

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 30, 2023

AS WE GATHER

“All things work together for good,” today’s Epistle proclaims, “for those who love God” (Romans 8:28). That means us! But how does it happen that we love God? God predestined, called, justified, and glorified us, all because He loves us. He loved us so much that He “did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all” (Romans 8:32). By faith we are part of God’s people. By the grace of God, the Kingdom has been revealed to us like discovered treasure in a field or a pearl of great price, as Jesus teaches in two parables in the Gospel. Although as sinner-saints we may not perfectly endure tribulation, distress, and persecution, on the Last Day, by grace we shall be considered righteous because of all that God has done for us.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN “O Worship the King” (LSB – 804 – all 6 verses)

O worship the King,	all-glorious above.
O gratefully sing	His pow’r and His love;
Our shield and defender,	the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor	and girded with praise.
O tell of His might,	O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light,	whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath	the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path	on the wings of the storm.
This earth, with its store	of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy pow’r	hath founded of old,
Established it fast	by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast,	like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care
It breathes in the air,
It streams from the hills,
And sweetly distills

what tongue can recite?
it shines in the light,
it descends to the plain,
in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust
In Thee do we trust,
Thy mercies, how tender,
Our maker, defender,

and feeble as frail,
nor find Thee to fail.
how firm to the end,
redeemer, and friend!

O measureless Might,
While angels delight
Thy humbler creation,
With true adoration

ineffable Love,
to hymn Thee above,
though feeble their lays,
shall sing to Thy praise..

✠ WORD ✠

INVOCATION

(please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God's ways are unsearchable; all things and we ourselves belong to Him.

People: **But we are not righteous, for we have done the evil He forbids. We are not upright in heart, for we have thought to save ourselves. We are not at peace, for we have led others astray in our thoughtless words. We cannot save ourselves. Forgive us and lead us in paths pleasing to You, gracious God.**

Pastor: Although you have sinned, God still surrounds you with His protection, like the mountains around Jerusalem. He never rests in His seeking to guide your hands to do good. He has sent His Word to turn your thoughts back to His grace and mercy. His peace is made sure for you in the life, death, and resurrection of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. In His gracious love, God declares you to be His good and righteous children. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I

therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

INTROIT

Pastor: Righteous are you, O Lord, and your laws are right. Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.

People: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me.

Pastor: How sweet are your promises to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

People: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Pastor: Accept, O Lord, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws.

People: Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Righteous are you, O Lord, and your laws are right.

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy,

People: Christ, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy,

People: Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God,

People: give us an increase of faith, hope, and love,

Pastor: that, receiving what You have promised,
People: we may love what You have commanded;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

(In His steadfast love, God keeps His promises.)

6 For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His personal possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7 “The Lord did not make you His beloved nor choose you because you were greater in number than any of the peoples, since you were the fewest of all peoples, 8 but because the Lord loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the Lord brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His faithfulness to a thousand generations for those who love Him and keep His commandments;.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: Romans 8:28-39

(All things work together for those who love God.)

28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. 29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters; 30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? 33 Who will bring charges against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies; 34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, but rather, was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. 35 Who will

separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, trouble, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 Just as it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We were regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” 37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-52

(please stand)

(The parables of the hidden treasure, pearl of great price, and catch of fish.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

44 “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells everything that he has, and buys that field. 45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, 46 and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold everything that he had and bought it. 47 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered fish of every kind; 48 and when it was filled, they pulled it up on the beach; and they sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but the bad they threw away. 49 So it will be at the end of the age: the angels will come forth and remove the wicked from among the righteous, 50 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 51 “Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes.” 52 And Jesus said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a head of a household, who brings out of his treasure new things and old.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED

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. *(please be seated)*

HYMN: “Jesus Messiah” (CCLI – all 7 verses)

He became sin
That we might become His Righteousness
Love so amazing

Jesus Messiah
Blessed Redeemer
The rescue for sinners
Jesus Messiah

His body the bread
Broken and poured out all for love
And the veil was torn
Love so amazing, yeah

Who knew no sin
He humbled himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing

Name above all names
Emmanuel
The ransom from Heaven
Lord of all

His blood the wine
The whole earth trembled
Love so amazing

Jesus Messiah
Blessed Redeemer
The rescue for sinners
Jesus Messiah

Name above all names
Emmanuel
The ransom from Heaven
Lord of all

All our hope is in You
All the glory to You, God

All our hope is in You
The light of the world

Jesus Messiah
Blessed Redeemer
The rescue for sinners
Jesus Messiah

Name above all names
Emmanuel
The ransom from Heaven
Lord of all

Jesus Messiah
You're the Lord of all!

