



**June 9, 2024**  
***Third Sunday after Pentecost***



*In Genesis 11 and Acts 2 we read about two events where languages helped fulfill God's purpose. When the people of Babel built the tower, they were led by the human spirit and ended up in confusion, scattered over the earth and speaking different languages. At Pentecost, people from many nations, speaking different languages, were led by the Holy Spirit; and even in their diversity, they were united.*

*If we follow the Great Commandments-loving God and loving our neighbors, no matter how different from us they are or what language they speak-we will surely be filled with the Holy Spirit.*

***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

\* *Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE: “Everybody Think!” (from the musical, *Say What?* by Allen Pote)      The Band

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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

**Amen.**

Together we confess,

**O, God, who is life and hope and newness: We confess that it is easier to be lazy than to be lively; that it is more comfortable to take our ease than to be on the growing-edge; that it is safer to make rules than to wrestle with the complexity of relationships. Be gentle with us, yet firm. Be gracious toward our failings, yet unrelenting in your call to wholeness. This we pray through the One who accepts, forgives, and challenges us into life in all its wholeness.**

This is good news if we all but listen: God loves us, God forgives us, God accepts us and sets us free. In the name of Christ we are forgiven!

“Now the Feast and Celebration”

*An Alternate Eucharistic Setting by Marty Haugen*

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“Say What - The Story of the Tower of Babel Leading to Pentecost”

Words and Music by Allen Pote

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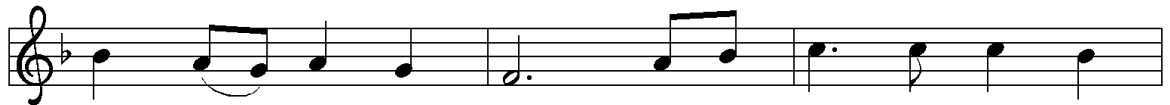
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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
claim the faith of Je - sus:

All are wel - come,  
All are wel - come,



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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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.

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Text: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, adapt. Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen

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## \*THE SALUTATION

*Presider:*                      *Congregation:*

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

## \*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

### THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 11:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup>And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup>And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup>Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." <sup>5</sup>The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup>Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." <sup>8</sup>So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup>Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

## \*THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Repeat*

\*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

\*THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

\*THE HYMN OF THE DAY: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

ELW 752

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff for the voice and a bass clef staff for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the voice staff.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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\*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 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 SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON/BLESSING OF MISSION TRIP

THE OFFERING

Offertory Solo: "Jesus Loves Me" (William B. Bradbury)



\*THE OFFERTORY: "For the Fruit of All Creation" (verse 1)

ELW 679

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.

The first system of music consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.

The second system continues the vocal and piano parts. The lyrics are: "For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God." The musical structure remains consistent with the first system.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,

The third system continues the vocal and piano parts. The lyrics are: "For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,". The piano accompaniment has a more active role in this system, with more frequent chord changes.

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.

The fourth system concludes the hymn. The lyrics are: "fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God." The vocal line ends with a final cadence, and the piano accompaniment provides a concluding harmonic structure.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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THE MESSAGE

Music Camp Presentation  
Stephanie Gillespie, Director

*Say What? The Story of the tower of babel leading to Pentecost*  
(by Allen Pote)

\*THE BLESSING

\*THE SENDING HYMN "This Little Light of Mine" (verses 1 and 2)

ELW 677



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

\*THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: "Go Make Disciples" (from *Say What?* by Allen Pote)

# WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

*Redacted Content- Please refer to the prayers of the church*

**THE FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by Chris Fossum in celebration of Granddaughter Shiloh's 4th Birthday.

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

**THANK YOU MUSIC CAMP PARTICIPANTS, VOLUNTEERS, AND LEADERS** for an enriching week of music, friendship and fun this past week of camp, and for today's presentation of "Say What? The Story of the Tower of Babel Leading to Pentecost."

**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/aazpcna> 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. Today is the last day that donations will be accepted. If you have questions, contact Bonnie Flowers

**DISASTER RELIEF MISSION TRIP MEMBERS** will be in Selma, Alabama this Tuesday through Saturday morning to repair homes damaged by last year's tornadoes. Team members blessed into service today are Jean Stuart, Dennis Fry, Jacquie Fry, Randall Fields, Martin Campbell, Claire Strand, Chris Berry, Anita deJong, and Andrew King. Today is the last day to donate Walmart gift cards.

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA** 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Southeastern Synod "Created to Shine Like Stars" will take place in Huntsville, AL Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>—Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Huntsville Embassy Suites. Pastor Kris will serve as convention chaplain. For more information or to register follow [www.seswelca.weebly.com](http://www.seswelca.weebly.com) or talk to Pastor Kris.

**KIT MINISTRY ITEM** - Rice Mixes **FOOD PANTRY** - Pens (Blue or Black—No Gel)

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolyte</u>	
<u>Director of Music</u>	Randall Fields	<u>Lectors</u>	
<u>Organist/Accompanist</u>	Melanie Payne		
<u>Communication &amp; Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby	<u>Ushers</u>	Paul Arnold, Mark Thompson
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Stream Team</u>	Meredith Kilby, Lee Seitz
	Meredith Kilby	<u>Altar Guild</u>	LeeLinda Baggett, Janet Smith
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Sarah Walker	<u>Flower Guild</u>	Beverly Berry

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

### **Sunday, June 9**

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

10:30 a.m. - Summer Fellowship Coffee in Parish Hall

Affirm - June 9 - June 14

### **Tuesday, June 11-15**

Disaster Recovery Mission Trip - Selma, AL

### **Thursday, June 13**

6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry

### **Saturday, June 15**

9:00 a.m. - Contemporary Band Rehearsal

### **Sunday, June 16**

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

9:30 a.m. - \*Service of Worship: Chicago Folk Blended Service w/the Lord's Supper

10:30 a.m. - Summer Fellowship Coffee

*\*These services are live streamed on mlutheran.org*

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

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

July 16 - 20 - ELCA National Youth Gathering (New Orleans)

July 16 - Worship Music Committee Meeting

August 6 - Rally Day - Sunday School Resumes for Pre-K to Grade 12

September 20 - Women of ELCA SE Synod Annual Convention

### **Attendance:**

May 26 - Online - 72    June 2 - 95

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