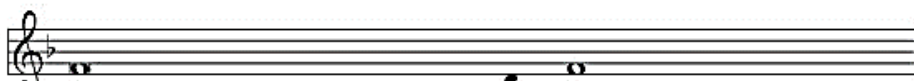
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



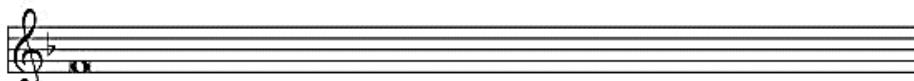
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,




and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



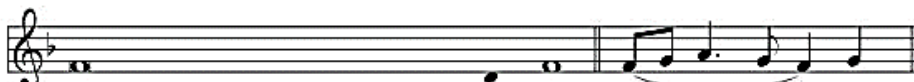
**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **G** A - - - - - men

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [I] Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was  
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [II] Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and  
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [III] Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and  
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, 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. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [IV] For the Lamb who was



\*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 19:9-18

<sup>9</sup>At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

<sup>11</sup>He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

THE PSALM: *Psalms 85:8-13*

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying,  
**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.**

<sup>9</sup>Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,  
**that his glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Mercy and truth have met together;  
**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

<sup>11</sup>Truth shall spring up from the earth,

and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go before him,  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:5-15

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Lisa Bartel

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



\*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

\*THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

<sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

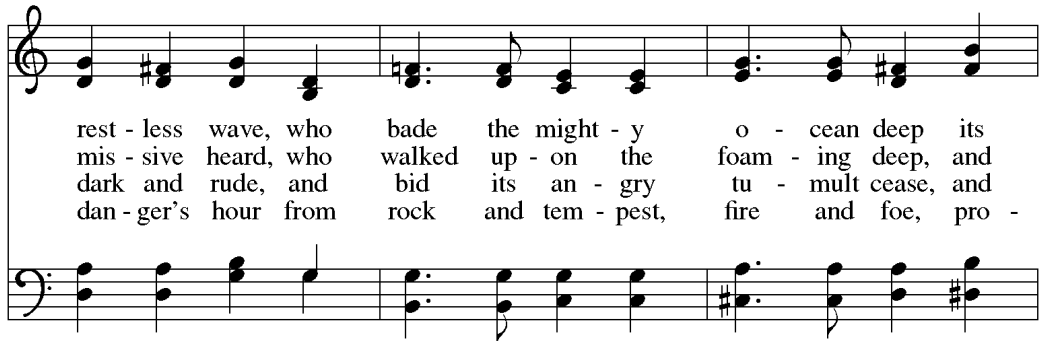
THE SERMON

\*HYMN: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

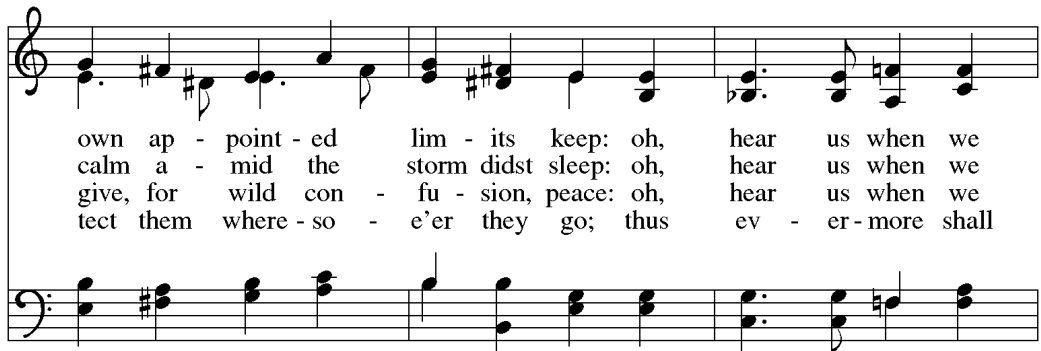
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1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

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cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt.  
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

### \*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

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

#### \*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 always. **And also with you.**

### THE OFFERING

Piano Solo (8:30): "In The Sweet By and By" (Parton)

Choir Anthem (11:00): "The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee" (Jean Berger)

\*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 the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. 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, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
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.