Lord of all
The Lord of all

MESSAGE: "Treasures"

Matthew 13:44-52

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer**

Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for who we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen**

OFFERING

(please be seated)

If you are a **visitor** this morning, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ's church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. Please record your presence with us today.

OFFERING SONG: “We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781 vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

(please stand)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav’n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(please be seated)

HYMN “Just As I Am” (LSB 570 – all 6 verses)

Just as I am, without one plea And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee,	But that Thy blood was shed for me O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
Just as I am and waiting not To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,	To rid my soul of one dark blot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
Just as I am, though tossed about Fightings and fears within, without,	With many_a conflict, many_a doubt, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,	Sight, riches, healing of the mind, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Because Thy promise I believe,	Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
Just as I am; Thy love unknown Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,	Has broken ev’ry barrier down; O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

HYMN: “God Loved the World So That He Gave” (LSB 571 – all 6 verses)

God loved the world so that He gave That all who would in Him believe	His only Son the lost to save, Should everlasting life receive.
Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, All then who trust in Him alone	Who was made flesh and suffered death; Are built on this chief cornerstone.
God would not have the sinner die; His Spirit in the Word declares	His Son with saving grace is nigh; How we in Christ are heaven’s heirs.
Be of good cheer, for God’s own Son And, justified by Jesus’ blood,	Forgives all sins which you have done; Your Baptism grants the highest good.
If you are sick, if death is near, Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;	This truth your troubled heart can cheer: That is the firmest ground of faith.

Glory to God the Father, Son,
To You, O blessèd Trinity,

And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Be praise now and eternally!

HYMN: “O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee” (LSB 632 – all 2 verses)

O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee
Who hast so lovingly bestowed

My heartfelt thanks forever be,
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
My Savior dwells within my heart:

What wealth is come to me this day!
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

(please be seated)

HYMN: “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise” (LSB 680 – all 5 verses)

Thine the amen Thine the praise

Alleluias angels raise

Thine the everlasting head

Thine the breaking of the bread

Thine the glory Thine the story

Thine the harvest then the cup

Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the life eternally
Thine the vision Thine the tree
Gone the nailing gone the railing
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the promise let there be
All the earth on bended knee
Gone the pleading gone the cry

Thine the truly Thine the yes
Thine the mercy all from Thee
Then the ringing and the singing
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

Thine the table we the guest
Thine the glory yet to be
Then the end of all the war

Thine the kingdom Thine the prize
Thine the banquet then the praise
Thine the glory Thine the story
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

Thine the wonder full surprise
Then the justice of Thy ways
Then the welcome to the least

Thine the glory in the night
Thine the river Thine the tree
Then the holy holy holy
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

No more dying only light
Then the Lamb eternally
Celebration jubilee

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSIAH PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

Prayers for continued healing

Judy Beauford - Ed Mycock - Snookie Moore

For Family and Friends

Prayers for Gracie Funk & Family as they mourn the passing of Ed Funk

Prayers for Robert Saur's Family as they mourn his passing.

*Prayers for Josh Sagebiel thanksgiving for his healing and the congregations prayers
Mario & Eve Betancourt requests prayers for Reese Richeson, 16-year-old daughter of
friends, undergoing treatment for brain cancer.*

*Donna Cifers requests prayers for her 89-year-old mother's health issues – Margaret
Chamness*

*Roger Winkelmann requests prayers for his sister, Linda trying new medicine for
Parkinson's.*

Jim Minica requests prayers for his sister, Linda Rose

For family discord, reconciliation, and healing

For Messiah's Learning Teams and Call Committee

*We pray for discernment of the police officials who face massively increased populations
and increases in crime while they remain on a tight budget.*

*Prayers for all on our hearts with physical, emotional, or other needs – your will be
done.*

Prayers for all who are lost to hear and receive Jesus' Gospel message.

We pray in Jesus's Holy Name, Amen.

JULY ALTAR FLOWERS

July 2nd – Rebecca Bottlinger – Commemorating the Declaration of Independence by the
Constitutional Congress dated July 4, 1776

July 2nd – Mark & Melissa Rutledge – celebrating 27 years of marriage

July 9th - Russ & Margaret Leachman – celebrating 35 years of marriage

July 16th – Dan & Donna Cifers – in honor of Donna's Mom – Margaret Chamness

July 23rd - Steve & Janet Haberoth – thanksgiving for God's Blessings

July 23rd – Bill & Linda Dicke – the blessing of Grandbabies

July 30th - Mike & Debbie Stender - celebrating 51 years of marriage

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

WELCOME . . . *Whoever you are . . . Wherever you have come from . . . we are so glad you are here!* Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!

