

Messiah Lutheran Church
Welcomes You to the Lord's House

*"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;
give thanks to Him and praise His name."*

Psalms 100:4

Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Welcome to Messiah! Whether you're a member, a returning guest, or maybe this is your first time at Messiah, we welcome you to this time of worship. During our time together, we hope that you experience the presence and love of God in a profound and life-changing way! May the music we share stir you, may the prayers we offer comfort you, and may the proclaimed Word of God challenge you to live with a new passion and purpose. Again, we are honored that you have chosen to worship here today. Let's give God all glory and praise.

First-Time guests, we invite you to look through the "Welcome to Messiah" brochure found in the attendance card slot on the pew in front of you. If you have any questions, please talk to an usher. For families with young children, there is a cry room at the back of the Sanctuary.

Once we enter God's House, we pray that our hearts are changed, and that His perspective becomes ours; that we release the cares of this world, and bask in the beauty of His holiness; that we give Him whatever burdens our heart, and find the Spirit's peace that passes all human understanding; that we learn more about Jesus through His Word, and the joy that comes from a closer walk with the Lord.

"Be thoughtful-be silent-be reverent; for this is the house of the Lord,
Before the service, speak to the Lord;
During the service, let the Lord speak to you;
After the service, speak to one another."

If a song is being sung, words are provided on the screens at the front of the sanctuary. We invite you to sing along, or meditate on the song's message.

*O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You;
my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory.
Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You.*

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

In today's Old Testament Reading, when Abram trusted God's promise of a son, he and Sarai were old and childless. But God had much more than one son in mind for the patriarch: the Promised Land as an inheritance and innumerable descendants. The Epistle is a list of people who have preceded us in faith. And now it is our turn, for in one of Abraham's offspring, Jesus, all God's promises were fulfilled. And by the Holy Spirit's gift of faith, we can trust Him for all we need. The promise is not only for the physical things we think we need; the inheritance is the promised land of heaven and citizenship in God's kingdom. "Seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you," our Lord promises (Luke 12:31). Our faith-filled response echoes today's Psalm: "Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You." (Psalm 33:22).

P=Pastor
C=Congregation

In the Invocation, we "invoke" God's presence by repeating the name in which we were baptized by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022 8:30am Worship

THE PRELUDE

THE GREETING

THE OPENING HYMN "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices" LSB 811



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my
2 O all you pow'rs that He im - plant - ed, A - rise, keep
3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der That dance for
4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, That throng the



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
si - lence now no more; Put forth the strength that God has
joy in sum - mer air, You mead - ow grass - es, bright and
earth, the sea, the sky, Come, share with me my heart's de -



joic - es, Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher -
grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore. O soul and
slen - der. You flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, You live to
vo - tion, Help me to sing God's prais - es high. My ut - most



ev - er I might be. What great things God has done for me.
bod - y, join to raise With heart - felt joy our Mak - er's praise.
show God's praise a - lone. Join me to make His glo - ry known.
pow'rs can nev - er quite De - clare the won - ders of His might.

THE INVOCATION

P: We celebrate today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

In the Confession, we bare our souls before the Lord, admitting our sins and accepting responsibility for the harm they caused in our relationships with God and with each other. (Rom. 3:23; 1 John 1:8-9)

The pastor then speaks God's Word to give the forgiveness Jesus won for us on the cross. (John 20:23)

The Gloria Patri is from Ephesians 3:21. "Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

The Kyrie is a Greek word meaning "O Lord." It is a cry to the Lord for help and strength. In ancient times, the church has taken over this prayer to greet its King, Jesus Christ, in the church service. As the people long ago expected help from their king, so we Christians expect blessings from our Savior. In the Kyrie, we ask God for those things that only He can give. As we prayerfully sing the Kyrie, we recognize our dependence upon God for the most precious gift - the forgiveness of sins.

THE CONFESSION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

P: Let us go to our gracious God, confessing our sins, trusting Him for grace and forgiveness.

C: We confess, heavenly Father, that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, strengthen our faith, and focus our hearts on Your kingdom, the inheritance He won for us in His death and resurrection.

P: "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE GLORIA PATRI



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



*"Gloria in
Excelsis" is
Latin for "Glory
to God in the
highest."*

*It echoes the
angel's words in
Luke 2:14.*

*With this Hymn
of Praise we
glorify God for
His incarnation
of His Son, Jesus
Christ.*



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

In the Collect, the pastor and congregation greet each other as the angel greeted Mary at her annunciation. (Luke 1:28)

The phrase also indicates the special relationship between the pastor and the congregation.

