

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

**June 2, 2024**  
***Second Sunday after Pentecost***



*Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should observe this freedom with a day of rest. No one should work seven days a week; even slaves and foreigners should be able to rest. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to restoration: the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.*

***Good Morning and Welcome!***

If you are an online worshiper or guest today, please leave a record of your time with us online. Thank you!

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

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

## LBW Setting 2

\* *Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE: “Holy Manna” (Sam Batt Owens)

Melanie Payne, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT “How Majestic Is Your Name” (Smith)

Holly Martin, Soprano

\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

**\*THE GREETING**

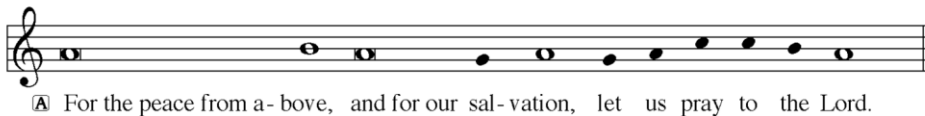
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**\*THE KYRIE**



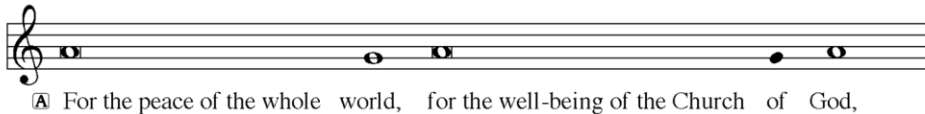
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



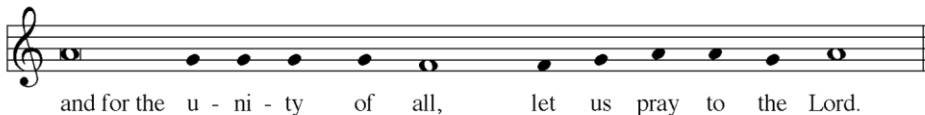
**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**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 u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



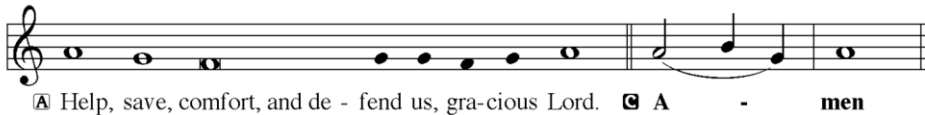
**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



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



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

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Ⓑ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

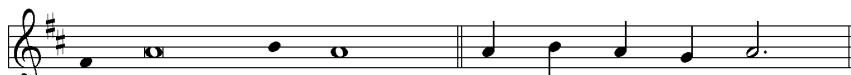


you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

\*THE SALUTATION



Ⓐ The Lord be with you.

Ⓑ And al-so with you.

\*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

## THE FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

## THE PSALM:

*Psalm 81:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>Sing with joy to God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>Raise a song and sound the timbrel,  
the merry harp, and the lyre.

<sup>3</sup>Blow the ram's horn at the new moon,  
and at the full moon, the day of our feast;

<sup>4</sup>for this is a statute for Israel,  
a law of the God of Jacob.

<sup>5</sup>He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph,  
when he came out of the land of Egypt.

<sup>6</sup>I heard an unfamiliar voice saying,  
"I eased his shoulder from the burden; his hands were set free from bearing the load."

<sup>7</sup>You called on me in trouble, and I saved you;  
I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

<sup>8</sup>Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:  
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

<sup>9</sup>There shall be no strange god among you;  
you shall not worship a foreign god.

<sup>10</sup>I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said,  
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

## THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"

who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

## THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

Bonnie Flowers

\*THE 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.

\*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

\*THE GOSPEL

Mark 2:23-3:6

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

<sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

THE SERMON

Laura Peterson



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

*Refrain*



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.



\*Creed (written by 2024-2025 Confirmation Classes)

I believe in God, who created everything.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the son of God. Jesus was born of Mary and the Holy Spirit. He suffered on earth, was nailed to a cross and died for our sins. On the third day Jesus rose to new life. Jesus now rules, side by side with God and will return to judge both the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the church unified in Christ, that our sins are forgiven and the promise of eternal life. Amen.

