



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 in-

13th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am - September 7, 2025

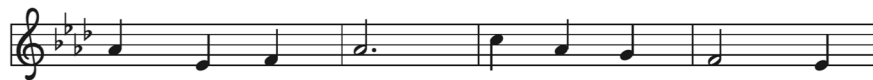
Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK— Visitors from Tanzania, Justin & Anna Wild

GATHERING HYMN

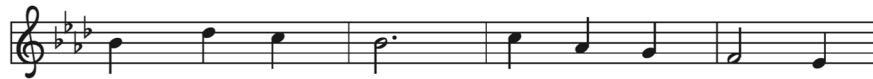
ACS #1000 "God's Work, Our Hands"



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



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



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



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 love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

tention--all
are wel-
come!

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

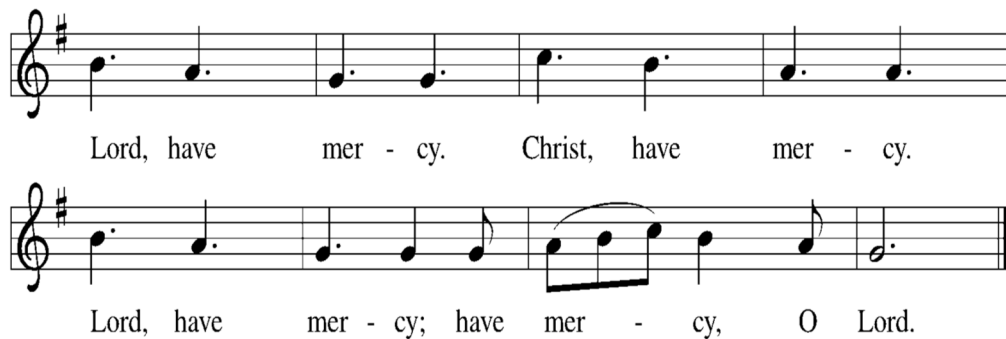
In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

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

#154 "Kyrie"

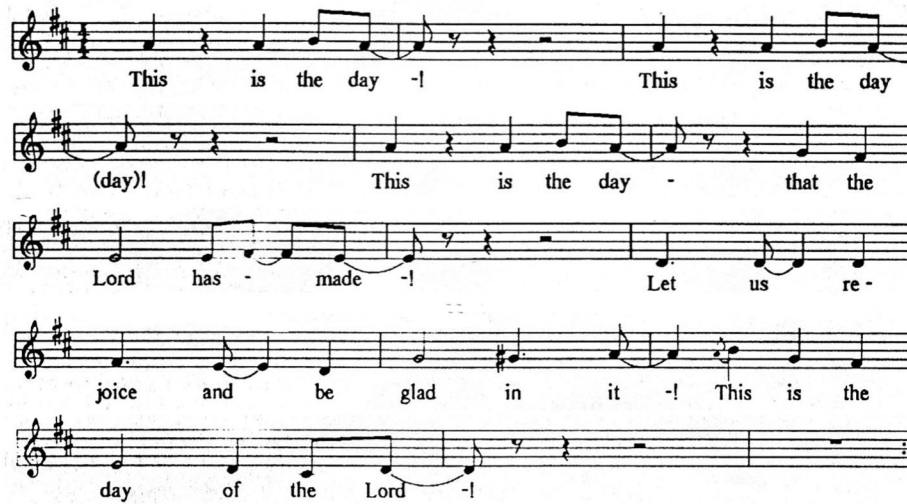


Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This is the Day"



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵ "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philemon 1-21

Please
be seated

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To our beloved coworker Philemon, ² to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

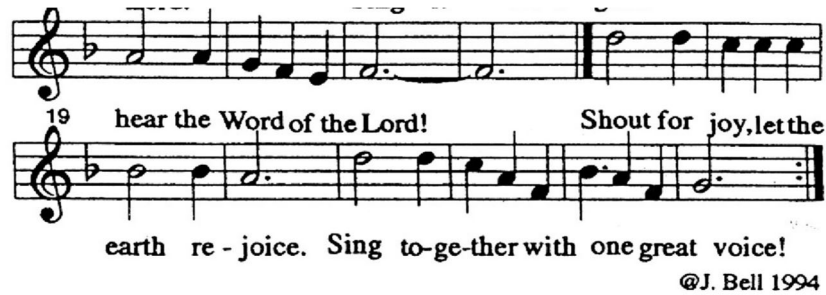
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Jazz Alleluia"

Please stand as you are comfortable in body or in spirit.

