



**September 10, 2023**  
***15th Sunday after Pentecost***

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For guests, friends, and members to record their viewing of MLC's online services.



*We gather in the name of Christ, to listen to God's Word, receive God's gifts and discover how we might imitate a faith-filled life each day we rise. Today we are reminded that everything is the Lord's, and it is our responsibility to care for all God created, including the gifts for service we have been given. After all, Jesus came to serve, and we are to imitate such actions.*

***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.*

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

*\* Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE: "My Tribute: To God Be the Glory" (Andraé Crouch)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,

**you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**Amen.**



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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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. ① 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. ② 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. ③ 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. ④ For the Lamb who was

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

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

\*THE SALUTATION

☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

\*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

TEMPLE TALK “Serving as a Volunteer at MLC”

Laura Peterson

THE FIRST LESSON

Hebrews 6:9-12

<sup>9</sup> Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are convinced of better things in your case—the things that have to do with salvation. <sup>10</sup> God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. <sup>11</sup> We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. <sup>12</sup> We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

THE PSALM

Psalm 24

- <sup>1</sup> The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it;
- <sup>2</sup> **for he founded it on the seas  
and established it on the waters.**
- <sup>3</sup> Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?  
Who may stand in his holy place?
- <sup>4</sup> **The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not trust in an idol  
or swear by a false god.**
- <sup>5</sup> They will receive blessing from the LORD  
and vindication from God their Savior.
- <sup>6</sup> **Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek your face, God of Jacob.**
- <sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, you gates;  
be lifted up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.
- <sup>8</sup> **Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD strong and mighty,  
the LORD mighty in battle.**

<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, you gates;  
lift them up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>10</sup> Who is he, this King of glory?  
The LORD Almighty—  
he is the King of glory.

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 4:7-11

<sup>7</sup> The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. <sup>8</sup> Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup> Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup> Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lisa Bartel

\*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. Al - le - lu - ia.

\*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

\*THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

<sup>35</sup> Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." <sup>36</sup> "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. <sup>37</sup> They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." <sup>38</sup> "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" <sup>39</sup> "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." <sup>41</sup> When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. <sup>42</sup> Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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

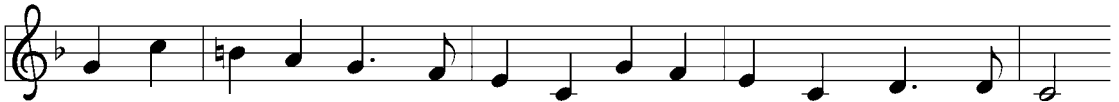
## THE SERMON

\*HYMN: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

ELW 678/LBW 408



- 1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,  
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.  
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;  
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;  
O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.  
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.  
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006

Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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## \*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**



**\*THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**\*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

**THE OFFERING**

Piano Solo (8:30): "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (William N. Runyan)

Choir Anthem (11:00): "Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether" (Friedell)

**\*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.

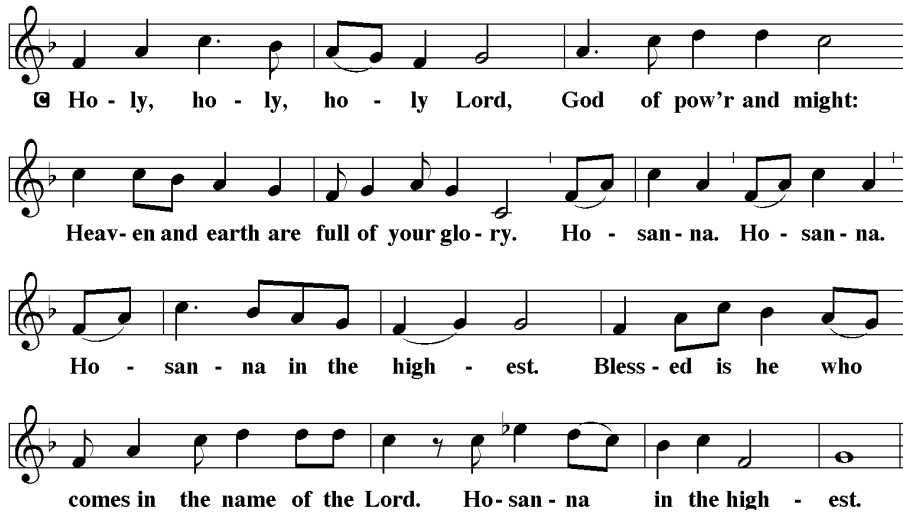
**\*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of power, God of plenty,  
all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.  
Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
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



