

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
*June 25, 2023*

**AS WE GATHER**

It is not easy to live in this world as a believer in the one true God. Faith is challenged, truth is questioned, and persecution is faced. Though hardships and challenges are there and will continue, we are reminded this is nothing new since the fall into sin. The Lord doesn't leave us though in midst of doubt and despair as we deal with division and even danger. He gives His presence and assures His lasting promises. In the Old Testament, the prophet Jeremiah and his people faced hardships, yet they modeled how our witness and testimony can be ones of boldness and confidence as we sing to and praise the Lord, for He "delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers" (Jeremiah 20:13). As Paul would face countless challenges in his Gospel proclamation to the ends of the earth, he reminds us that, even amid the battle of sin, we have received grace and that the "free gift of God is eternal life" (Romans 6:23). Jesus also reminds us that as divisiveness and persecution can be expected even from those closest to us, because of His everlasting promises we are able to "fear not." The psalmist also assures that the Lord remains our refuge and our fortress. The world around us won't change until Christ returns, but the Lord doesn't change either. In and through Him, with faith and confidence we keep our trust.

**✘ PREPARATION ✘**

**HYMN "Come Thou Almighty King" (LSB – 905 all 4 verses)**

Come, Thou almighty King,  
Help us to praise;  
O'er all victorious,  
Ancient of Days.

Help us Thy name to sing;  
Father all-glorious,  
Come and reign over us,

Come, Thou incarnate Word,  
Our prayer attend.  
And give Thy Word success,  
On us descend.

Gird on Thy mighty sword;  
Come and Thy people bless,  
And let Thy righteousness

Come, holy Comforter,  
In this glad hour!  
Now rule in ev'ry heart,  
Spirit of pow'r.

Thy sacred witness bear  
`Thou, who almighty art,  
`And ne'er from us depart,

To Thee, great One in Three,  
Hence evermore!  
May we in glory see,  
Love and adore.

Eternal praises be  
Thy sov'reign majesty  
And to eternity

## INVOCATION

*(please stand)*

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**People: I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."**

Pastor: For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

**People: He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

Pastor: For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

**People: On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We come before our Lord in confession, even as Jesus invites us to come to Him. "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

**People: Gracious Lord, we confess we have not always sought rest for ourselves nor our burdened souls in You, instead seeking refuge in the temporary things of this world. Forgive us.**

Pastor: Jesus says, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."

**People: Lord, we confess we have not come nor followed as You desire, nor denied ourselves, instead at times denying the cross and faith You have graciously given. Forgive us.**

Pastor: In a parable, Jesus says, "Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

**People: Lord, we confess we have not always been mindful of Your eternal kingdom, instead focusing on the things of this world. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.**

Pastor: Jesus speaks of the day when the "Son of Man comes." Until that day, as we come before Him in our sin and our shame and with our struggles in this world, He comes to us out of unconditional love with mercy and grace. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

✘ WORD ✘

INTROIT

**People:** For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

Men: When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

Women: *In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.*

Men: In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise,

Women: *in God I trust; I shall not be afraid, What can man do to me?*

**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.**

**People:** For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

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. O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.** *(please be seated)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: **Jeremiah 20:7-13**

*(Jeremiah's complaint and God's assurance.)*

7 Lord, You persuaded me and I let myself be persuaded; You have overcome me and prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; Everyone mocks me. 8 For each time I speak, I cry aloud; I proclaim violence and destruction, Because for me the word of the Lord has resulted in taunting and derision all day long. 9 But if I say, "I will not remember Him Nor speak anymore in His name," Then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; And I am tired of holding it in, And I cannot endure it. 10 For I have heard the whispering of many, "Terror on every side! Denounce him; let's denounce him!" All my trusted friends, Watching for my fall, say: "Perhaps he will be persuaded, so that we may prevail against him And take our revenge on him." 11 But the Lord is with me like a powerful champion; Therefore my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will be put to great shame because they have failed, An everlasting disgrace that will not be forgotten. 12 Yet, Lord of armies, who tests the righteous, Who sees the mind and the heart; Let me see Your vengeance on them, For to You I have disclosed my cause. 13 Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord! For He has saved the soul of the needy one From the hand of evildoers.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING: Romans 6:12-23**

