Seventh Sunday after Trinity



"I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat."

Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. We're glad you found your way to us. If you're feeling lost, please be sure to reach out to your neighbor and they will be happy to answer any questions you might have. We hope you feel welcome and at home at Messiah Lutheran Church.

A special welcome to those with young children

We are very happy you are here today. At Messiah, we want you to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Children are most welcome at Messiah.
- ♦ To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see. Encourage them to note the colors, hear the music, watch the pastor, and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus is doing here promises to engage them.
- ♦ As we go along, softly explain the liturgy to your children, encouraging them to join in on parts. Amen! Lord have mercy! Our Father! These belong to them, too.
- ♦ Be sure to sing, speak, and pray your parts also as you sit and stand. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you must leave, please hurry back. We want your children here with us.
- If you need a little help, please ask. There are many people here who will lend you a hand.

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing with you in Jesus words, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." (Luke 18:16-17 ESV)

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, encourage, and bless you all. Welcome to Messiah.

A PRAYER FOR BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in peace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.



August 3, 2025

Setting Three – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

PRELUDE Lento – Johannes Brahms

OPENING HYMN

What is the World to Me

LSB 730

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the + cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

 [Hebrews 10:22]
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

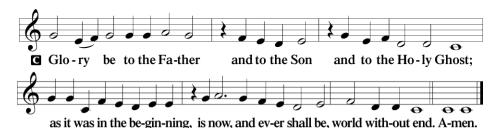
SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 47:3, 6-8; antiphon: vv. 1-2



- P Clap your hands, all | peoples!*
 Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!
- For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared,* a great king over | all the earth.
- P He subdued peoples | under us,* and nations un- | der our feet.
- Sing praises to God, sing | praises!*
 Sing praises to our King, sing | praises!
- P For God is the King of | all the earth;* sing praises | with a psalm!
- God reigns over the | nations;*
 God sits on his | holy throne.
- P Clap your hands, all | peoples!*
 Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!
- For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared,* a great king over | all the earth.



KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22



Let us pray: O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 2:7-17

Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Romans 6:19-23

I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand





HOLY GOSPEL Mark 8:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.



In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, [Jesus] called his disciples to him and said to them, "I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away." And his disciples answered him, "How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?" And he asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven." And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. And they are and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

LSB 819

SERMON

Stand



Sit

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Duetto - J.S. Bach

Please pass your worship attendance card toward the center aisle for the ushers to collect.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition of the prayer;

- **P** Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

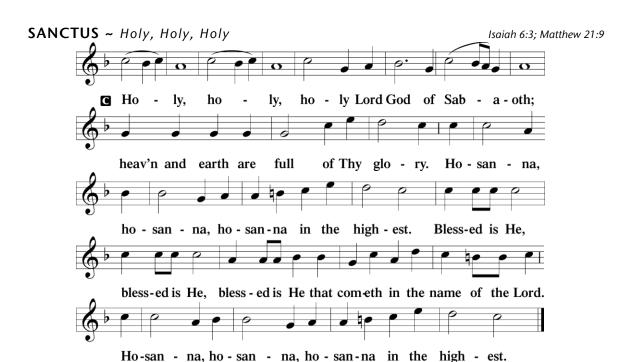
After the prayer has ended the pastor will say:

- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



P It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:



LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

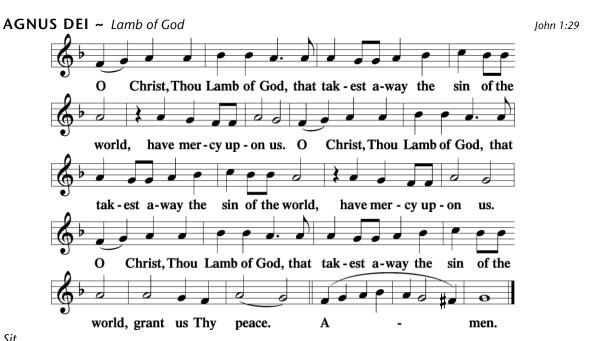
Our Father who art in heaven,

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25





Sit **DISTRIBUTION** Please review our communion practices at the end of the bulletin.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

What is This Bread	LSB 629
Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared	LSB 622
In the Shattered Bliss of Eden	LSB 572
O Living Bread from Heaven	LSB 642

Stand

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.