THE DISTRIBUTION

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul,

1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me o - ver  
 2 As a moth - er stills her child, thou canst  
 3 When at last I near the shore, and the

life's tem - pes - tuous sea; un - known waves be - fore me  
 hush the o - cean wild; bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy  
 fear - ful break - ers roar twixt me and the peace - ful

roll, hid - ing rock and treach -'rous shoal; chart and  
 will when thou say'st to them: "Be still." Won - drous  
 rest, then, while lean - ing on thy breast, may I

com - pass come from thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
 sov - reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
 hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek 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 God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm-y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: “His Eye Is On the Sparrow” (Blount)

## WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

**THE FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by Anderson & Janet Sullivan in celebration of daughter Olivia's 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**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 a reception in the Fellowship Hall after each service of worship to meet and greet MLC's new members.

**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.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS** (8:30) Adam Ballard. Tracy and Lindsey Porter, Tracy, Thomas, & Tristan (11:00) Keith and Margie Cook, Jim and Charlotte Korzun, Mike and Peggy Mabry, Caitlyn McGill, (livestream) Ben Gremillion, Bill Schroeder, Jeremiah Pineiro.

**WALK TO END ALZHEIMERS BAKE SALE** is today between and after services in the Narthex. POC is Janice Aldaco. Come, walk with the 'Messiah Lutheran and Friends' team at 2 p.m. on Sun., Oct. 1 at Big Spring Park. For information see MLC E-News.

**KIT & QUILT BLESSING IS NEXT SUNDAY!** Throughout the year, MLC's Kit Ministry and Comforters groups assemble school, hygiene, baby kits, and relief quilts for distribution by Lutheran World Relief. **Next Sunday between services, a Congregation Kit Packing will take place. All hands invited and encouraged to attend.** Loading day is Sunday, August 27.

**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>Acolytes</u>	Jude Williams (8:30)
<u>Music &amp; Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields		Hannah Seitz (11:00)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Greeters</u>	Vickie Grewe (8:30)
<u>Communication &amp; Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		Anita deJong (11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Lectors</u>	Joan Ellsworth (8:30)
	Meredith Kilby		Laura Peterson (11:00)
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Katrina Strand	Communion Assistant:	Lee Smith (8:30)
		<u>Ushers</u>	Peter Woods (8:30)
			Bruce Machamaer (11:00)
		<u>Cantor</u>	Bob Gustafson
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	Linda Peirce (8:30)
			Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
		<u>Stream Team</u>	C. Davis, S. Peterson (11:00)
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Linda Heideman

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

### **Sunday, August 13**

9:45 a.m. - Faith Formation/Sunday School for all Ages

9:45 a.m. - New Member Reception

9:45 a.m. - Alzheimers Bake Goods & Vegetables Sale (after and between services)

10:30 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

12:00 p.m. - New Member Reception

12:15 p.m. - Instrumental Ensemble

### **Tuesday, August 15**

9:00 a.m. - Comforters

### **Thursday, August 17**

6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry

### **Saturday, August 19**

10:00 a.m. - Contemporary Team Rehearsal

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

8:30 a.m. - Worship: Chicago Folk with the Lord's Supper

9:45 a.m. - Faith Formation/Sunday School for all Ages, Congregation Kit Packing

10:30 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: Band Led Service with the Lord's Supper

4:00 p.m. - Youth "Messy Games at St. Matthews

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**August 20** - Sep. *Messiah Messenger* articles due (mail to: [newsletter@mlutheran.org](mailto:newsletter@mlutheran.org))

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

**August 23** - Confirmation Classes begin (in the Fellowship Hall)

**August 27** - Weekend Food Program Packing, Youth Fourth Sunday Dinner

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

### **Attendance:**

July 30 Online: - 126

August 6 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 86, 11:00 a.m. - 83

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

Church Ministries

Current Mortgages

Fellowship

Christ Kiswahili Mission

Messiah Mugs

Flowers

Kit Ministries

SE Synod Disaster Response

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Pastor Cell Phone: 480-338-6519

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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) 721-0041

M-F, 8:30 AM to Noon