

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

July 7, 2024
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

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!

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP
LBW Setting 2 with the Lord's Supper
** Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE: "My Country" (Gayden Sikes)

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: "How Firm a Foundation"

ELW 796

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

*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



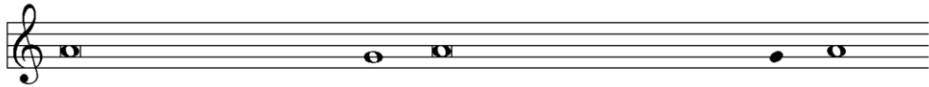
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Q** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Q Lord, have mer - cy.



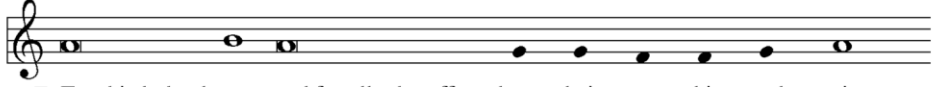
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



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

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

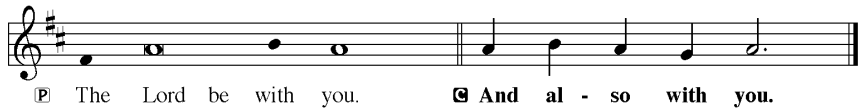


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

*THE SALUTATION



*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekial 2:1-5

¹ [A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.² And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³ He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord God.” ⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

THE PSALM:

Psalm 123

¹ To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.

² **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show us your mercy.**

³ Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁴ **too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.**

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

² I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³ And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷ even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹ but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

*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 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*THE GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-13

¹ [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

THE SERMON

*THE HYMN OF THE DAY: "O God of Light"

ELW 507



1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,
 2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,
 3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing
 4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,



shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way
 though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,
 to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;
 through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,
 and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,
 and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,
 that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.
 who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.
 see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.
 may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

Text: Sarah E. Taylor, 1883–1954, alt.

Music: ATKINSON, H. Barrie Cabena, b. 1933

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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

In your mercy, hear our prayer

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

THE OFFERING

Choir & Instrumental Ensemble Anthem: "Mansions of the Lord" (Composer)

*THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards"

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*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**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***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"

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: "Spirit of Gentleness"

ELW 396



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



Refrain
"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

HYMN: "Listen, God is Calling"

ELW 513

Refrain
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922
Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, b. 1919
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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 "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

ELW 389



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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*THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: "Come, Thou Font" (Jason D. Payne)

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Please refer to the names lifted during Prayers of the Church

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 celebration of Independence Day.

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.

COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR STEPHEN LEADERS; Stephen Ministry, Christian lay caring ministry for those in need, is a vital part of our congregation's mission. On July 21st, we will commission Mike & Peggy Mabry to begin service as Stephen Leaders in our congregation. We'll take time to pray for and show our support for this caring ministry and these people whom God has called and equipped for this important role.

COME BE IN FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP IN JULY On July 14 we'll make kits for Kit Ministry, on July 21 we'll play Bunco (12 players minimum needed). and finally on July 28 we hope to have a MLC Art Reach craft / workshop planned, and the details of that are still in the works.

RALLY DAY IS AUGUST 4 Sunday School Teachers are essential to equipping young disciples with the foundational stories of the Christian faith. Teachers and substitute teachers are needed for the coming year. Please contact Bonnie Flowers at education_rep@mlutheran.org if you are interested. Sunday School registration information and other Rally Day details will be announced soon.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA 36th 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, talk to Pastor Kris.

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - 24 Ct. Crayons

FOOD PANTRY - Cereal Bars/Crackers

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolyte</u>	Sarah Rydbom
<u>Director of Music</u>	Randall Fields	<u>Lector</u>	Laura Peterson
<u>Organist/Accompanist</u>	Melanie Payne	<u>Cantor</u>	Pastor Bill Schroeder
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby	<u>Ushers</u>	Bruce Machamer, Mark Thompson
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Stream Team</u>	Meredith Kilby, Craig Martin
	Meredith Kilby	<u>Altar Guild</u>	Linda Peirce
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Sarah Walker	<u>Flower Guild</u>	Linda Heideman

Pastor Kris Schroeder

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Pastor's Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

CHURCH CALENDAR
MLC staff will never directly solicit you for funds or gift cards via email or text message.

Such requests are a scam.

Owens House Sign Up



Sunday, July 7

- 8:30 a.m. - Adult Sunday School - Room 11/12
- 8:45 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. - Summer Fellowship Coffee

Wednesday, July 10

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

Thursday, July 11

- 6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. - Church Council Meeting

Sunday, July 14

- 8:30 a.m. - Adult Sunday School - Room 11/12
- 9:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. - *Service of Worship: Festival Service of Holy Communion
- 10:30 a.m. - Summer Fellowship Coffee

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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

July 16 - Worship Music Committee Meeting

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 23 - Online - 48 June 30 - 110

Offerings Counted June 30, 2024

Sunday Volunteers
Sign Up Tabs



Online Giving