Al - le-luia, A-men! Let us hear the Word of the

Lord. Sing it o-ver a - gain. Let us



GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

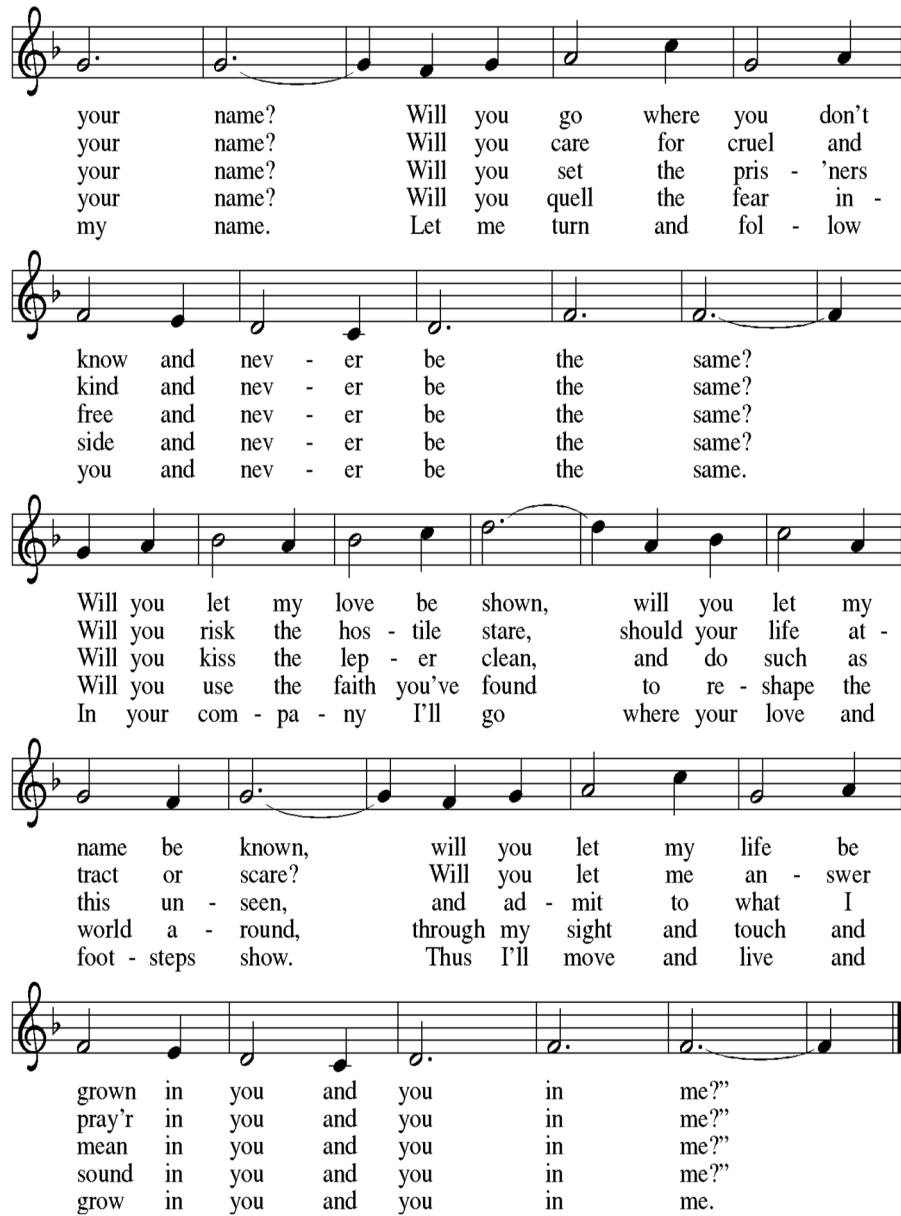
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seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

#798 "Will You Come and Follow Me"





your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please
stand as
you are
comfort-
able in
body or
spirit.

