

CASUAL SERVICE w/HOLY COMMUNION  
Saturday 5:30 p.m.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN ELCA

Date: 11/08/25 Season: PENTECOST 22 (GREEN)

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## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TEMPLE TALK**

Thankoffering

Marilyn Dial

## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

In celebration of our baptism, we worship  
In the name of God: Father, <sup>☩</sup> Son, and Holy Spirit,  
The One who forgives our sins and calls us to love our neighbor.  
**Amen.**

## **A LITANY FOR VETERANS DAY ADAPTED THE REV. TOM WILLIAMS WHITEFISH BAY, WI.**

On this day, we remember those who have served in our armed forces

*Pause for silent reflection*

Prince of Peace, even as we pray for an end to war,  
**We give thanks for our soldiers' courage,**  
**for their love of country,**  
**and for their work to bring peace to our world.**

Healer of All, bind up the wounds of all who have served.  
**Show us how to comfort those who are hurting.**

Merciful God, all suffer the cost of war.  
**We remember widows and widowers, orphans,**  
**and all those separated from those they love.**

We pray, Gracious God,  
that swords will be turned into plowshares and that peace will reign.

**We give thanks for all who have served.  
 Shield from danger those who bravely protect us.  
 With them, may we glory not in war,  
 but in your love and righteousness.  
 Strengthen us to be your peacemakers in the world.  
 Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN****ELW 630****In Heaven Above**

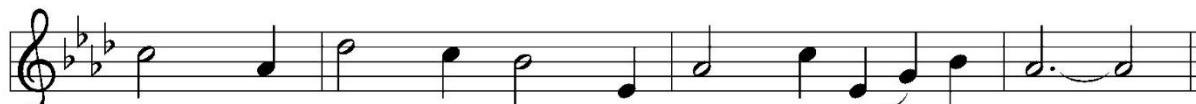
1 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a-bove, where God our Fa - ther dwells:  
 2 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a-bove, what glo - ry deep and bright!  
 3 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a-bove, no tears of pain are shed,  
 4 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a-bove, God has a joy pre - pared,



how bound-less there the bless - ed - ness! No tongue its great-ness tells.  
 The splen - dor of the noon-day sun grows pale be - fore its light.  
 for noth - ing there can fade or die; life's full - ness round is spread,  
 which mor - tal ear has nev - er heard, nor mor - tal vi - sion shared,



There face to face, and full and free, the ev - er -  
 The might - y sun that goes not down, be - fore whose  
 and like an o - - cean, joy o'er - flows, and with im -  
 which nev - er en - tered mor - tal thought, in mor - tal



liv - ing God we see, our God, the Lord of hosts!  
 face clouds nev - er frown, is God, the Lord of hosts!  
 mor - tal mer - cy glows our God, the Lord of hosts!  
 dreams was nev - er sought, O God, the Lord of hosts!

Text: Laurentius L. Laurinus, 1573–1655; tr. William Maccall, 1812–1888

Music: I HIMMELEN, I HIMMELEN, Norwegian folk tune

## APOSTOLIC 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, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### THE FIRST READING FROM JOB 19:23-27a

<sup>23</sup> “O that my words were written down!  
    O that they were inscribed in a book!  
<sup>24</sup> O that with an iron pen and with lead  
    they were engraved on a rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup> For I know that my vindicator lives  
    and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;  
<sup>26</sup> and after my skin has been destroyed,  
    then in my flesh I shall see God,  
<sup>27a</sup> whom I shall see on my side,  
    and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

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

### THE SECOND READING FROM 2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-5, 13-17

<sup>1</sup> As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup> He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?  
<sup>13</sup> But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by

**the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth.** <sup>14</sup> For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. <sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

**GOSPEL**

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

**The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter**  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] <sup>28</sup> and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; <sup>30</sup> then the second <sup>31</sup> and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup> Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Orin Cummings

**RITUAL OF COMMITMENT**

Your creation is good.

**Thank you, God.**

We are fed from the fruits of the earth.

**Thank you, God.**

You gave us family.

**Thank you, God.**

You gave us prophets and teachers.

**Thank you, God.**

You gave us the Word.

**Thank you, God.**

You gave us the Church,

this imperfect body of people that gathers week after week,

striving to be better,

striving to do good in the world.

**Thank you, God.**

You give and give,

and how do we respond?

**With gratitude!**

**We give what we can,**

**with joy, not out of obligation.**

**It is a gift, not a burden.**

You give and give,

and you never disappoint us.

**Here, in this sacred place, we are fed and sent**

**to love our neighbor.**

God, receive our offering,

the gifts of time, talents and treasure.

