



November 19, 2023 – 11:00 a.m Service of Worship *Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

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



Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

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: "Ten Thousand Reasons (Bless the Lord)" (Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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

*GATHERING SONG: "Great Are You Lord" (Jason Ingram / David Leonard / Leslie Jordan) #58

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope,
You restore every heart that is broken
And great are You, Lord

CHORUS

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise,
we pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope,
You restore every heart that is broken
And great are You, Lord

[Repeat CHORUS twice]

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord

[Repeat Chorus]

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

⁷Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." ¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

THE PSALM: *Psalm 90:1-12*

¹Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

²**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.**

³You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."

⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night;**

⁵you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

⁶**in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

⁷For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.

⁸**Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

⁹When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum
of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?

¹²**So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

THE SECOND LESSON

1Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Bonnie Flowers

*THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

SONG: "Well Done" (Jason Ingram / Matt Fuqua / Josh Havens)

#68

What will it be like when my pain is gone
 And all the worries of this world
 just fade away?
 What will it be like when
 You call my name
 And that moment when
 I see You face to face?
 I'm waiting my whole life to hear You say

CHORUS

Well done, well done
 My good and faithful one
 Welcome to the place where you belong
 Well done, well done
 My beloved child
 You have run the race
 and now you're home
 Welcome to the place where you belong
 What will it be like when
 tears are washed away

And every broken thing will
 finally be made whole?
 What will it be like when
 I come into Your glory
 Standing in the presence
 of a love so beautiful?
 I'm waiting my whole life for that day
 I will live my life to hear You say

[Repeat CHORUS]

What will it be like when
 I hear that sound?
 All of heaven's angels crying out
 Singing holy, holy, holy are You, Lord
 Singing holy, holy, holy are You, Lord
 Singing holy, holy, holy are You, Lord
 Waiting my whole life for that day
 Until then, I'll live to hear You say

[Repeat CHORUS]

*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: “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

CHORUS

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 CHORUS]

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

[Repeat Chorus]

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all goodness,

generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. 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

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: “Lord I Lift Your Name On High” (Rick Doyle Founds) #18

Lord, I lift Your name on high
Lord, I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us
You came from heaven to earth
To show the way

From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift Your name on high

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. **Amen.**

SENDING

***BLESSING**

***SENDING SONG: "Forever Reign"** (Jason Ingram / Ruben Morgan)

#61

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

CHORUS

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

[Repeat CHORUS]

***DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE: "Forever Reign" (Jason Ingram / Ruben Morgan)

Messiah's Praise Band

Ric Birdsong - Director, Acoustic Guitar

Bob Davis - Electric Guitar

Stephen Strand - Bass

Lee Seitz - Soundboard

Sarah Bilbraut - Vocals

Randall Fields - Keyboard

Gretchen Perry - Violin

Matt Saari - Drums

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WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Please refer to the names listed during the
Prayers of the Church

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Reburta Spinas in loving memory of John Spinas.

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. *New! The nursery is now equipped with a flatscreen TV showing the service in progress.*

WELCOME MELANIE PAYNE! After a long and patient search, Messiah is pleased to welcome Melanie Payne to its staff as Organist/Accompanist. Melanie comes to us with a heart for worship and a variety of amazing musical skills. Thank you God!!! A more formal welcome celebration is set for December 3 and is being organized by MLC'S Fellowship Committee.

THERE ARE "WELL LOVED" (GREEN) LBW HYMNALS in the Narthex for anyone who would like one. All-Saints Lutheran Church graciously gifted MLC their ELW Hymnals after their recent closure.

ALL ARE INVITED to have coffee in the Fellowship Hall after each service of worship.

MOES (Messiah Older Elementary Students) MOES will meet Today at NOON to have lunch and make Christmas Ornaments.

THE ANNUAL SILENT QUILT AUCTION runs through Wed., Nov 29 in the Fellowship Hall. Funds raised help MLC's Comforter group purchase notions, batting, and other supplies to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief's Mission Quilt program. For more information visit: lwr.org/quilts

20 ANGELS FROM THE SALVATION ARMY "ANGEL TREE" PROGRAM are ready to be adopted at the Welcome Center. Many members find it is helpful to co-adopt an angel with another household. Be sure to sign your name on the list when you choose your angel and when you return your gifts. Gifts should be unwrapped and returned to MLC no later than Dec. 3, 2023.

2023 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS / POINSETTIA FORM is up and running online. Scan the QR code on the next page or visit <https://form.jotform.com/MLCmadison/2023-Christmas-Flowers>. Paper forms are also available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Please return by December 11.

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - 4 oz. Bars of Soap

FOOD PANTRY Honey Buns/ Snack Cakes

Pastor Kristine Schroeder
Music & Choir Director Randall Fields
Organist/Accompanist Melanie Payne
Director of Outreach Ministries Claire Strand
Communication & Tech Director Meredith Kilby
Office Managers Bobbey Huwaldt
Meredith Kilby
Nursery Attendant Katrina Strand

Acolytes Natalie Zesinger (8:30)
Hannah Seitz (11:00)
Greeters (8:30)
Diane Davis (11:00)
Lee Smith (8:30)
Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
Lectors Owen Wasmoen, Bruce Peter (8:30)
Paul Arnold, Bruce Machamer (11:00)
Ushers Randall Fields
Cantor Janet Smith, Janell Zesinger (8:30)
Gretchen Perry, Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
Altar Guild Meredith Kilby, Lee Seitz (11:00)
Stream Team Linda Heideman
Flower Guild

Pastor Kris Schroeder

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Pastor Cell Phone: 480-338-6519

Pastor will be out of the office, Sunday,

November 19–Sunday, November 26 for vacation. In the event emergent pastoral care is needed in my absence, please contact the church office at 256- 721-0041.

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, November 19

8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m. - No Sunday School - Craft Project

12:00 p.m. - MOES Ornament Project

Thursday, November 23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Office Closed

Friday, November 24

Office Closed

Sunday, November 26

8:30 a.m. - Worship: *Bread of Life* with the Lord's Supper

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

10:30 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: *Bread of Life* with the Lord's Supper

5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth - 4th Sunday Dinner

LOOKING AHEAD

December 3 - Advent Begins

December 6 - Midweek Advent Services begin

December 10 - 25th Annual Ring & Sing Concert

December 17 - Children's Program

Attendance:

November 5 Online: - 96 November 12 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 90, 11:00 a.m. - 56

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