

MESSIAH

LUTHERAN
CHURCH

July 7, 2024
8:00 & 9:30 am

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



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Welcome To Messiah Lutheran Church

July 7, 2024
8:00 and 9:30 am

Enter Reverently, Worship Joyfully, Live Faithfully

PRELUDE

Sue Malmberg

OPENING HYMN

"Battle Hymn of the Republic", #569 v. 1-3



1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord,
2. I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hun - dred cir - cling camps,
3. He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er sound re - treat,
4. In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



He is tramp - ling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
They have build - ed Him an al - tar in the eve - ning dew - s and damp - s;
He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore His judg - ment seat;
With a glo - ry in His bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me;



He hath loosed the fate - ful light - ning of His ter - ri - ble swift sword—
I can read His right - eous sen - tence by the dim and flar - ing lamps—
O be swift, my soul, to an - swer Him! be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As He died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,

Refrain



His truth is march - ing on.
His day is march - ing on. Glo - ry! glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry!
Our God is march - ing on.
While God is march - ing on.



glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry! glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.



"COULD HE BE" LITANY ADAPTED FROM PSALM 43

Leader: I sought the Lord, and He answered me
All: and delivered me from all my fears.
 Leader: Those who look to Him are radiant,
All: and their faces shall never be ashamed.
 Leader: This poor child cried, and the Lord heard me
All: and saved me out of all my troubles.
 Leader: The angel of the Lord encamps
All: around those who fear him, and delivers them.
 Leader: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
All: Blessed is the child who takes refuge in Him!
Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty", #8



- 1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might-y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign - eth,
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend thee;
 - 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore Him!



O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal - va - tion!
 Shel-ters thee un - der His wings, yes, so gen - tly sus - tain - eth!
 Sure-ly His good-ness and mer-cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.
 All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be - fore Him.



All ye who hear, Now to His tem-ple draw near; Join me in
 Hast thou not seen How all thy long-ings have been Grant-ed in
 Pon-der a - new What the Al - might-y can do, If with His
 Let the A - men Sound from His peo-ple a - gain: Glad-ly for

Optional transition to "Praise the Lord!"



glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 what He or - dain - eth?
 love He be - friend thee.
 aye we a - dore Him. A - men. Him.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"We Will Glorify", #72

1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will glo - ri - fy the
2. Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will bow be - fore His
3. He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who
4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le - lu - jah to the

Lamb; We will glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.
throne; We will wor-ship Him in right-eous-ness, we will wor-ship Him a - lone.
live; He is Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse, all praise to Him we give.
Lamb; Hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am.

The musical score consists of four systems. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are placed between the staves.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Leader: Holy and Gracious God,

All: I confess that I have sinned against you this day and every day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace and live each day for You.

Leader: By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise every morning to serve Him. Amen.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Sue Malmberg

OUR RESPONSE

Doxology #625

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A - men.

OUR OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 2:1-8 (ESV)

Readers: 8:00 Greg Dole, 9:30 Jane Costello

¹ And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." ² And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³ And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' ⁵ And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them. ⁶ And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions. Be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. ⁷ And you shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear, for they are a rebellious house.

⁸ "But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you."

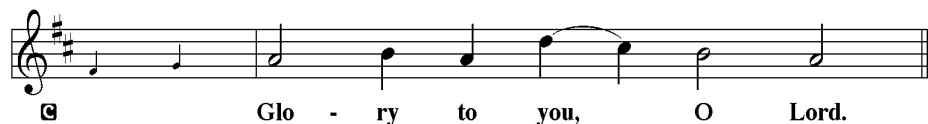
OUR NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (ESV)

⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

OUR GOSPEL LESSON

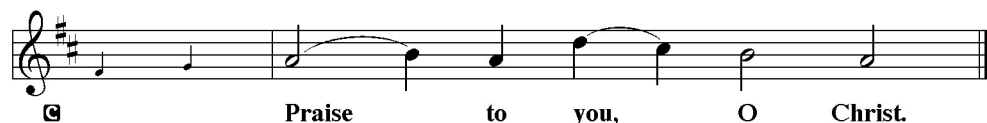
Mark 6:1-13 (ESV)



¹ He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works 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 And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." ⁵ And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶ And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

⁷ And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He charged 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 put on two tunics. ¹⁰ And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹ And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³ And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.