We call this prayer a "Collect" because it collects the themes of the lessons and puts them into a prayer.

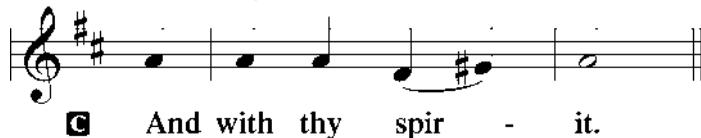
The First Lesson is taken from a book of the Old Testament. It coordinates with the Gospel lesson, and is found on page 10 in the pew Bible.

A pattern of Scripture readings for each week of the year comes from the Old Testament. Jesus also kept this practice.

The Gradual is taken from Psalm 33:12-22, found on page 463 in the pew Bible.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

THE GRADUAL

P: ¹²Blessèd is the nation whose God is the LORD,

C: The people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

P: ¹³The LORD looks down from heaven;

C: He sees all the children of man;

P: ¹⁴From where he sits enthroned he looks out

C: On all the inhabitants of the earth,

P: ¹⁵He who fashions the hearts of them all

C: And observes all their deeds.

P: ¹⁶The king is not saved by his great army;

C: A warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

P: ¹⁷The war horse is a false hope for salvation,

C: And by its great might it cannot rescue.

P: ¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,

C: On those who hope in his steadfast love,

P: ¹⁹That he may deliver their soul from death

C: And keep them alive in famine.

P: ²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD;

C: He is our help and our shield.

P: ²¹For our heart is glad in him,

C: Because we trust in his holy name.

P: ²²Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,

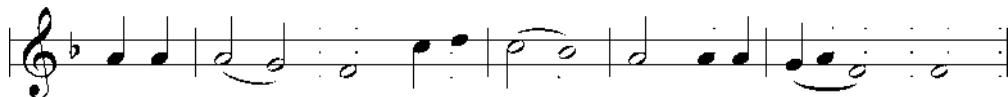
C: Even as we hope in you.

THE EPISTLE LESSON Hebrews 11:1-7

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

The Epistle Lesson is generally from St. Paul's letters. Today's lesson is found on page 977 in the pew Bible.

THE GOSPEL VERSE



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The Gospel Verse may change weekly or the ordinary verse is from John 6:68.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twelfth chapter.



C: Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

We rise for the Holy Gospel as we would stand for Jesus Himself, since the Gospel is His living Word to us.

³²"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

The Gospel Lesson is selected according to the season or festival Sunday of the Church Year, and is found on page 871 in the pew Bible.

We respond to the Word of God with an acclamation of praise, and then by confessing our faith.

The Apostles' Creed dates from about 75 AD and was used in the instruction of those to be baptized. We are confessing our personal faith.

The Sermon Hymn may coordinate with the Gospel lesson, or with the pastor's sermon topic.

³⁵"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise_ be to Thee, O Christ.

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH-The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SERMON HYMN "Have No Fear, Little Flock" LSB 735



1 Have no fear,	lit - tle flock;	Have no fear,	lit - tle
2 Have good cheer,	lit - tle flock;	Have good cheer,	lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord	high a - bove;	Praise the Lord	high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts	raise to God;	Thank - ful hearts	raise to



flock,	For the	Fa - ther	has cho - sen	To
flock,	For the	Fa - ther	will keep you	In
bove,	For He	stoops down	to heal you,	Up -
God,	For He	stays close	be - side you,	In

The Sermon

applies God's Word to our lives and helps to equip us to fulfill our baptismal calling to new life in Christ.

We present our

gifts to God to symbolize the offering of ourselves to the Lord, saying thank You to God, and showing we trust Him to supply all our needs.

(Romans 12:1)



give you the King-dom; Have no fear, lit-tle flock!
His love for-ev-er; Have good cheer, lit-tle flock!
lift and re-store you; Praise the Lord high a-bove!
all things works with you; Thank-ful hearts raise to God!

THE SERMON "Don't Be Afraid" Luke 12:32

1. We do not have to live in fear.
2. We can let go of things that try to control us.
3. We can serve others to get ready to serve Jesus in heaven.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S TEACHING "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages, are always near.
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding, in peace I go.