*(Alive in Christ.)*

12 Therefore sin is not to reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, 13 and do not go on presenting the parts of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those who are alive from the dead, and your body's parts as instruments of righteousness for God. 14 For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under the Law but under grace. 15 What then? Are we to sin because we are not under the Law but under grace? Far from it! 16 Do you not know that the one to whom you present yourselves as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of that same one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were entrusted, 18 and after being freed from sin, you became slaves to righteousness. 19 I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented the parts of your body as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your body's parts as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification. 20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in relation to righteousness. 21 Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death. 22 But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gracious gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33** (*Warnings and promises as Jesus sends out the Twelve.*)  
(*please stand*)

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

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

5 These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them, saying,

21 “Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. 22 And you will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved. 23 “But whenever they persecute you in one city, flee to the next; for truly I say to you, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel until the Son of Man comes. 24 “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master. 25 It is enough for the disciple that he may become like his teacher, and the slave like his master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they insult the members of his household! 26 “So do not fear them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. 27 What I tell you in the darkness, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim on the housetops. 28 And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are two sparrows not sold for an assarion? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 But even the hairs of your head are all counted. 31 So do not fear; you are more valuable than a great number of sparrows. 32 “Therefore, everyone who confesses Me before people, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever denies Me before people, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE APOSTLE CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God**

**the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

**HYMN “Lord of Our Life” (LSB – 659 all four verses)**

Lord of our life and God of our salvation,  
Hear and receive Your Church’s supplication,

Star of our night and hope of ev’ry nation:  
Lord God Almighty.

See round Your ark the hungry billows curling;  
And with great spite their fiery darts are hurling,

See how Your foes their banners are unfurling  
O Lord, preserve us.

Lord, be our light when worldly darkness veils us;  
And in the day when hell itself assails us,

Lord, be our shield when earthly armor fails us  
Grant us Your peace, Lord:

Peace in our hearts, where sinful thoughts are raging,  
Peace in Your Church, our troubled souls assuaging,  
Peace when the world its endless war is waging,

Peace in Your heaven.

**MESSAGE: “Freedom from Fear”**

**Matthew 10:5a, 21-33**

**OFFERING**

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!

## 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: Be merciful to us, O Lord, and hear our prayers. Grant to us the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that we may be led into all truth and be steadfast in the confession of Christ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray . . .

## 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.**

## FOR GUIDANCE IN OUR CALLING

Pastor: Let us Pray. Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

## HYMN “On Eagles’ Wings” (LSB – 727 all 4 verses)

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Say to the Lord: “My refuge,

Who abide in His shadow for life,  
My rock in whom I trust!” ***Refrain***

**Refrain:**

*And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
Make you to shine like the sun,*

*Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
Under His wings your refuge,

And famine will bring you no fear;  
His faithfulness your shield. **Refrain**

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Though thousands fall about you,

Nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Near you it shall not come. **Refrain**

For to His angels He's given a command  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,

To guard you in all of your ways;  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. **Refrain**

**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**

**Debbie Stender – Judy Beauford - Ed Funk -  
Ed Mycock - Robert Saur - Josh Sagebiel  
Suzy Soper - Marilyn Mazurek**

### **For Family and Friends –**

**Allen & Karen Leitko** request prayers for close friends **Nathan and his mother**  
**Laura Sanders** request prayers for brother-in-law **Roger** recovering from heart transplant, and  
**thanksgiving** that precancerous polyp has been removed and no more surgery at this time  
**David & Lorrie** prayers of thanksgiving that both daughters-in-law are expecting – we pray for them  
and safe delivery of their babies  
**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  
**Sue Parker** requests prayers for sister **Jeannie** in home nursing care and preparing for chemo  
**Debra Beard's** daughter-in-law **Sarah** and husband **Jake**  
**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. May God grant them wisdom to deal with all this.  
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.*

