

# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am - July 6, 2025 Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

#### **PRELUDE**

# Welcome to

Messiah

We are a community of grace where we live out Jesus' commandment to love God with our whole heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We also seek to be a welcoming community for all people. This includes people of every race, ability, sexual orientation and gender identity, ethnic background, economic grouping, religious affiliation, and political persuasion. We do this simply because God created all people in God's own image and Christ Jesus came so all people might have abundant life. We may not always be perfect, but this is our intention--all are welcome!

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Please stand as comfortable, in body or in spirit.

The presiding minister will read the sections in plain text.

You are invited to read the bold portions.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.** 

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.** 



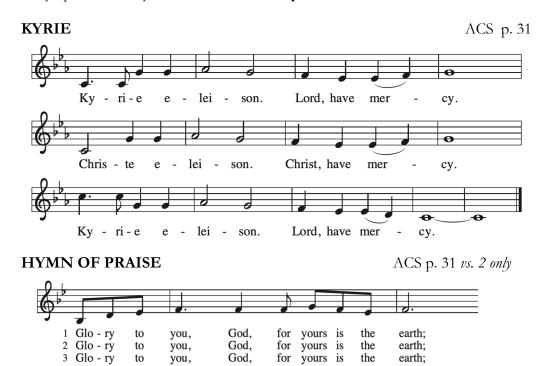
- 1 My God, how won-der ful thou art, thy maj-es-ty how bright!
- 2 How won-der-ful, how beau-ti-ful the sight of thee must be-
- 3 No earth-ly fa-ther loves like thee; no moth-er, e'er so mild,
- 4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al might-y as thou art,
- 5 My God, how won-der ful thou art, thou ev er last ing friend!

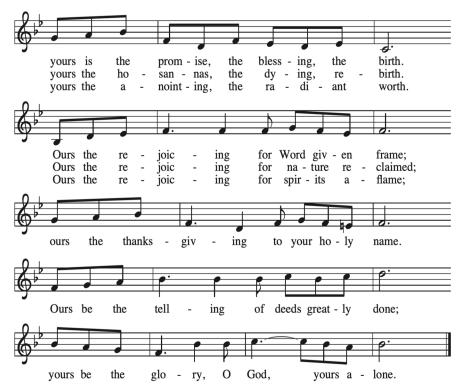


How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn-ing light! thine end - less wis - dom, bound-less pow'r, and awe-some pu - ri - ty! bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child. for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart. On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

#### **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.** 





### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

FIRST READING Isaiah 66:10-14

Please be seated.

<sup>10</sup> Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy,

all you who mourn over her—

<sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast;

that you may drink deeply with delight

from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup> For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,

and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;

and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,

and dandled on her knees.

<sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child,

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so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 66:1-9

- <sup>1</sup> Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.
- <sup>3</sup> Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
- <sup>4</sup> All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."
- <sup>5</sup> Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.
- <sup>6</sup> God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.
- <sup>7</sup> Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.
- 8 Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.
- <sup>9</sup> Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

# SECOND READING

Galatians 6:7-16

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may

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boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

## Please stand as you are comfortabl e in body or spirit.



Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.

**GOSPEL** Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

# Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"

<sup>16</sup> "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

<sup>17</sup> The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup> He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

Please be seated.

### **SERMON**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Washed and

ACS #1000 "God's Work, Our Hands"

hon - ored,

God's work, work - ing our hands: geth er, God's work, feet: trav - 'ling our to geth er, God's work, our voice: sing - ing geth er, to God is at work in and round a us:

build - ing a fu - ture, pair - ing world, re the fol - low - ing Je - sus plac - es known, to un prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear, seed - lings are sprout - ing bread's on the rise! and

homes, rais - ing plant - ing gar - dens, up new walk - ing friends, march - ing for free - dom, as shout - ing pray - ing for peace, for jus - tice,

free,

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and

feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold. run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal. claim - ing God's the least. love for lost and the gift - ed by grace, we re spond in God's love.





