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Welcome visitors! May the Spirit of Christ fill your heart
as we worship today.

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available upon request.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GATHERING SONG – Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ELW 579



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

P: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

GLORIA – *Glorious is the Name of Jesus*

LEVAS 63



Glo - rious is the Name of Je - sus, Prais - es to His



Name. Oh, glo - rious and right - eous and



Ho - ly is His Name. Oh, glo - ri - ous is His



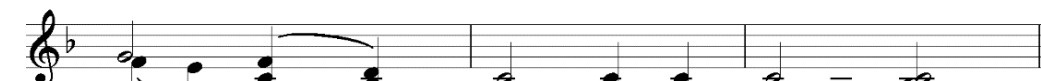
Name. I feel His pres - ence



in this place, His Spir - it has con - trol, Can't you



feel His warm em - brace and all the joy with-in your



soul, Oh, glo - ri - ous is His



Name, Oh, glo - ri - ous is His Name.

Text: Robert J. Fryson, 19441994 Tune: Robert J. Fryson, 19441994 © 1982, Bob Jay Music Co.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray together:

C: *Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

Reader

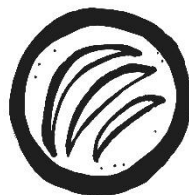
A Reading from Genesis:

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*



We will read responsively by whole verse. The Reader will read the odd verses this week and the People will read the even verses.

- 1 I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
- 2 I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your
faithfulness,
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.
- 3 On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength of soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.
- 6 For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.
- 8 The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15**Reader**

A Reading from Colossians:

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him,
⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught,
abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty
deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of
the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity
dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every
ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual
circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ;
¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him
through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when
you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made
you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the

record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***SEQUENCE HYMN – Oh Lord, Hear My Prayer (Verse 1)**

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O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.
OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

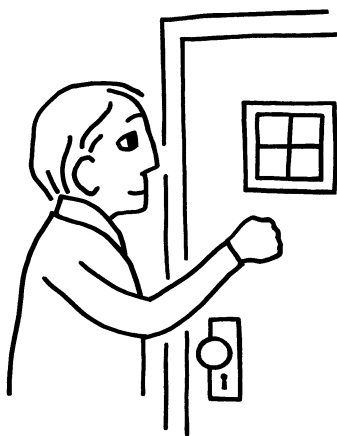
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Text: Psalm 102:1–2; Taizé Community, adapt.

Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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***GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13**

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

¹ [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."² So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.'⁷ ⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

SEQUENCE HYMN – *Oh Lord, Hear My Prayer (Verse 2)

ELW 751

After hearing the Gospel, we will sing one verse from the Sequence Hymn

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Ryan Radtke

SERMON

Pastor Ryan Radtke



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.
 2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
 3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
 4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
 fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
 test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from
 truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock - ing,



strong our weak - ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
 truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
 shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
 ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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THE CREED

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

R: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

R: Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you. God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

R: Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home. God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

R: Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

R: To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. We pray especially for those on our Prayer Lists or that we now name before you. Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

R: Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships. God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

R: We give thanks for all who have gone before us. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

R: Trusting in your loving kindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: *Amen.*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

A brief silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: *you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.*

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: *Amen.*

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: *And also with you.*

ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT LITURGY OF COMMUNION



***OFFERING SONG – Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

ELW 184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(ELW p. 206)

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: Holy God,
you alone are holy,
you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars;
beneath the sea;
within each cell;
with every breath.

C: We praise you, O God.

P: Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water;
by night and day;
across the wilderness;
out of exile;
into the future.

C: We bless you, O God.

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner;
among the poor;
with us now.

C: We thank you, O God.

P: 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.

Remembering his love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.

P: Blessing, praise, and thanks
to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.

C: Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

(ELW p. 208)

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray 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**

P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG 1 – 'Tis the Gift to Be Simple, 'Tis the Gift to Be Free

'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find our - selves in the place just right,
'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light.
When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to
bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will
be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

Words: Shaker song, 18th cent. Music: *Simple Gifts*, Joseph Brackett (1797-1822); acc. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922).

- 1 'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
to turn, turn, will be our delight
till by turning, turning we come round right.

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, #554 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Shaker song, 18th cent. Music: *Simple Gifts*, Joseph Brackett (1797-1822); acc. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922).

COMMUNION SONG 2 – Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ that you have received strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

R: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table, and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: **Amen**

*BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fills your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

C: **Amen**

SENDING SONG *Go, My Children

ELW 543



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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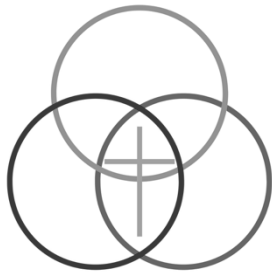
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***DISMISSAL**

R: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

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All Souls Episcopal Church



Messiah Lutheran Church

We give thanks for our worship as one body – as one community.

We are now sent forth to share God's love and light with the world. Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with grace.



For Pledges and Donations: During this month of our shared worship, an Offering Plate for each congregation is located in the back of the church. Your contributions to the life and ministry of our churches are greatly appreciated.



Each Church's Prayer List can be found by the Offering Plate at the back of the church. Jesus gave us a new commandment to love one another. Praying for one another is one way to do as Jesus taught.

Our Worship Assistants Today – July 27, 2025

Lay Assistants: Teresa Gigante (1st Lay Asst.), Marilyn Gunn (2nd Lay Asst.)
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Greeter/Ushers: Gordon Gunn & Carol Sutton-Abaire
Altar Guild: Lorrie Albertson & Lois Schroeder
Nursery: Cameron Carter
Live Streamers: Teresa Gigante
Messiah Counters: Donna Combs & Erna Jung
All Souls Counters: Bonnie Hoffman & Dorothy DeJong
Pianist: Anita Tarbox

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