### **JUNE ALTAR FLOWERS**

June 4<sup>th</sup> – Joe & Verna Sorensen – celebrating 55 years of marriage  
June 11<sup>th</sup> – Hal & Lindy Eschenko – celebrating 49 years of marriage  
June 11<sup>th</sup> – David & Sue Theis - celebrating 60 years of marriage  
June 18<sup>th</sup> – Mario & Eve Betancourt – celebrating Gianni's 16th birthday  
Jun 25<sup>th</sup> – Larry & Kathy Rottman - celebrating 48 years of marriage

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*Almighty God, You have promised to hear  
the petitions of those who ask in Your  
Son's name. Mercifully incline Your ears  
to us who have now made our prayers &  
supplications to You, and grant that those  
things that we have faithfully asked  
according to Your will we may receive to  
meet our need and bring glory to You,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

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## **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.*

**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. Yes, there is opportunity for congregational support for: Audio-Visual new speakers, projectors - New narthex furnishings - Repair and updating of our sanctuary air-conditioning/heating systems – tree trimming and landscape update. Anyone interested in sharing in meeting those needs can earmark donations to “Refurbishment.”*

**Additionally, manpower will be needed** *in the near future: Be on watch for workday announcements for (once a date has been set): Grounds yardwork/cleanup - Move in Day help - Dedication & Community Celebration Day. Questions: contact David Wendeborn.*

**Hill Country Daily Bread** - *Thank you all for taking the clothing bags! If you would still like to donate for the clothing drive, you can make a check out to: HCDBM memo line: Back-to-School. Bags are approximately \$150.00. Any donations are appreciated, and I will turn them in along with the bags. The bags and any donation must be received **today** - **June 25th**. Thanks - Kathy Giardinelli*

**Messiah's Next Adult Game Day** *is the third Saturday July 15th at 2pm in the Family Life Center! Come join us! Bring drinks, snacks, games, and friends!*

**Messiah's Ladies Time Out** - *By popular demand we are going to do lunch at El Cazador again since the food is awesome and service excellent and it was inside and very nice!! We are already scheduled there for Thursday, July 20th at 11am!! RSVP to Lindy or sign up at church!!*

**Issues, Etc.** - *Pastors Bryan Wolfmueller and Brian Kachelmeier respond to your unanswered Bible questions. You can submit your question via email: [talkback@issuesetc.org](mailto:talkback@issuesetc.org), Facebook: [facebook.com/issuesetc](https://www.facebook.com/issuesetc), or the Issues, Etc. Comment Line: (618) 223-8382. You can listen to the interview at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app or your favorite podcast provider.*

# FEAR NOT,

THEREFORE; YOU ARE  
OF MORE VALUE THAN  
MANY SPARROWS.

MATTHEW 10:31, ESV



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## Serving us Today – June 25, 2023

Elders: Bill Eichman & Roger Winkelmann  
Coffee: Shirley Moore  
Treats: Vonda Petmecky  
Tellers: Anthony Sansone  
Chancel Care: Kim & Maurine Maloy  
Message: Pastor Richard Lofgren  
Kid's Message: Pastor Richard Lofgren  
Musician: Bob Shoaf  
AV: Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek  
Reader: Alana Kemmy  
Ushers: Joe Sorensen – Mike Lang – Russ Leachman  
Greeters: David & Sharon Sattler & Alana Kemmy

## Serving us Next Sunday – July 2, 2023

Elders: Mike Lang & Hal Eschenko  
Coffee:  
Treats: Rutledge Family  
Tellers: Anthony Sansone  
Chancel Care: Kim & Maurine Maloy  
Message: Pastor Richard Lofgren  
Kid's Message: Pastor Richard Lofgren  
Musician: Bob Shoaf  
AV: Rutledge Family  
Reader: Pam Fields  
Ushers: Mike Stender – Russell Leachman – Tom Bibb – Tony Giardinelli  
Greeters: Alana Kemmy

## Our Response to God Last Week

**Worship Attendance: 104 | Sunday School: 35**

### May 2023 Contributions

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$38,479.56</b>		<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$2,700.00</b>
<b>Renovation Fund</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>Family Life Center</b>	<b>\$4,275.00</b>