**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

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

We pray for the church to follow in your ways, that it may be a witness to your love for all people. Help us choose all that is life-giving and confront the forces of death. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation, that it may be cherished and nurtured. Sustain farmlands, animals, and waters; restore places affected by calamities; and shield coastlands from rising seas. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in authority. Grant them wisdom to govern justly and compassion to care for the marginalized. Equip them for actions that further the common good. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick, hungry, unhoused, or lonely, especially... May they find healing through your love and the care of those around them. Lead us to be your hands and feet in the world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, that we may be united in love and faith. Refresh our hearts in Christ, and deepen our support of one another. We pray that our sharing of faith may transform lives. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We thank you for those who have died and now dwell with the saints. Surround them with your divine mercy, that they find peace and rest in your loving embrace. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

Please be
seated

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERING PRAYER

Please
stand as
you are
comfortable
in body
or spirit.

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 right—

Our joy and our calling—

...we lift our hearts and join the ancient hymn:

5 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,

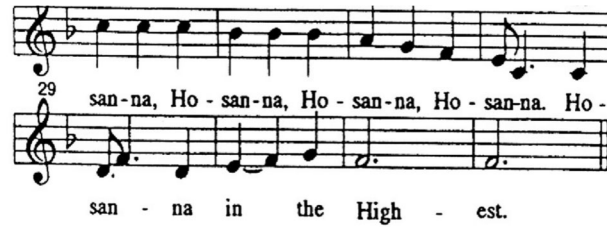
9 God of Power and might.

13 Hea - ven and earth are full of your glory, Ho -

17 sa - na in the High - est.

21 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name, the

25 name of the Lord! Ho -



...So we remember.
We remember his life,
his death,
his rising from the grave.
We proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
... 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Lamb of God"

Please be
seated.

p
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins
of the world, have mer - cy
ff on us. Lamb of God, *mp*
you take a - way the sins of the
world, *f* have mer - cy on

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

#931 ACS “Where Charity and Love Are Shown”

#1004 ACS “Faith Begins by Letting Go”

Please stand as
you are com-
fortable in
body or spirit.

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

BENEDICTION

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Let Us Be Known By Our Love”

Matt Armstrong and Nate Moore

INTRO
♩ = 53
Eb2 Bb 1 2 Eb2 Bb

1. Let us be known by our love.
(2. Let us be) known by our joy.

9 Eb2 F Gm7 Fsus F Eb2
In ev - 'ry word, in ev - 'ry deed, hon - or the Son. Let our light shine in ev - 'ry
In ev - 'ry home, in ev - 'ry heart, sing to the Lord. Let our life show good - ness and

CHORUS 1a
16 Bb F/A Gm7 Cm7 F Bb Bb Eb2 Bb
eye. Let us be known by our love. For the glo - ry of the Fa - ther,
hope. Let us be known by our joy.

25 F/A Gm7 Eb2 Fsus F Bb Eb2 Bb F/A Gm7
for the glo - ry of the Son, for the glo - ry of the Spir - it, let us be

TURNAROUND

34 Cm7 Fsus Eb2 Bb Eb2 Bb

known by our love.

INSTRUMENTAL

(1) | 2

43 Fsus Eb2 Bb Eb2 F

2. Let us be by our joy.

VERSE 3

61 Bb Eb2 Bb

3. Let us be known by our peace. In ev - 'ry

69 Eb2 F Gm7 Fsus F Eb2 Bb F/A Gm7 Cm7

town, in ev - 'ry tribe, Je - sus is king. Let us go forth, heal and re - store. Let us be known

CHORUS 1b

78 F Eb2 F Bb Eb2 Bb F/A Gm7

by our peace. For the glo - ry of the Fa - ther, for the glo - ry

86 Eb2 Fsus F Bb Eb2 Bb F/A Gm7 Cm7 Fsus

of the Son, for the glo - ry of the Spir - it, let us be known by our

(1) | 2

95 Bb Fsus Bb F/A Gm7 Cm7 Fsus

peace. For the by our love. Let us be known by our love.

ENDING

SENDING

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
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.

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Liturgist:	Pr. Andrew Plocher
Assisting Minister:	Inga Banitt
Reader:	Mark Paulsen
Ushers:	Jill Luoma, Jean Reynolds
Communion Assistants:	Gayle Mack, Bronce Reece, Sandy Lindberg,
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