

# MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A faithful, serving community, joyfully sharing Christ's love.



## Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026

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Sunday Worship 10:00 am

*The congregation is invited to worship in any way that is comfortable and meaningful such as standing, sitting, kneeling, coloring, etc. You may join in worship by speaking the responses in bold type.*

### SILENT MEDITATION DURING PRELUDE

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Parent, † Child, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

**Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

God Is Here!

ELW #526

### 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

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



Though the earth shall change, though the moun-tains trem-ble,



though the wa - ters rage, you, God, are here.



Though the na - tions war, though the peo - ples bat - tle,



though the em - pire fal - ters, we will not fear.

### FIRST READING: A Reading from **Exodus 19:2-8a**

<sup>2</sup> [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.<sup>3</sup> Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

<sup>7</sup> So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup> The people all answered as one, “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM: Psalm 100** will be read responsively

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands! <sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence with a song.

<sup>3</sup> **Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong;  
we are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.**

<sup>4</sup> Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;  
give thanks and bless God’s holy name.

<sup>5</sup> **Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**SECOND READING: A Reading from Romans 5:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW #175

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes, with a final measure containing a half note and a quarter note. The lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the staff. The second staff is identical to the first, also in treble clef with a key signature of one flat, and contains the same melody and lyrics.

**GOSPEL: The Holy Gospel According to Matthew 9:35—10:23**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness.

<sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." <sup>10:1</sup> Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. <sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin

disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. <sup>9</sup> Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup> no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup> Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup> As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup> If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup> If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. <sup>16</sup> "I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup> and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. <sup>19</sup> When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, <sup>20</sup> for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup> Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

ELW #669

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 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. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

### **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, such as a handshake, hug, or peace sign and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## OFFERING

Offering can be left in the plates at the back of the sanctuary, sent to the church office, or given online by using the QR code to the right.



## OFFERTORY

*Take My Life, That I May Be (vs. 2)*

ELW #583

### Refrain

Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose. *Refrain*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Holy God, our Maker, our Healer, our Teacher, your magnificent creation springs forth from your Word. All that has life and breath praises your name. For your Word that sustains the earth, we thank you, O God. **We thank you, O God.**

You sent us Jesus, your Word, to renew the world. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, preached your mercy and called us to faith. For your Word in our Lord Christ, we praise you, O God. **We praise you, O God.**

Nourish us with the Spirit of your Word, that we may grow in grace, bearing the fruits of redemption, and sharing your strength and beauty with all the world. For your Word in our lives, we entreat you, O God. **We entreat you, O God.**

Accept our thanksgiving and receive our prayer, for the sake of your living Word, Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

## THE WITNESS OF THE EMANUEL NINE: A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THEIR VOCATIONS

The "Emanuel Nine," of blessed and eternal memory, were nine gifted, loving, and faithful people who spent their lives striving for excellence, connection, and the presence of God, and spent their last moments in study of the word. They leave a legacy of grace, resistance, family, and faith.

Gracious God, in remembering their lives and witness, we are called to a wider understanding of the Spirit's work in the world.

They were preachers: Open us to receive the good news of Jesus Christ.

They were students: Kindle in us a desire to learn and grow in your ways.

They were teachers: Instill in us a passion to share the wisdom of Christ.

They were coaches: Accompany us as we strive to run the race set before us.

They were mentors: Inspire us through the wise counsel offered by others.

They were leaders: Embolden us to seek out the best in others.

They were musicians: Attune us to the sounds of your creation.  
They were poets: Reveal your truth in language we have yet to discover.  
They were barbers: Shape us as attentive caregivers to those around us.  
They were custodians: Protect those whose work ensures our safety.  
They were bus drivers: Carry us as companions in life's unexpected journeys.  
They were veterans: Remember those who risk harm for the sake of others.  
They were librarians: Write on our hearts and minds the wisdom of the generations.  
They were advocates: Call us to speak and act on behalf of those who are silenced.  
They were public servants: Show us how to love our neighbors as ourselves.  
They were legislators: Inscribe your laws of love and justice on our hearts.