MESSAGE

"Could He Be Your God?" by Pastor Kurt Hoover

(Copies of this sermon and others can be found in the Narthex.)

HYMN

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee", #380

1. I am weak but Thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2. Thro' this world of toil and snares, If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;
Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with Thee, Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,

D.C. for Refrain

I'll be sat - is - fied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
 Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er To Thy king - dom shore, to Thy shore.
Dai - ly, walk - ing close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

WORDS OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Servers: 8:00 Bev Korby, Jane Stukel;
 9:30 Season Lawler, Jane Costello, Rowan Hedden

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

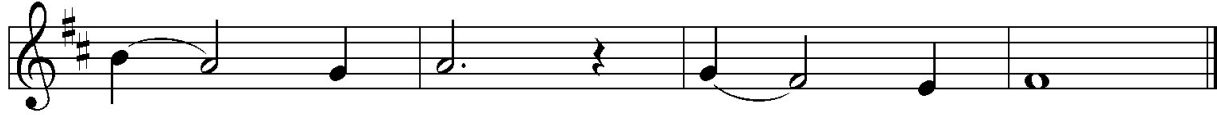
"Lamb of God"

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Lord, Thy Church on Earth Is Seeking", #305

"Lift High the Cross", #304

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you Father for the gift of salvation. Thank you Lord Jesus for this holy meal and the sacrifice of Your life. Thank you Holy Spirit for awakening faith within our hearts. We hear your voice in this meal and celebrate Your holy presence. Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"O for a Thousand Tongues", #29676 v. 1-4



1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing My great Re-deem-er's praise,
2. Je-sus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor-rows cease,
3. He breaks the power of can-celed sin, He sets the pris-oner free;
4. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loos-ened tongues em-ploy;
5. My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, As-sist me to pro-claim,



The glo-ries of my God and King, The tri-umphs of His grace.
'Tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
His blood can make the foul-est clean; His blood a-vailed for me.
Ye blind, be-hold your Sav-ior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy.
To spread thro' all the earth a-broad, The hon-ors of Thy name. A-men.

POSTLUDE

Sue Malmberg

*God will never lead you to a place
where His grace cannot keep you.*

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ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is an easy way to give to MLC, and there are three ways to do it:

- 1) Go to this link: churchcenter.com/giving
- 2) Download the Church Center app on your phone or tablet.
- 3) Text your dollar amount (with a dollar sign in front of it) to 84321.

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

DAYBREAK SHELTER

Volunteers are needed to serve dinner to needy people at Daybreak Homeless Shelter in Joliet. The commitment is from 5:30-7:00 pm on the second Monday of each month. Food donations are also needed. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Messiah members will be serving at Daybreak on Monday, July 8.

MEMORY BEARS

Messiah's Memory Bears Group meets here at the church from 9 am-noon once a month (sometimes twice!) to make stuffed teddy bears out of the clothing of people who have passed away, to comfort the grieving. We would love to have you join us! We have jobs that do not require sewing, as well as jobs that do. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, **July 23**. Contact Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 or by email at regency118@comcast.net.

MEN'S MINISTRY (3M)

Hey guys - Need a break from the hassle of life? Join us as we spend an hour and a half in God's Word. Add your voice to the conversation. No judgment. No anxiety. No stress. Just men enjoying the fellowship of other men in the presence of God. Bring your Bible and your questions/comments and join us every second & fourth Tuesday from 6:30-8pm. Our next meeting is **July 9**. Contact Mike Brown via email at evangelism@mlcjoliet.org for more info.

QUILTERS

The next Messiah Quilting Day will be Tuesday, July 9 (one week earlier than usual) from 9 am – 2 pm. We have a lot of quilts ready to complete and if you can tie a knot, you can help us out. We even have jobs you can do sitting down. Think about stopping in and see what we do. If you are unable to join us and would like to sew at home, we have kits available and can show you how easy it is to put a quilt top together.