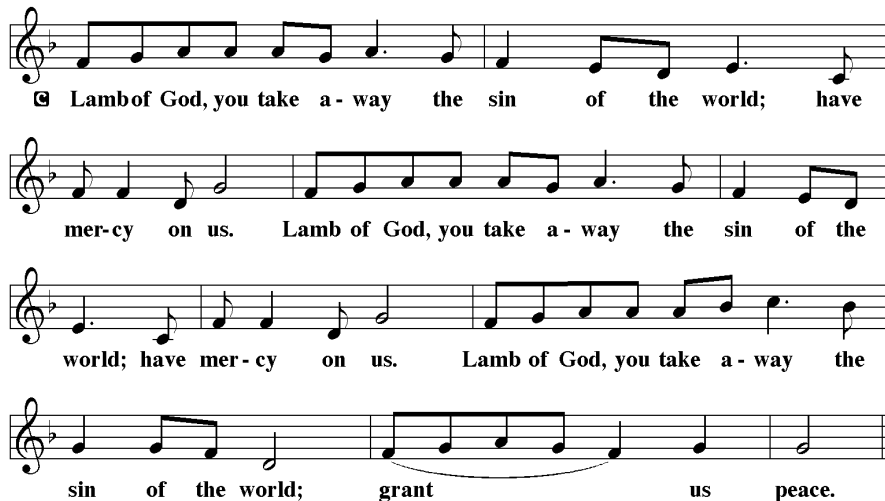
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*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

*The first communicants and their families are invited to the first table.*



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?  
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

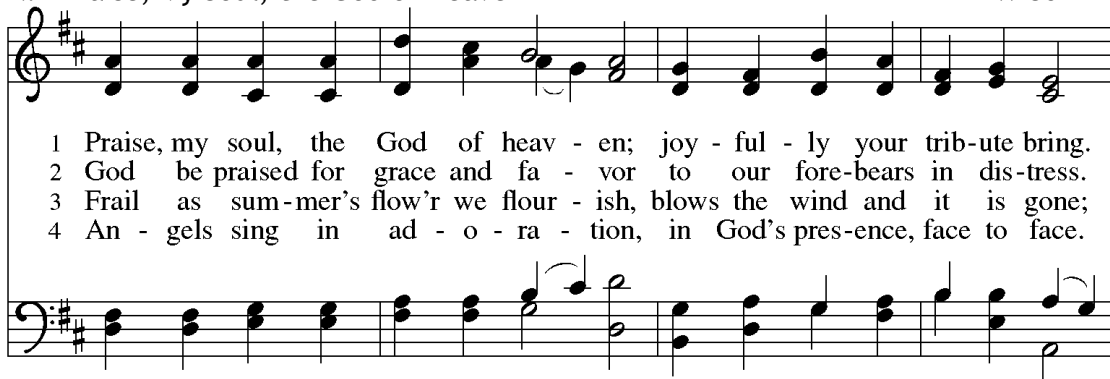
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Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

