



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
15th Sunday After Pentecost
September 1, 2024
Traditional Service



We welcome you to The Traditional Service this morning

Our Staff

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Our Mission:

*Glorifying God through our worship, our witness, our service,
and our support*

Our Vision:

To build and strengthen the body of Christ

Holy Communion

To help you feel more comfortable please know that all baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament and have already received Holy Communion in your home church, are welcome to come to the altar and receive Holy Communion.

To receive the sacrament:

1. Communicant should receive the consecrated host from the Pastor and then proceed to the Assisting Minister who will be standing near the sanctuary pillar on whichever side of the church is being communed to receive a prefilled communion cup;
2. If the communicant prefers the consecrated grape juice, they shall receive that from the Pastor.
3. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the

Assisting at Worship:

	Today	September 8
Asst. Min.	Brad Bresee	Butch Karnes
Lector	Bob Pommer	Laurie Hecht
Acolyte	—	
Usher	Bob Pommer	Dave Kent
Sound System	TBD	TBD
Video	Brad Bresee	Brad Bresee
Counters	Bob Pommer, Laurie Hecht	Laurie Hecht, Linda Jones
Altar Guild	Sandy Hough, Candy Sprouse, Mary Rush, Bonnie Magee	

We welcome Matthew Lowther as our musician today.

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness [stand/kneel as able]

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sins, whose mercy endures forever, Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing. Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

P God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise*



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Glory to God

C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
 Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
 wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
 Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
 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, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.
 Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,
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Prayer of the Day

P O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen

Lesson

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

A The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles. So the Pharisees and

the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

A The Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day

Softly and Tenderly



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,



watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!

You who are wea-ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,
 Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Creed

- P** Let us confess our faith with the word of the Apostles' Creed:
- C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again 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 of the People

- A** Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need....Here us, O God.
- C** **Your mercy is great.**
- P** We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C** **Amen.**

Peace

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Instrumental music while the Altar is being prepared

Offertory Hymn

Jesus Remember Me

x3 [stand]

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

- A** Let us pray. (*brief pause*) Blessed are you, O God,
- C** source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

- P** Let us pray with confidence as Jesus taught us:
- C** **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.**

Invitation to Communion

- A** Jesus welcomes you to this table, come, here is your God.

Distribution of Communion [sit] merciful

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Post Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. *(brief pause)* 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.

G Amen.

Blessing

P God almighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

G Amen.

Sending Hymn

Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Dismissal

A Go in peace to follow Jesus.

G Thanks be to God.

*One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Honor of Jennifer
Doust 50th birthday by her mother Sallie Barnes*

*The Vigil Candle is given to the Glory of God and in Memory of my parents,
Sara & Clifford Parker by Jean Parker*

Announcements

Second Mile Giving is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. For **September** the **Bethesda Trinity Center** is our Second Mile Giving beneficiary. Contributions may be made throughout the month by using the yellow envelopes found in the pews. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Wesleyville Food Pantry: Please consider a financial gift. Checks should be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church marking "Food Pantry" in the memo line.

Blood Drive at Erie Community Blood Bank: **September 9-14** M,TH,F: 8-5 W,T: 10-6 Sat: 9:30am-12:00; sign up at Fourhearts.org; Call the Blood Bank at 814-456-4206; Walk-ins are welcome; DONORS MUST: Be at least 17 years old or 16 with parental consent, Weigh at least 110 pounds, No tattoo or piercing in past 3 months, be in general good health and eat before donating; Photo ID is REQUIRED.

Blessing of First Responders: **Sunday, September 8** at both services.

OWLs: **September 10 at 11:30am** in Fellowship Hall. We will have a speaker in to talk to us about Medicare Insurances. Potluck lunch, bring a dish to share.

Hearth Walk: **Liberty Park, Thursday, September 12** registration at **5:00pm**. Join Messiah Team on this year's walk! Register and donate online or in the Narthex! Contact Jean Parker at 814-528-5817 for more information.

Crop Walk: **Beach 1, Sunday, September 29 at 1:00om**. Sign up on form in narthex, take an envelope and collect donations with checks payable to CWS/CROP.! Don't want to walk/can't walk? Consider sponsoring someone who is by making a donation to them, or make a donation on line.

Don't Want to Walk?: We realize that many of you are unable to participate in a walk, but since both of them are fundraisers for worthy organizations we are asking that non-walkers consider donating by taking an envelope off our donation tree for either or both of them, insert cash or a check payable to Messiah and we will see that they go to the right place!

Wesleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

September 3 at 5:00-6:00pm for Country Fair distribution.

September 9 at 10:00am to unload senior boxes.

September 16 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.

September 17 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

Note changes to Worship Assistant Schedule!

This Week at the Church

(See Newsletter for More Detail)

**Office Hours :Monday, Closed Tuesday, 10:00am-5:00pm,
Wednesday-Closed, Thursday, 10:00am-5:00pm,
Friday-10:00am-5:00pm**

Sun. 9/1	<i>15th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Servant Outreach
Mon.	6:30PM	Meditation Group
	8:30PM	NA Group
Tues.	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
Wed.	11:00AM	Worship Committee
	7:00PM	Evangelistic & Teaching Center-FH
Fri.	7:30PM	AA
Sun. 9/8	<i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Property Committee