



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

**July 14, 2024**  
***Eighth Sunday after Pentecost***



*Today our scriptures boldly remind us of the depths of our call as God's beloved children. Recognizing that God's love endures forever, it becomes our mission to live lives of love. Through the story of the Good Samaritan we learn to live a life counter to the culture with live in, showing love and mercy. Jesus is direct, "Go and do likewise."*

**Good Morning and Welcome!**

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
Festival Service of Holy Communion

\* Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" (Lloyd Larson)      Melanie Payne, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE

\*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.**

\*HYMN: "Canticle of the Turning"

ELW 723



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

*Refrain*



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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 Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional  
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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 PRAYER OF THE DAY

TEMPLE TALK: Southeastern Synod Assembly

Rhonda Gaede/Janet & Olivia Sullivan

### THE FIRST LESSON

Micah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup>"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

<sup>6</sup>"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

### THE PSALM:

*Psalm 118*

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

<sup>3</sup>Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

<sup>4</sup>**Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

<sup>5</sup>Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me in a broad place.

<sup>6</sup>**With the LORD on my side I do not fear. What can mortals do to me?**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD is on my side to help me; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

<sup>8</sup>**It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to put confidence in mortals.**

<sup>9</sup>It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

<sup>10</sup>**All nations surrounded me; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!**

<sup>11</sup>They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

<sup>12</sup>**They surrounded me like bees; they blazed like a fire of thorns; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!**

<sup>13</sup>I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me.

<sup>14</sup>**The is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.**

<sup>15</sup>There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

<sup>16</sup>**the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."**

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>**The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.**

<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>**This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

- <sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.  
<sup>22</sup>**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**  
<sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.  
<sup>24</sup>**This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
<sup>25</sup>Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!  
<sup>26</sup>**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.**  
<sup>27</sup>The LORD is God, and he has given us light.  
 Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.  
<sup>28</sup>**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.**  
<sup>29</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

Lisa Bartel

\*THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" (refrain)

ELW 519

God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!  
 Hal-le-lu-jah!

God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

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**\*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

**\*THE GOSPEL**

Luke 10:25-37

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

**THE SERMON**



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

\*CREED (written by 2023-2024 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.

BLESSING OF ELCA YOUTH GATHERING PARTICIPANTS

\*THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Benevolent God, receive our prayer

\*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

THE OFFERING

Choir Anthem: "The Prayer of Saint Francis" (B. Moore)"

\*THE OFFERTORY: "As the Grains of Wheat"

ELW 465

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

The image shows five staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain'. The second and third staves continue the lyrics. The fourth staff has two lines of lyrics, numbered 1 and 2. The fifth staff is also labeled 'Refrain'.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS. Marty Haugen

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\*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,

**you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.**

**Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal.**

**Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.**

**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

ELW Setting Seven, p 181

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . . God,  
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,  
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on  
earth. . . . . Blest is he who comes in the  
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . . .  
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

\*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"

ELW Setting Seven, p. 182



*Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*  
*O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .*



*ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.*  
*have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.*



*Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*  
*O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .*



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*have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.*



*Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*  
*O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .*



*da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.*  
*grant us your peace, grant us your peace.*

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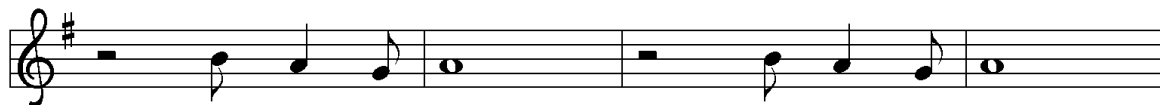
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or	Jew,	ser - vant	or	free,
2	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	works,
3	Grain for	the	fields,	scat - tered	and	grown,



wom - an	or	man,	no	more.
one in	the	Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.

*Refrain*

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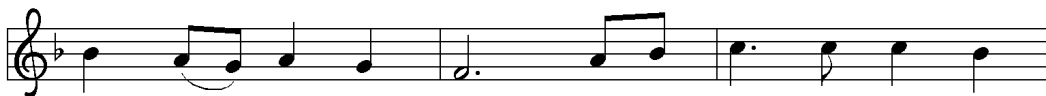
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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



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  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



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 POST COMMUNION PRAYER

## \*THE POST COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord"



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice 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.

## \*THE BLESSING

\*THE SENDING HYMN "Build a Longer Table"

All Creation Sings 1062



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.  
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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\*THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: "Lift High the Cross" (Gordon Young)

# WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Please refer to the names spoken during the livestream.

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Art Rockett as thankful reminders of God's beautiful Creation, and by Marc & Debbie Neely in thankfulness for our amazing church family.

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.

COME BE IN FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP IN JULY! Today we'll make kits for Kit Ministry, on July 21 we'll play Bunco (12 players minimum needed). and finally on July 28 we will have an MLC ArtReach Magnetic Bookmark project for all ages to make.

COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR STEPHEN LEADERS Next Sunday Is Commissioning Day. During worship we will commission our new Stephen Leaders. These gifted people will follow in Jesus' footsteps by helping our congregation provide the gift of caring ministry to those who are going through a variety of life difficulties. Let us celebrate the completion of their training for this ministry and thank God for their generous response to his call, keeping the success of their ministry in our prayers.

RALLY DAY IS AUGUST 4 Sunday School Teachers are essential to equipping young disciples with the foundational stories of the Christian faith. Teachers are needed for the coming year for the 3-year-old class and the PreK- 1<sup>st</sup> grade class. Substitutes for other classes are also needed. Please contact Bonnie Flowers at [education\\_rep@mlutheran.org](mailto:education_rep@mlutheran.org) if you are interested. Sunday School registration information can be found on [www.mlutheran.org/education](http://www.mlutheran.org/education).

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 Fri., Sep. 20 to Sun., Sept 22 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), talk to Pastor Kris.

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

### **Sunday, July 14**

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

8:45 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. - Summer Fellowship Coffee & Kit Packing

### **Tuesday, July 16**

6:30 p.m. - Property Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m. - Worship Music Committee Meeting

ELCA National Youth Gathering (New Orleans) Through July 20

### **Wednesday, July 17**

7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal for dinner theater

### **Thursday, July 18**

6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry

### **Saturday, July 20**

9:00 a.m. - Contemporary Band Rehearsal

### **Sunday, July 21**

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

9:30 a.m. - \*Service of Worship: ELW Setting 8 w/Lords Supper Blended Service

10:30 a.m. - Summer Fellowship Coffee & Bunco

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

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

August 4 - Rally Day - Sunday School Resumes for Pre-K to Grade 12

September 7 - Dinner Theater

September 20 - Women of ELCA SE Synod Annual Convention

### **Attendance:**

June 30 - Online - 88 July 7 - 122

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