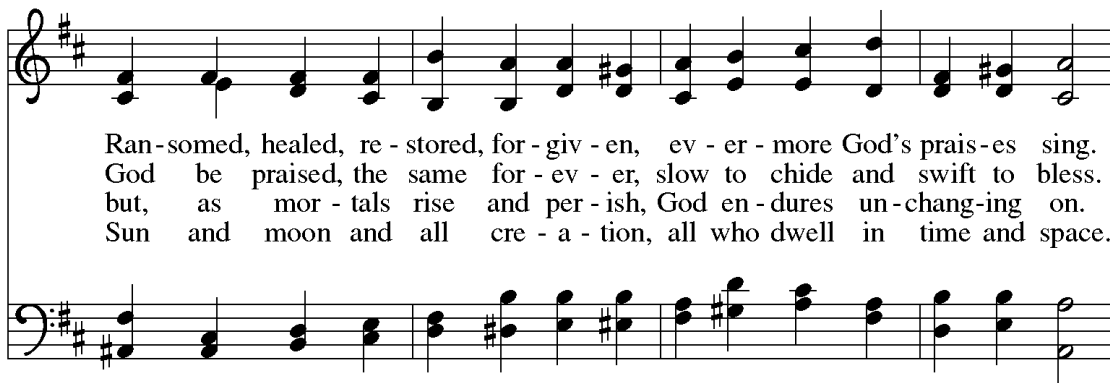
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## HYMN: "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

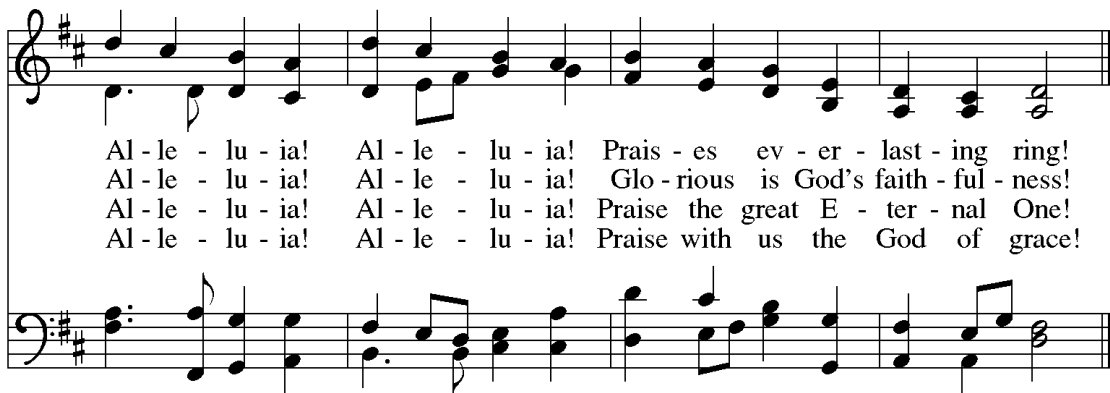
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1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib - ute bring.  
 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore - bears in dis - tress.  
 3 Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres - ence, face to face.



Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais - es sing.  
 God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
 but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.  
 Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005  
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

## HYMN: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

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\*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 - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



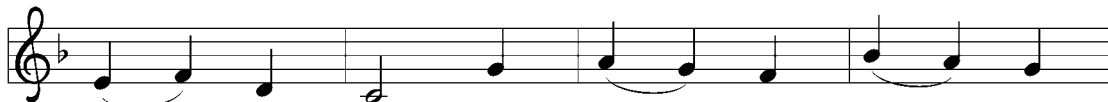
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

\*THE BLESSING



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
 joy like seed and, all our days, to  
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
 share a dream and help the blind to see.  
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

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## THE DISMISSAL

## THE POSTLUDE: “Credo” (Franz Joseph Haydn)

## WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Martin Campbell  
Rich Reed  
Georgann Trexler  
Family of Pita

Peggy Mabry  
Amber Alt  
Ann Walters  
Family of John Gustafson

Laura Peterson  
Carl Asland  
Julie Maxon

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God from Bill and Marcy Emerson in honor and remembrance of their mothers and grandmothers.

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 and cupcakes in the Fellowship Hall after each service of worship.

FIRST COMMUNION We celebrate with Hannah Christensen, Eli Finch, Elliott Zomkowski and Rose Zomkowski as they receive their first communion today. What a glorious day this is!"

NURSERY HELP WANTED! If you would be interested in being a substitute for a Sunday in the nursery, please contact Laurie Campbell at [personnel.committee@mlutheran.org](mailto:personnel.committee@mlutheran.org) for details.

CELEBRATION & COMMITMENT SUNDAY is Sunday, October 1.