**May they make a difference**

**in the lives of others,**

**in our community,**

**and in the world you refuse to give up on.**

**Thank you for the Spirit among us,**

**to give, to serve, and to love neighbor**

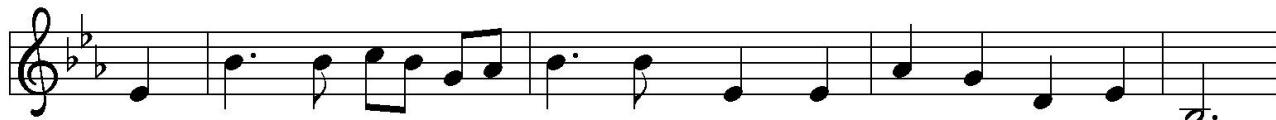
**in Christ's name.**

**Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 580

## How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call  
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;  
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin-dranc-es more sure;  
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re - stored,  
if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind,  
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,  
in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.  
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.  
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.  
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**With the whole church, let us affirm our faith with the 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.**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
And also with you.  
Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, all who are in need, and open our hearts to God's will.

A brief silence.

God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of justice and compassion, strengthen those entrusted with the governance and protection of vulnerable peoples. Grant them wisdom, integrity, and courage in the face of hardship. Bring an end to war and violence—especially in Eastern Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. Turn the hearts of leaders and nations toward peace, mercy, and reconciliation. Look with grace upon the people of Haiti. Grant their leaders courage and a steadfast will to do what is right and just for their nation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body especially Jacob Russell-Rivera, Gabe Derr, Lisa Williams, Jennifer Childs, Tad Bridges, Andrew Langr, Ray Hollingstad, Mark Krueger, Bob White, Tommy Brewer, Rodney Pipkorn and Beverly Carlson. Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God who gathers us together, we give thanks for pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith, especially Annis Dunham, Carol Lorey, Dorothy Dykman, David Ramse, and Tom Niewald. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:**  
**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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.  
Come to this meal of mercy.

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**ELW 867**

**In Thee Is Gladness**

1 In thee is glad - ness a - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus, sun - shine of my  
2 Je - sus is ours! . . . We fear no pow - ers, not of earth or sin or

heart. By thee are giv - en the gifts of heav - en, thou the  
death. He sees and bless - es in worst dis - tress - es; he can

true re - deem - er art. Our souls thou wak - est; our bonds thou  
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto - ry tell of his

break - est. Who trusts thee sure - ly has built se - cure - ly  
glo - ry with heart and voic - es; all heav'n re - joic - es

and stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
in him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for

pin - ing to see thy shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing,  
glad - ness, tri - umph o'er sad - ness, love him and praise - him

to thee are cleav - ing; naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
and still shall raise him glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**ELW 638**

**Blessed Assurance**



1 Bless-ed as-sur- ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di - vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

**TABLE BLESSING**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

O God,  
through this meal you have strengthened us  
and appointed us to be your servants.  
Send us to do good and to share our possessions  
with all in need.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

**SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**BLESSING**

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 forevermore.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**ELW 639**

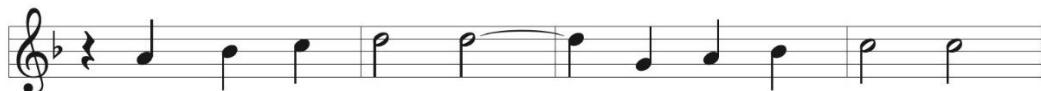
**When We Are Living**  
*Pues si vivimos*



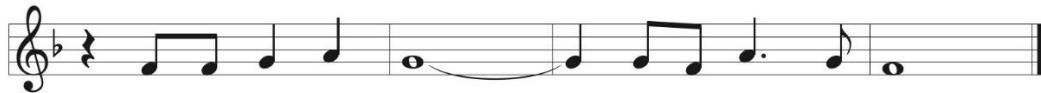
*Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra él vi - vi - mos,*  
1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,  
2 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain, . . .  
3 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find . . .



*y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra él mo - ri - mos.*  
and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord. . . .  
when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace, . . .  
those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind; . . .



*Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,*  
Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,  
wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,  
and when we help them, or when we feed them,



*so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.*  
we be - long to God, we be - long to God.  
we be - long to God, we be - long to God.  
we be - long to God, we be - long to God.

2 En la tristeza y en el dolor,  
en la belleza y en el amor,  
sea que suframos o que gocemos,  
somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

3 En este mundo por doquier habrá  
gente que lloray sin consolar.  
Sea que ayudemos o alimentemos,  
somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

Text: st. 1, based on Romans 14:8; tr. Elise S. Eslinger, b. 1942  
st. 2-3, Roberto Escamilla, b. 1931; tr. George Lockwood, b. 1946

Music: SOMOS DEL SEÑOR, Spanish traditional  
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

**Guided by the Gospel, we:**  
**Welcome all to worship;**  
**Make disciples;**  
**Hunger for ministry;**  
**Nurture youth;**  
**Gather resources for growing ministries;**  
**Offer healing and care to all in need.**

**DISMISSAL**

**Go in peace. Do not lose heart.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**OFFERING**

*(Please place gifts in the plates as you leave)*

**POSTLUDE**