



## Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am - July 20, 2025

*Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 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!

### GATHERING HYMN

#407 "O Living Breath of God"



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:  
O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:  
O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,

**you free us to love others,**

**but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,**

**but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

The  
presid-  
ing min-  
ister will  
read the  
sections  
in plain  
text.  
**You are  
invited  
to read  
the  
bold  
por-  
tions.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life. Amen.**  
You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of  $\text{✝}$  Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

## 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.**

## KYRIE

The Kyrie musical score is written in 3/4 time. It features two parts: Cantor and All. The lyrics are in Latin and English. The score is divided into four systems, each with a Cantor line and an All line. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Lord, have mer - cy. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son. Christ, have mer - cy. Ky - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Lord, have mer - cy. Ky - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria

The Hymn of Praise musical score is written in 3/4 time. It features a single line with the lyrics: Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will. \_\_\_\_\_

We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you,

we glo - ri - fy you, \_\_\_\_\_ we give you thanks for

your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav - en - ly King, \_\_\_\_\_ O

God, \_\_\_\_\_ al - might - y Fa - ther. \_\_\_\_\_

Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you

take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you

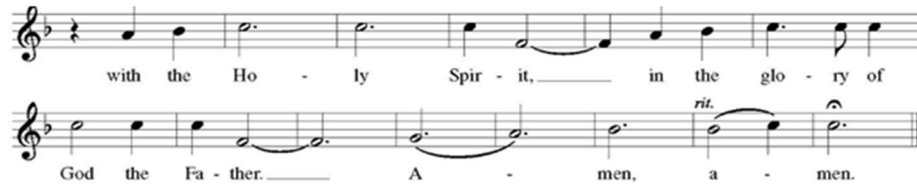
take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are

seat - ed \_\_\_\_\_ at the right hand \_\_\_\_\_ of the Fa - ther, have

mer - cy, have mer - cy on us. \_\_\_\_\_ For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, \_\_\_\_\_



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-10a

Please  
be seat-  
ed

<sup>1</sup> The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup> He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup> And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup> Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup> They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10a</sup> Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

Colossians 1:15-28

<sup>15</sup> [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;<sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup> And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—<sup>23</sup> provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which

<sup>24</sup> I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup> I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup> the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Word of God, Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL**

Luke 10:38-42

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup> Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup> there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

(Kbd)  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia. — Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia. — ia. — ia. — *Fine*  
 1. Speak, O Lord, — your ser - vant is lis - t'ning; — you have the *D.S. al fine*  
 1. words — of ev - er - last - ing life.


## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

WOV #783 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"


**VERSE**

$\text{♩} = 120$  C Csus Em F C F C




1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God and His right - eous -  
 2. Man shall not live by bread a - lone but by ev - 'ry  
 3. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, seek and ye shall

7 Dm7 G7 C Csus Em Em7 F C



ness, and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you-  
 word that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God-  
 find, knock and the door shall be o - pened un - to you-

13 F C F/C C G7sus G7 C



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - - - ia!  
 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - - - ia!  
 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - - - ia!

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God above us,  
 maker and sustainer of all life,  
 of sun and moon, of water and earth, of all people.  
 We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ,  
 the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor,  
 tortured and nailed to a tree.  
 A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.  
 He descended into the earth to the place of death.  
 On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
 He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present,  
 and His kingdom will come on earth.  
 We believe in God within us,  
 the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,  
 life-giving breath of the Church,  
 Spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
 source of resurrection and of eternal life.  
 Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Inspire your church, like Sarah and Mary, to listen with eager longing for your words of life. Equip biblical interpreters and teachers with faithful discernment, that your word may be more fully known. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Every creature under heaven has been promised the hope of the gospel. From that promise, generate in humankind an eagerness to protect and care for creation. Bring healing to the earth with your words of life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Peel away the distractions, worries, and fears of all who govern the nations of the world. May your word of love and life dispel all other voices. Provide gracious hospitality in places where hostile forces hold sway. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain, illness, grief, depression, or despair, especially... Bring honor to any who experience slander and evil intent or are discredited by others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Enliven and uphold all siblings in Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone, without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Mary, Martha, and all the saints who attended to your word, we give thanks. Open our ears to your voice until that day when we realize the promise of the gospel with all creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

Please be seated

## SPECIAL MUSIC

"Here I Am, Lord"  
*Celebration Choir*

## 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:

(Kbd)

Ho - ly, Ho - ly,

Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en 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.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

...You have taught us that you always provide a path and way.

**We give thanks that you call us as your people.**

...And all are worthy of love, forgiveness and hope.

**We give thanks that your word lives through us.**

...You give us comfort when we are without hope.

**We give thanks that you are with us and around us, ever-present.**

Give us Your life and send us out into a world in need....**Amen.**

## 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.**



Please be seated.

(Kbd)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us, grant us peace.

#1084 ACS “God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

#985 ACS “Let Us Enter In”

Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.

**Benediction:**  
*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## BENEDICTION

## SENDING HYMN

“Who You Say I Am” *Hillsong Worship*

**VERSE**

♩ = 58 A5 F#m E A5

Who am I that the high - est King would wel - come me.  
Free at last, He has ran - somed me, His grace runs deep.

5 F#m E D F#m E

I was lost but He brought me in. Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for  
While I was a slave to sin, Je - sus died for me. Yes, He died for

**CHORUS 1**

10 D A E F#m E

me. Who the Son sets free, oh is free in - deed. I'm a child of  
me.

**CHORUS 2**

16 D A 1 2 A

God, yes I am. In my Fa - ther's house there's a

22 E F#m E D A

place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am. I am

**BRIDGE**

F#m E/G# A D F#m

cho - sen, not for - sak - en. I am who You say I am. You are for me, not a -

**TAG**

E/G# A 1, 3, 4 2, 5 D D F#m E/G# *Last time to Coda*

33 g a i n s t m e . I a m w h o Y o u s a y I a m . I a m (O h ) I a m w h o Y o u s a y I a m .

**CHORUS 1 & 2**

38 D A E F#m E D

Who the Son sets free, oh is free in - deed. I'm a child of God, yes I  
Fa - ther's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I

**INSTRUMENTAL**

1, 2 3 F#m E/G#

45 a m . I n m y a m .

1 2 D D *D.S. al Coda*

51 I a m

54 *Coda* D F#m E/G# D

Yes, I am who You say I am.

**CHORUS 1 & 2**

57 A E F#m E D

Who the Son sets free, oh is free in - deed. I'm a child of God, yes I  
Fa - ther's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I

64 1 2 A A

am. In my am. \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 Jesus' 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 office.

Preacher:	Pr. Andrew Plocher
Assisting Minister:	Molly Luty
Reader:	Mike Hill
Ushers:	Dave & Nancy Skoog
Communion Assistants:	Mike & Joan Hill, Sandy Lindberg, Marina Shinkarenko
Greeters:	Marina Shinkarenko
Songleader:	Sara Parks
Pianist:	Jacob Schmeltzer
Band Members:	Tom Bronken, Ross Larson, Darren Smith
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