

Welcome to “One Worship”
at Messiah Lutheran

10:30 a.m. ~ August 3, 2025
Pentecost 8



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: “Son of God, Eternal Savior”
(Verses 1, 2, 4)

ELW 655

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to worship, and we come,
Some with laughter and hopefulness.

God calls us to worship, and we come,
Some with hearts that feel sad and alone.

God calls us to worship, and we come,
Some with worry and distraction.

As God’s dearly loved children, we come,
bringing our joy and pain, our hurt and hope.

We come to pray, and praise, and heal!

Let us sing praise to the One who knows and loves us!

SONG OF PRAISE: *ELW Holy Communion Setting 10, page 205*
(Tune: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee)



Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.



Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father’s splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

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:

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 49:1-12

¹ Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

² **both low and high,
rich and poor together.**

³ My mouth shall speak wisdom;
the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

⁴ **I will incline my ear to a proverb;
I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.**

⁵ Why should I fear in times of trouble,
when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,

⁶ **those who trust in their wealth
and boast of the abundance of their riches?**

⁷ Truly, no ransom avails for one's life;
there is no price one can give to God for it.

⁸ **For the ransom of life is costly
and can never suffice,**

⁹ that one should live on forever
and never see the Pit.

¹⁰ **When we look at the wise, they die;
fool and dolt perish together
and leave their wealth to others.**

¹¹ Their graves are their homes forever,
their dwelling places to all generations,
though they named lands their own.

¹² **Mortals cannot abide in their pomp;
they are like the animals that perish.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?'"

¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON SONG: "Take My Life and Let it Be"

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SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

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: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

We pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Equip us to share your extravagant love for the life of the world. We pray your presence and blessing on our newly elected ELCA bishop, that they may lead our Church with wisdom and boldness in our Gospel mission.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We thank you for the ministry shared, and the safe return of, our Belize Mission Team. May they rest and renew from their adventures and travels. May they continue to grow in their love for you and their desire to serve you wherever they find themselves.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for counselors and young people who will experience Moessiah Day Camp this week. As they share a week of worship, prayer, and activities, may their faith grow and their love for Jesus be ignited!

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For those who long for healing, bring your restoration. For those who grieve loss, bring your comfort. Hear us when we call to you, bringing rest for our spirits as we entrust our cares to you.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for our congregations. Bless our prayers and fellowship today. Join us together in times of praise and blessing, as well as times of trouble and sorrow, as we journey forward in your name.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and hold us always in your steadfast love!
We pray in the name of our Master and Friend, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *Sing as gifts are brought forward to the altar.*

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

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,
 that we should at all times and in all places
 give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
 through our Savior Jesus Christ;
 who on this day overcame death and the grave,
 and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
 And so, with all the choirs of angels,
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.
 The universe declares your praise:
 beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
 within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
 through the water; by night and day;
 across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.
We thank you, O God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: *"For the Bread Which You Have Broken" ELW 494*

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

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