



## September 17, 2023 – 11:00 a.m Service of Worship *Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

### [Online Viewer Form](#)

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



*As God's children, we are to continue to learn and grow in our faith. This also provides an opportunity to mentor and model a Christlike life. As we consider the young of God's church, we must choose to model Christ, so that when the Lord calls asking who shall be sent, we all can confidently say "send me!"*

### ***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

*\* 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 is available from an usher.*

## **GATHERING**

PRELUDE

Messiah's Praise Band, Ric Birdsong, Director

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: "GOD WITH US" (Graul, Millard, Bryson, Scheuchzer, Cochran, Shaffer)

1 - Who are we  
That You would be mindful of us  
What do You see  
That's worth looking our way

Chorus  
All that is within me cries  
For You alone be glorified  
Emmanuel  
God with us  
My heart sings a brand-new song  
The debt is paid these chains are gone  
Emmanuel  
God with us

2 - We are free  
In ways that we never should be  
Sweet release  
From the grip of these chains

Pre-Chorus  
Like hinges straining from the weight  
My heart no longer can keep from singing

3 - Lord, you know  
Our hearts don't deserve Your glory  
Still, you show  
A love we cannot afford

Bridge  
Such a tiny offering compared to Calvary  
Nevertheless, we lay it at Your feet

\*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: “Hosanna” (Brooke Ligertwood)

1 - I see the King of glory  
Coming on the clouds with fire  
The whole earth shakes  
The whole earth shakes yeah

3 - I see a generation  
Rising up to take their place  
With selfless faith  
With selfless faith

2 - I see His love and mercy  
Washing over all our sin  
The people sing  
The people sing

4 - I see a near revival  
Stirring as we pray and seek  
We're on our knees  
We're on our knees

Chorus  
Hosanna hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest

Bridge  
Heal my heart and make it clean  
Open up my eyes to the things unseen  
Show me how to love like You have loved me  
Break my heart for what breaks Yours  
Everything I am for Your Kingdom's cause  
As I walk from earth into eternity

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

TEMPLE TALK “Grow”

Ana Ballard

## WORD

### FIRST READING:

Isaiah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup> At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.” <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

<sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

### RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 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.**

SECOND READING:

Philippians 2:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. <sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Bonnie Flowers

\*THE GOSPEL

John 13:1-17

<sup>1</sup> It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

<sup>2</sup> The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup> so he got up

from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup> After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

<sup>8</sup> "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." <sup>9</sup> "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

<sup>12</sup> When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. <sup>13</sup> "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

SERMON

Pastor Kristine Schroeder

SONG: "Flawless" (Graul, Millard, Glover, Garcia, Scheuchzer, Cochran, Shaffer, Olds)

1 - There's got to be more  
Than going back and forth  
From doing right to doing wrong  
'Cause we were taught that's who we are  
Come on get in line right behind me  
You along with everybody  
Thinking there's worth in what you do

Pre-Chorus  
Then like a hero who takes the stage when  
We're on the edge of our seats saying it's too late  
Let me introduce you to amazing grace

Chorus  
No matter the bumps no matter the bruises  
No matter the scars still the truth is  
The cross has made  
The cross has made you flawless  
No matter the hurt or how deep the wound is  
No matter the pain still the truth is  
The cross has made  
The cross has made you flawless

2 - Could it possibly be  
That we simply can't believe  
That this unconditional  
Kind of love would be enough  
To take a filthy wretch like this  
And wrap him up in righteousness  
But that's exactly what He did

Bridge  
Take a breath smile and say  
Right here right now I'm ok because  
The cross was enough

Pre-Chorus  
Then like a hero who takes the stage when  
We're on the edge of our seats saying it's too late  
Well let me introduce you to grace grace  
God's grace

Ending  
No matter what they say  
Or what you think you are  
The day you called His name  
He made you flawless  
He made you flawless

## \*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)*

Merciful God,  
receive our prayer.

## \*SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

## MEAL

### OFFERING

Offertory Song: "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" (Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman)

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

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord God of all  
accept our offering of money this day, but also the offering of our lives.  
Help us to live simply, generously and courageously,  
that our lives may point to you. 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: "Mighty To Save" (Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan)

1 - Everyone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations

2 - So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in  
Now I surrender

Chorus  
Saviour He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

Bridge  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King  
Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King

## \*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: "He Reigns"**

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]

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**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, Lee Seitz - Sound Engineer



# WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

**THE FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God from Anderson & Janet Sullivan in celebration of Elise's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday, and from Chris Fossum in loving memory of husband Jim's 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 have coffee and donuts in the Fellowship Hall after each service of worship.

**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.

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

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

**PEST REMEDIATION** will be on break until Monday October 9.

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

**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.

**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>	Natalie Zesinger (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>	(8:30)
<u>Communication &amp; Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		(11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Lectors</u>	Laura Peterson (8:30)
	Meredith Kilby		(11:00)
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Katrina Strand	<u>Ushers</u>	Joe & Bobbey Huwaldt (8:30)
			Paul Arnold, Bruce Machamer(11:00)
		<u>Cantor</u>	Pastor Kris
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	Janell Zesinger, Janet Smith (8:30)
			Debbie Neely (11:00)
		<u>Stream Team</u>	M. Kilby, S. Strand., L Seitz. (11:00)
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Linda Heideman

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## SIGN UP GENIUS LINK

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

### **Sunday, September 17**

- 8:10 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages
- 10:00 a.m. - Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 12:00 p.m. - MOES Lunch Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr./Sr. Youth (Starts with Parent Meeting)

### **Tuesday, September 19**

- 9:00 a.m. - Comforters
- 5:30 p.m. - Youth Committee Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. - Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. - Youth Call Task Force Meeting

### **Wednesday, September 20**

- 5:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class - Youth Room
- 5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner - Comforters / Menu: Meatball Subs
- 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)
- 6:00 p.m. - German Food Festival Planning Meeting (Room 2)
- 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)

### **Sunday, September 24**

- 8:30 a.m. - Worship: *ELW Setting 1* with the Lord's Supper
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages / Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. - Town Hall Meeting - Faith Formation Call
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: *ELW Setting 1* with the Lord's Supper
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr./Sr. Youth 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Dinner

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**September 30** - MLC Dinner Theater Fundraiser for *Lunches for Learning* (Kitchen Project)

**October 14** - Music at Messiah Concert Series presents the Brophy Sisters

**October 21 & 22** - Handmade Market for *Lunches for Learning*

**October 22** - Acolyte Training

### **Attendance:**

September 3 Online: - 72      September 10 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 83, 11:00 a.m. - 72

**Offerings Counted September 12, 2023** Includes E-Giving Totals for August, 2023

Church Ministries	Lunches for Learning
Current Mortgages	ALS
Sanctuary Debt	Pest Control
Flowers	Lutheran Disaster Response
Adult Sunday School	On Eagle's Wings
Comforters	Weekend Food Program
Dinner Theater	Davidson Farms
Messiah Mugs	Inspiritus
Facility Use	Madison Interfaith Service
Owen's House	Enable Ramp Builders
Kit Ministries	Miscellaneous

### **ONLINE GIVING**

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### **TASK FORCE SURVEY**