## **APOSTLES' CREED**

Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith by the example of all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news. God of grace, hear our prayer.

All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste. God of grace, hear our prayer.

You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people. God of grace, hear our prayer.

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As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain, especially... Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you. God of grace, hear our prayer.

You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

Please be seated.

#### SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM

"Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me"

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.** 

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

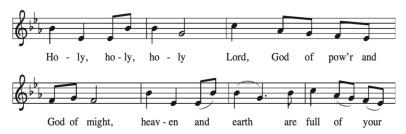
We lift them to the Lord.

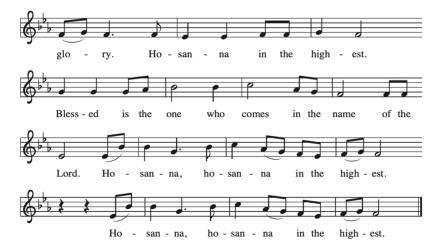
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





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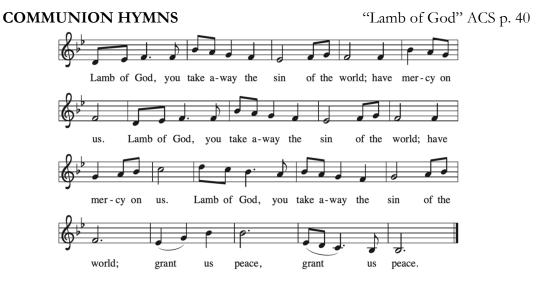
Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. Amen. Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. Amen.

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.** ... **Amen.** 

#### 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.

Please be seated.





- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho ly wis dom! Un im ag ined, all your ways!



Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple; bless as Christ blessed long a - go.

Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of bless - ing, liv-ing bread.

To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. God, re - new us, guide our foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares, We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter-washed and Spir-it - born.



Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, one with Christ in liv-ing, dy - ing, By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re-cre - ate us; God, trans-form!

#1015 ACS "As a Mother Comforts Her Child"



As a moth-er com-forts her child, so God will com - fort you.



As a hen gath-ers her brood, so Christ will gath-er you.



As a wise one coun-sels her friend, so the Spir-it will coun-sel you.



## Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirt.

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

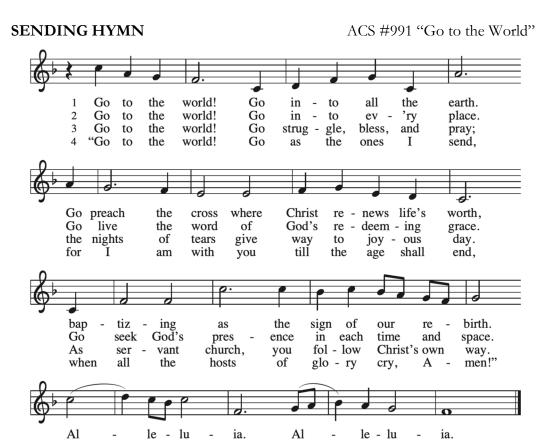
#### **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

Amen.



## **SENDING**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

### **POSTLUDE**

## Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church



#### Children belong in worship!

Worship kits and a nursery space is available. God rejoices in the joyful noise of children and so do we!



#### God calls us to welcome everyone!

Messiah seeks to be a welcoming community and to share the love of God with our neighbors. If you are new, please introduce yourself to our pastors.



#### Worship should be accessible!

Hearing devices (and T-Coil) and large print bulletins are available. We invite you to sit or stand as you are comfortable. All gender and family restroom facilities are available on the first level, please see signs in the Narthex.



#### All are welcome at Iesus' table!

During communion grape juice and gluten-free options are available. Those not wishing to commune may come forward for a blessing. Those not able to come forward may receive communion in their pew, please notify the usher.

#### God calls us to pray!

Private prayer requests may be made by writing them on the back of the Welcome Card. If you would like to be added to the prayer list or receive a pastoral care visit, please contact the church

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