Contact Kathy Mueller (815) 953-6601 at scpbklane@aol.com for more information or any questions you may have. Hope to see you on **July 9!**

SING PRAISE

Are you passionate about worship and prayer? Are you seeking a community where you can dive deeper into your faith through blended worship experiences? Look no further! Sing Praise has created a space where individuals can come together to worship in a blended style, combining contemporary and traditional elements to create a dynamic and uplifting atmosphere. Whether you love to sing, play an instrument, or simply want to soak in the presence of God, you'll find a home here. All are welcome! For more info, reach out to Justin Brown at worship@mlcjoliet.org. We meet every-other Saturday at 6:30 pm in the FLC - our next gathering is **July 20**.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

We are pleased to share that Bunco is now a monthly event, the last Friday of every month at 6:30 pm, in the Gathering House. For more info or to RSVP, please reach out to Beth at bhohisel@hotmail.com.

MESSIAH KIDS

MESSIAH KIDS SUNDAYS AT 11

We encourage all kids pre-k thru 5th grade to be a part of Messiah Kids' at 11 am after the children's message, in the Family Life Center (FLC). Kids will experience God during this time with weekly themes, songs, short movie clips, games and prizes. All are encouraged to attend.

PRE-K THROUGH 5th GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL (Sundays at 9:30 am)

Make sure to bring your children to Sunday school, upstairs in our youth classrooms, on Sunday mornings. Our summer session runs **June 2-July 28**.

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR MESSIAH KIDS WEDNESDAYS

Have your K-5th grader join us for a great time on Wednesday evenings this summer! It's a fun night of worship, lessons, games, crafts, and connection with the Bible and friends! **Our summer session runs June 5-July 10** at 6:30 pm. Contact Beth Hohisel bhohisel@hotmail.com or (815) 735-7897 for more info.

MESSIAH STUDENT MINISTRIES

SUMMER YOUTH MINISTRY: F.A.M.

Students from 6th grade through graduating seniors are invited to be a part of the new Wednesday evening student ministry program - Friends And Mentors = **F.A.M.** Students will learn about ways to get connected to God, church, community, and friends as they explore life skills, service opportunities, and more. We meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-8 pm. Reach out to Kate Richmond for more info at stumin@mlcjoliet.org.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers this morning are provided by Dave & Karen Nygard in honor of their 42nd wedding anniversary.

If you would like to sponsor Altar flowers, please call the office at 815-741-4488. Arrangements are \$25 each.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY (July 7)

8 am Worship
9:30 am Worship+Online Worship,
K-5 Summer Sunday School
11 am Family Praise & Worship,
Messiah Kids
12 pm VBS Volunteer Meeting
1 pm Cristo Rey Bilingual Worship

MONDAY (July 8)

n/a

TUESDAY (July 9)

9 am Quilters
6:30 pm 3M

WEDNESDAY (July 10)

1:30 Outreach Team
5 pm Bible Bee
6:30 pm F.A.M., MKW Summer

THURSDAY (July 11)

10:15 Prayer Team
11:30 am Staff Meeting

FRIDAY (July 12)

n/a

SATURDAY (July 13)

9 am Worship Team Rehearsal

SUNDAY (July 14)

8 am Worship
9:30 am Worship+Online Worship,
K-5 Summer Sunday School
11 am Family Praise & Worship,
Messiah Kids

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

8:00 am: 66

9:30 am: 48

11:00 am: 92

Online: 164

MSM (6th-12th): n/a

Messiah Kids (K-5th): 6

Insight: n/a

Online counts are estimates only.

2024 GIVING

Operating Budget: \$763,541

YTD Operating Budget: \$381,770

YTD Received: \$306,496

Average Weekly Need: \$14,683

Received Last Week: \$11,358

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

Matthew 6:21

"For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also."

Sanctuary Choir Director Herb Alexander
Worship Coordinator Justin Brown
Office Coordinator Vicki Dallmann
Children's Choir Director Season Lawler
Children's Ministry Director Leslie McFarland
Interim Student Ministry Administrator Kate Richmond
Technology Coordinator Nikolai Stier
Bookkeeper Sherri Unyi