THE OFFERING PRAYER

THE OFFERING ANTHEM "My Jesus"

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Gracious Lord, we come before You with many needs. Answer our prayers in Your fatherly mercy, according to Your gracious will, that we may gain what we truly need, forgiveness, life, and salvation, through Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **May Your Holy Spirit empower us so we can joyfully proclaim that Jesus is our Lord and our God. Move the hearts and minds of those who turned away from Your Word, that they may believe the message of the One and True Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

P: Lord, there is much unrest in the world. Uncertainty, worry and fear occupy the thoughts and minds of many, as we search for answers for healing, employment, security and direction in our lives. While there are those seeking solutions for problems through positive, constructive efforts, there are those who embrace violence and destruction, bringing misery, suffering and death to many.

C: **O Powerful God, we pray to You with a sense of desperation-please, Lord, we are crying out to You to heal our land and world, and deliver us from the evil that is flourishing.**

After the

Offering Prayer, we ask all of those watching the service on the live stream, please fill out an attendance card. If you have any special prayer requests, you will find a space for this online as well.

Prayer is one of the marks of the congregation gathered in worship, according to Acts 2:42.

More prayer requests are found in the Announcement Guide. You are encouraged to take them with you to use for your prayer time this week.

P: Strengthen our Christian faith and give us the courage to reach out to our communities to deepen understanding and appreciation for all of Your children. You are the One who can bring the healing and understanding that our world needs.

C: Open our minds and hearts to Your wisdom and show us what You would have us to do.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; [pause] and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you His peace.

C: Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

THE SONG OF COMMISSIONING

Kind teachers of children we thank You this day
That faithfully, kindly, You teach them the way.
How they may escape from the world's sinful charms
And find a safe refuge in the Savior's arms.

THE COMMISSIONING OF MESSIAH LAMBS STAFF FOR 2022-2023

And now, as we look toward a brand new school year
We pray for Your blessing on our labors here.
May our little children learn heaven's reward
That they have salvation, through You, loving Lord.

THE CLOSING HYMN "The Lord, My God, Be Praised" LSB 794, verses 1 & 4 Words on screens

THE POSTLUDE

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer Jesus taught to His disciples and to us in His Word. (Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4)

Then follows the Aaronic Benediction in which the Lord recognizes us as His people, putting His name on us, and fulfilling all promises in His name.

(Numbers 6:24-25; Matt. 18:19-20)

We enter to pray and praise and we leave with a renewed commitment to serve and witness!

You are welcome to take this bulletin home and use it for personal devotions this week.

Otherwise, we ask that you return it to an usher. Thank you!

Serving in the Lord's House Today

PREACHER	Rev. Dr. Victor Kollmann
LITURGIST	Rev. James Otte
ELDER CAPTAIN	Brian Naber
ALTAR TEAM	Team 3
USHER TEAM	Team A
ACOLYTES	Emily Napier, George Simmons
ANTHEM	Sarah Roberge and Ashley Brooks
ORGANIST	Dorothy Sherrod
PRODUCTION TEAM	Danny Ladishew, Samantha Logue

Our Response to the Lord Last Week

Weekly Worship Attendance	459
Adult Bible Class	150
Sunday School Attendance	47

Church Faith Budget

Given last week	\$ 51,424
Given year to date	\$ 1,481,501
Given year to date last year	\$ 1,406,903

Trusting God With Tomorrow Building Fund

Given last week	\$ 977
Total for Campaign	\$ 74,156



In planning for the future, consider including the church in your will.

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MESSIAH LUTHERAN

Services available on the Live Stream & YouTube

- ♦ Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary: 8:30 & 11:00AM
(Holy Communion every 2nd and 4th Sunday)
- ♦ Sunday School & Bible Class: 9:45-10:40AM
- ♦ Wednesday Worship in the Chapel 7:00PM
(Holy Communion every Wednesday)



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With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will share God's light as we:

Gladly enter God's House weekly (Worship) —Psalm 122:1

Listen for God's voice. (Discipleship-Bible Study, Quiet Time, Prayer)— John 10:27

Open my heart and hands to serve God. (Ministry) —1 Samuel 12:24

Wholeheartedly love God and my neighbor. (Evangelism/Fellowship-Outreach) —Luke 10:27

GLOW and GO!