In lives of faithful dedication, your servants Clementa, Cynthia, Daniel, DePayne, Ethel, Myra, Sharonda, Susie, and Tywanza lived by your promises, sharing their gifts with those in their families and communities. May we not forget their lives, taken too soon. In the years to come, let us share their names and their witness, so that the world comes to know of your spirit at work in and through them.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

#### **BLESSING**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.  
**Amen.**

#### **SENDING HYMN**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

ELW #661

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near, go share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

#### **POSTLUDE**

**JOIN US FOR THE CONGREGATION CONVERSATIONS AFTER YOU GET YOUR COFFEE!**

#### **UPCOMING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, June 21, 2026 | 10:00am Worship Service of Word

**JUNE BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH: The Trevor Project**

#### **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

TUESDAY: 6:30 pm AA Meeting  
7:30 Council Meeting on Zoom  
WED.-THURS.: Ashley out of office  
THURSDAY: 12:00 pm Bible Study  
7:30 pm Band practice  
FRIDAY: Office Closed/ Juneteenth  
SUNDAY: 10:00 am Worship

## TODAY'S MINISTERS

**LAY LEADER:** Nick DeRoda

**MUSIC LEADER:** Jerri Angermueller

**LAY READER:** Joan Ludke

**USHER:** Tony Baglieri

**GREETER:** Megan Rotella

**ALTAR GUILD:** Amy Ludke & Karen Bell

**FLOWER GUILD:** Michele Weintraub

**VIDEO TECH:** Alex Boyce

**COUNTERS:** Tony Baglieri & Eleanore Orman

**COORDINATING COUNCILOR:** Tom White

**COFFEE HOUR:** Valerie Nicolosi

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Serving Schedule Sign Up: Please sign up in narthex for dates you can serve in July and August!

Book Club on Zoom at 7:00 pm:

July 13<sup>th</sup>: "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi.

Congregational Conversation: Join us today at 11:15 following the worship service. Please join us to discuss our hopes and desires for what we would like in a new pastor.

Special Program for Father's Day: As a way to honor the special men in your life, we will have a special bulletin insert on Father's Day with a list of your loved ones. If you would like, you may donate \$1.00 per name (or whatever amount you wish) which will go to Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Please mark your check or envelope with notation of "Father's Day" to assist our counters. Forms to fill out will be in bulletins and are due back today.

Graduate Blessing: We will honor our graduates this year on June 28<sup>th</sup> during worship. Please give the first name of any graduates (pre-K on up, including any type of training) you would like to be honored to the office no later than June 21<sup>st</sup> on the sign up sheet in the narthex. You may also give the office a call with that information.

Sundaes on Sunday:

On June 28<sup>th</sup> we will mark the end of Sunday School and another school year. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex with a listing of all the goodies you might like to bring. This event was a real hit last year for everyone!



**Please keep in prayer the following people in our Messiah family:**

Jonny & Natalie, Kim, Len, Mike, Sue and Alex.

**And the following friends and family:**

All affected by seasonal illnesses

All those in the armed forces, especially

those connected to our congregation including Evan and Joseph

Erika, Kristen's sister

June, Lee's mother

Keith, Karen & Clyde, Valerie's brother & friends

Marilyn & Vincent, Lisa's parents

Melinda & Paul, Eleanore's sister & nephew

Miro, Vesna's father

Ron & June, Karen's parents

Alexa and Hank friends of Nancy

Gayle, friend of Joan & Eleanore

Janice, food pantry volunteer

Jennifer, friend of Sue & Eleanore

John, Joan, Todd, Peggy, Jim, Kathy, Carol, Ron and Ellie and Marilyn's friends

Kim, friend of Sue

Mark and Keith, Susanne's friends

Michele H., friend of Weintraub's

Nancy, friend of Kim

Paula, friend of Nancy

Peggy & Christine, Alex's aunts

Peter, Terri's father; Julie, family friend of Nancy

Thomas, friend of Tony & Edie

Family and friends of Helen Elrod

\*Please let us know if you have changes we should make to our prayer list\*