#### THE OFFERING

Choir Anthem: "Day By Day" (How)

\*THE OFFERTORY: "Create In Me"

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a  
right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from  
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

#### THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

\*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 BLESSING

\*THE SENDING HYMN "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

ELW 389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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\*THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: "Little Prelude in F" (J.S. Bach)

# WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

*Refer to Prayers of the Church*

**THE FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by Pat & Ron Esteppe in celebration of Kaitlyn's birthday, and their anniversary.

A special **Thank You** to Laura Peterson for Preaching today, and for Lee Smith for leading worship while Pastor Kris is at Southeast Synod Assembly.

**ALL ARE INVITED** to enjoy coffee and fellowship after service in the Fellowship Hall.

**A NURSERY**, staffed by Sarah Walker, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

**\*\*\* SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE** continues through July 28. MLC will have a single Sunday morning Service of Worship at 9:30 a.m. with fellowship after the service. Adult Sunday School groups will meet at 8:30 a.m. and choir rehearsal at 9:00 a.m.

**MUSIC CAMP 2024** is this week June 3 through June 9! We have reached our enrollment limit! Youth and adult volunteers are still needed for assisting with morning activities and snack times. Please contact Bonnie Flowers if you are interested in supporting this music outreach mission,

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024 "WAVES OF GRATITUDE"** is June 17 - 20 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church for children ages 4 through completed 5th Grade. An optional light dinner is available at 5:30 p.m. and VBS is from 6 to 8 p.m. To register visit, St. Matthew's site at <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/azpcna> POC: Bonnie Flowers.

**ELCA YOUTH GATHERING RELIEF KIT FUNDRAISER.** Donations are being collected to help put together disaster relief kits for New Orleans. Write "ELCA Youth Gathering Relief Kits" on the offering envelope or see the Basket in the Fellowship Hall. Donations will be accepted through **June 9, 2024**. If you have questions, contact Bonnie Flowers

**DISASTER RELIEF MISSION TRIP GIFT CARDS** Walmart gift cards are being collected to go with the Disaster Recovery Team on their trip to Selma, AL June 11 to 14. You can place cards in the offering plate, give to Andrew, or drop off at the church office during business hours. You can also make an offering to "Disaster Recovery Trip" and cards will be purchased from monies collected.

**KIT MINISTRY ITEM** - 4 oz. Bars of Soap **FOOD PANTRY** - Shampoo/Deodorant

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolyte</u>	
<u>Director of Music</u>	Randall Fields	<u>Lector</u>	Martin Campbell
<u>Organist/Accompanist</u>	Melanie Payne	<u>Cantor</u>	Emily Reed
<u>Communication &amp; Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby	<u>Ushers</u>	Bruce Machamer, Bill Holbrook
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Stream Team</u>	Meredith Kilby, Craig Martin
	Meredith Kilby	<u>Altar Guild</u>	Karen Arnold
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*Such requests are a scam.*

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

### **Sunday, June 2**

8:30 a.m. - Adult Sunday School - Room Parish Hall (Today Only)

9:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. - Summer Fellowship Coffee

### **Monday, June 3**

8:00 a.m. - Music Camp

### **Tuesday, June 4**

8:00 a.m. - Music Camp

### **Wednesday, June 5**

8:00 a.m. - Music Camp

### **Thursday, June 6**

8:00 a.m. - Music Camp

6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry

### **Friday, June 7**

8:00 a.m. - Music Camp

### **Saturday, June 8**

9:00 a.m. - Music Camp Dress Rehearsal

### **Sunday, June 9**

8:30 a.m. - Adult Sunday School - Room 11/12

9:30 a.m. - \*Service of Worship: Music Camp Worship "Say What?"

10:30 a.m. - Summer Fellowship Coffee

*\*These services are live streamed on [mlutheran.org](http://mlutheran.org)*

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

June 11 - 15 - Disaster Relief Mission Trip

June 17 - 20 - Vacation Bible School "Waves of Gratitude" @ St. Matthews Episcopal

### **Attendance:**

May 19 - Online - 104    May 26 - 99

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