PEST REMEDIATION continues this week in the main office areas. We recommend calling the church office at (256)721-0041 for information.

"ARMOR OF GOD" SEPTEMBER ADULT BIBLE STUDY with Pr. Bill Schroeder will be Wednesdays Sep 13, 20, & 27 at 6:00 p.m. Room 11/12. Come equip yourself with God's good Word!

2024 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING Information meeting for all youth and parents is next Sunday, Sep. 17 at 5:00 p.m. The triennial ELCA event for youth is July 16-24, 2024 in New Orleans.

TOWN HALL MEETING - SEP. 24 at 9:45 AM (Parish Hall) MLC's Task Force for Calling a Deacon or Pastor of Faith Formation will be there to provide updates, answer questions, and encourage input and ideas on the process. An online survey is underway. See the QR code on the next page.

MOES (Messiah Older Elementary Youth for students Gr. 3 - 5) IS BACK! Their "re-launch" lunch meeting is September 17 in the Parish Hall at NOON. POC is Whitney Morse.

SEP 30 "SANCTUARY" DINNER THEATER TICKETS ON SALE TODAY in the Fellowship Hall between services and immediately after the late service. Tickets are \$15 for persons (12+) and \$5 for children under 12. Purchase early for best seating! Cash, Check or Credit Cards accepted.

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolytes</u>	Hadley Oltmans (8:30)
<u>Music &amp; Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields		Jude Williams (11:00)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Greeters</u>	Jeanette Beamer (8:30)
<u>Communication &amp; Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		(11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Lectors</u>	Lee Smith (8:30 & 11:00)
	Meredith Kilby	<u>Ushers</u>	Mark Thompson, Owen Wasmoen (8:30)
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Katrina Strand		Tom & Paulette McNamara (11:00)
		<u>Cantor</u>	Lee Smith
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	LeeLinda Baggett (8:30)
			Pat Esteppe (11:00)
		<u>Stream Team</u>	Claire Davis, Paul Zutter (11:00)
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Jean Stuart

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

### **Sunday, September 10 - First Communion/God's Work. Our Hands.**

- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages
- 9:45 a.m. - First Communion Reception
- 10:00 a.m. - Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 12:00 p.m. - First Communion Reception
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr./Sr. Youth

### **Tuesday, September 12**

- 9:00 a.m. - Comforters
- 7:00 p.m. - Dinner Theater Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, August 13**

- 5:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class - Youth Room
- 5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner - Menu: "Good Pappa's Burger Bar"
- 6:00 p.m. - Armor of God Bible Study (Rm 11/12)
- 6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir (Pre-K-Gr.1) with Claire Strand (Rm 6)
- 6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir (Gr.2-6) with Laura Simeone (Rm 4)
- 6:30 p.m. - Notabella (Gr.7-Adult) with Rhonda Gaede (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir (Gr.7-Adult) with Randall Fields (Sanctuary)

### **Thursday, September 14**

- 7:00 p.m. - Council Meeting

### **Sunday, September 17**

- 8:10 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. - Worship: *Now the Feast and Celebration* with the Lord's Supper
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages / Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: Band-led Service of Worship with the Lord's Supper
- 12:00 p.m. - MOES Lunch Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr./Sr. Youth (Parent Meeting to 5:30 re: 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering)

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**September 19** - Youth Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.

**September 24** - Town Hall Meeting - Faith Formation Call

**September 30** - MLC Dinner Theater Fundraiser for Lunches for Learning

### **Attendance:**

August 27 Online: - 128      September 3 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 87, 11:00 a.m. - 37

### **Offerings Counted September 3, 2023**

Church Ministries	\$3,613.00	Inspiritus	\$100.00
Current Mortgages	\$940.00	Messiah Mugs	\$24.00
Flowers	\$30.00	Music	\$185.00
Dinner Theater	\$320.00	Pest Control	\$500.00

### **TASK FORCE SURVEY**



### **SIGNUP GENIUS SITE**



### **Pastor Kris Schroeder**

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Pastor Cell Phone: 480-338-6519

*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*

### **ONLINE GIVING**

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