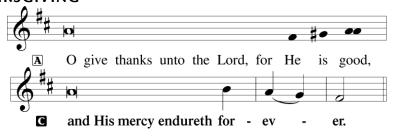


Luke 2:29-32



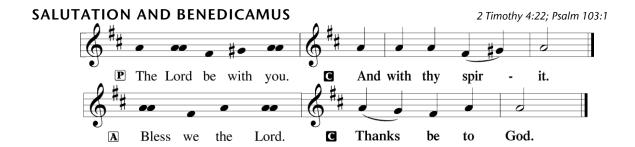
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Psalm 107:1

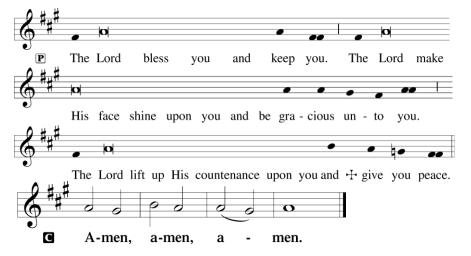


P Let us pray... You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26



Sit

CLOSING HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709

POSTLUDE

Rejoicing, from Royal Fireworks Music - G.F. Handel

A PRAYER FOR AFTER WORSHIP

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness of my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in the faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S ONLINE BIBLE STUDY takes place tomorrow, August 4, at 7:30pm, and is every first and third Monday of the month! Contact Ann Melvin for zoom link and questions.

MEN'S NIGHT OUT will be tomorrow, August 4, at 6:00pm. Located at Ivar's Salmon House, 401 NE Northlake Way. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth.

HARRY'S CLASS - There will be no Tuesday Morning Bible Class this week on August 5th. Class will resume on August 12th.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS - Continue to watch the "back to school" sales on the items needed for the bags!

SUPPLIES FOR THE HOMELESS - Are you traveling this summer? Did you stay at a hotel/motel where there were complimentary soap, shampoo, etc.? If yes, and you'd like to help some of our neighborhood homeless, please place them in the crate under the social ministry table in the narthex. They will be distributed by the Lake City food bank.

GREETING CARDS - There are greeting cards for all sorts of occasions located in the Narthex, each for just \$1! All the money goes to supporting our missions.

ISSUES ETC. - Your Comprehensive Source for News, Information, & Truth...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent subjects include: Worship Practices in the LCMS, Lessons to Learn from Chip and Joanne Gaines' Compromise on Homosexuality, The Movie "The Fantastic Four: First Steps," Preparing for The Lord's Supper and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Today 9:00 am Divine Service

10:30 am Education Hour

Monday

7:30 Women's Online Bible Study

Tuesday

10:00 am Bible Study

Saturday

10:30 Young Adults Group

Next Sunday 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Education Hour

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Last Sunday: 150 Education Hour: 59 Sunday School: 34 Tuesday Bible Study: 13

IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Officiant

Pastor Elliott

Acolyte

Daniel Elliott

Altar Guild

Jack & Donna Holdridge

Elders

Robin Melvin, Mark Jorgensen

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Noel Channon

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Lee Cohrs, Bob Guthrie, Jim Kohring, Destiny Aguayo, Larry & Justin Bourn, Tyler & Rebecca Rath

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

1 Corinthians 11:28-29

The Lord's Supper is joyfully celebrated here today. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood to us. His gifts of body and blood—given in, with, and under the bread and wine—bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other, in this life and in the next.

Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith, which is confessed at this altar. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament are asked first to speak with the pastor, an elder, or an usher.

When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:28), come to His Supper rejoicing, as Jesus instructed, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy.

Those wanting to come to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest. We also invite your children up for a blessing in remembrance of their baptism.