We Believe, Teach and Confess - Today we continue Pastor's Course for Adult Instruction in the Lutheran Christian Faith. We welcome all who are considering joining Messiah as well as anyone seeking additional information on what we believe.

Vision Team Today's the day! Directly after service today, the Vision Team will be presenting their recommendation to the congregation and asking for a vote on the vision statement. This shouldn't be a long meeting, so please make plans to stay and participate in this important next step in building our call package for a permanent pastor.

Family Life Center will be closed to outside guests beginning Jul. 31st thru Aug. 18th for painting.

Messiah's Adult Game Day - is cancelled for the month of August – Mark your calendars the next Game Day is scheduled for Saturday September 16th at 2pm in the Family Life Center.

Messiah's Ladies Time Out - We are planning to meet at Las Guitarras Mexican Restaurant on Main Street in Boerne on Thursday, August 10th at 11am. Please RSVP to Lindy or sign up at church.

Save the Dates – more information to come as we get closer to these dates . . .

September 14th – Mark Giardinelli's Birthday Party and the packing of 100 OCC Boxes

September 15th – Messiah's Friday morning Women's Bible Study begins

September 19th - Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center's Annual Fundraising Gala

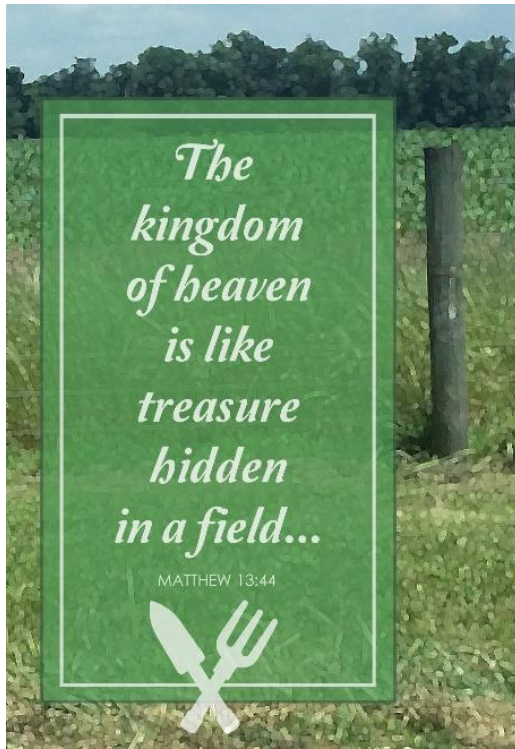
September 30th - MLC's Annual Messiah 5K Fun Walk/Run - Saturday morning

Messiah's Kids Preschool is looking for assistant teachers for their two-year-old classes. If you are energetic about young children and incorporating your Christian faith with children, please email Gina at messiahskidsboerne@outlook.com.

Many have asked if there is still a need for financial resources in addition to the already generous donations that have been given for the Refurbishment Project. The answer is Yes - anyone interested in sharing in meeting these needs can earmark donations to "Refurbishment."

Additionally, manpower will be needed – stay tune for more information – don't give up on us!

Issues, Etc. - Live Lcms Convention Broadcast... You can listen to a live broadcast from the 68th Regular Convention of the LCMS in Milwaukee from 7 9 p.m. Central on Sunday, July 30. You can listen at issuesetc.org.



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Serving us Today – July 30, 2023

Elders:	Mike Lang & Hal Eschenko
Coffee:	Janis & Joyce Meier
Treats:	Janis & Joyce Meier
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Kim & Maurine Maloy
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid's Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Bob Shoaf
AV:	David & Lorrie Wendeborn
Reader:	Alana Kemmy
Ushers:	Allen Leitko – David Theis – Maurice Doublet – Harold Moore
Greeters:	Alana Kemmy

Serving us Next Sunday – August 6, 2023

Elders:	Allen Leitko & Larry Risley
Coffee:	Bill & Sharon Loren
Treats:	Bill & Sharon Loren
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Kim & Maurine Maloy
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid's Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Bob Shoaf
AV:	Tony Giardinelli
Reader:	Sharon Loren
Ushers:	Anthony Sansone – Eric Sagebiel – Hal Eschenko – Larry Rottman
Greeters:	Kathy Giardinelli & Verna Sorensen

Our Response to God Last Week

Worship Attendance: 79 | Sunday School: 31

June 2023 Contributions			
General Fund	\$44,490.94	Building Fund	\$3,740.00
Renovation Fund	\$51,629.79	Family Life Center	\$3,486.46