

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 11, 2023

AS WE GATHER

“Thou spreadst a table in my sight” (LSB 709:5). With poetic words, English hymn writer Henry W. Baker puts into verse one of the most beloved images of Psalm 23. The table that the Lord sets for His people is one of generosity and grace. The first time a table is mentioned in the Bible is in conjunction with the great reunion that the ruler Joseph in Egypt has with his estranged brothers who had come from their home in Canaan to ask for help in a time of famine. The Book of Genesis records that Joseph not only welcomed his brothers and saw to it that they were fed but also directed that “portions were taken to them from Joseph’s table, . . . And they drank and were merry with him” (Genesis 43:34). The Lord’s Table is a place for rejoicing - especially since, as we gather there, we are given a foretaste of the feast to come in our Lord’s eternal kingdom.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN “Today Your Mercy Calls Us” (LSB – 915 all 4 verses)

Today Your mercy calls us
However great our trespass,
However long from mercy
Your precious blood can wash us

To wash away our sin.
Whatever we have been,
Our hearts have turned away,
And make us clean today.

Today Your gate is open,
Shall find a Father’s welcome
The past shall be forgotten,
A future grace be promised,

And all who enter in
And pardon for their sin.
A present joy be giv’n,
A glorious crown in heav’n.

Today our Father calls us;
His blessèd angels gather
No question will be asked us
Although we oft have wandered,

His Holy Spirit waits;
Around the heav’nly gates.
How often we have come;
It is our Father’s home.

O all-embracing Mercy,
What should we do without You
When all things seem against us,
We know one gate is open,

O ever-open Door,
When heart and eye run o’er?
To drive us to despair,
One ear will hear our prayer

INVOCATION

(please stand)

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,

People: His praise in the assembly of the godly!

Pastor: Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

People: let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Pastor: For the LORD takes pleasure in His people;

People: He adorns the humble with salvation. Praise the LORD!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

People: Merciful Father, we confess our sinfulness. We are not worthy for You to come among us. We are indeed sinful from our birth and since that time have transgressed against You in thought, word, and deed. Our actions have brought injury to others. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; we have done those things which we ought not to have done. We sincerely repent of our sins. Graciously hear this, our confession, O Lord, and grant us Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit within us, lead us to amend our sinful lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and in hope to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor: Jesus, our Redeemer and God's greatest gift, promises forgiveness, life, and salvation, and welcomes us to His Table. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT

Pastor: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. "Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

People: Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.

Pastor: I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.

People: For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.”
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: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

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 most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, 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: Hosea 5:15 – 6:1-6

(The Lord desires that His people show mercy.)

5:15 I will go away and return to My place Until they acknowledge their guilt and seek My face; In their distress they will search for Me.

6: 1 “Come, let’s return to the Lord. For He has torn us, but He will heal us; He has wounded us, but He will bandage us. 2 He will revive us after two days; He will raise us up on the third day, That we may live before Him. 3 So let’s learn, let’s press on to know the Lord. His appearance is as sure as the dawn; And He will come to us like the rain, As the spring rain waters the earth.” 4 What shall I do with you, Ephraim? What shall I do with you, Judah? For

your loyalty is like a morning cloud, And like the dew which goes away early. 5 Therefore I have cut them in pieces by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of My mouth; And the judgments on you are like the light that shines. 6 For I desire loyalty rather than sacrifice, And the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: Romans 4:13-25

(An account of the faith of Abraham.)

13 For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if those who are of the Law are heirs, then faith is made void and the promise is nullified; 15 for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, there also is no violation. 16 For this reason it is by faith, in order that it may be in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, 17 (as it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed, that is, God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that do not exist. 18 In hope against hope he believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, “So shall your descendants be.” 19 Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah’s womb; 20 yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform. 22 Therefore it was also credited to him as righteousness. 23 Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him, 24 but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, to us who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 He who was delivered over because of our wrongdoings, and was raised because of our justification.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13 (*Jesus calls Matthew as a disciple.*)

(please stand)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

9 As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting in the tax collector's office; and He said to him, "Follow Me!" And he got up and followed Him. 10 Then it happened that as Jesus was reclining at the table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and began dining with Jesus and His disciples. 11 And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, "Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?" 12 But when Jesus heard this, He said, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Now go and learn what this means: 'I desire compassion, rather than sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

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 "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" (LSB – 609 all seven verses)

Jesus sinners doth receive;
Who in sin's delusions live
Here is hope for all who grieve:

Oh, may all this saying ponder
And from God and heaven wander!
Jesus sinners doth receive.

We deserve but grief and shame,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
Firmly in these words believe:

Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
Here our ills have perfect healing.
Jesus sinners doth receive.

Sheep that from the fold did stray
Weary souls that lost their way
In His arms that they may live:

No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;
Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
Jesus sinners doth receive.

I, a sinner, come to Thee
Savior, mercy show to me;
Let these words my soul relieve:

With a penitent confession.
Grant for all my sins remission.
Jesus sinners doth receive.

Oh, how blest it is to know:
It shall be as white as snow
For these words I now believe:

Were as scarlet my transgression,
By Thy blood and bitter passion;
Jesus sinners doth receive.

Now my conscience is at peace;
Christ hath purchased my release
Naught remains my soul to grieve:

From the Law I stand acquitted.
And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Jesus sinners doth receive.

Jesus sinners doth receive;
And when I this earth must leave,
Dying, still to Him I cleave:

Also I have been forgiven;
I shall find an open heaven.
Jesus sinners doth receive.

MESSAGE: "A Christian's Follow Through"

Matthew 9:9-13

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

GRACE TO RECEIVE THE WORD

Pastor: Let us Pray. Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 “How Firm a Foundation” (LSB – 728 all 65 verses)

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
What more can He say than to you He has said

Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

“Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,

For I am your God and will still give you aid;
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,

I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!

“When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
The flames will not hurt you; I only design

My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,

My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

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

Les Turner - Debbie Stender – Judy Beauford - Ed Funk
Ed Mycock - Robert Saur - Josh Sagebiel - Suzy Soper

For Family and Friends –

Les Turner offers prayers of thanksgiving for successful surgery and for all your prayers
Allen & Karen Leitko request prayers for friend **Nathan** dealing with serious lung issues **and his mother** a single parent mourning loss of husband with cancer

Laura Sanders request prayers for brother-in-law's successful heart transplant, prayers for **Roger** and his wife, **Darlene** as well as the **grieving family of the heart donor**

David & Lorrie Wendeborn request prayers for God's healing, comfort, and peace for **Scott** and their aging parents. Also prayers of thanksgiving and for protection and safe deliveries for two daughters-in-law expecting babies – one is due any day now the second is due in December

Vonda Petmecky request prayers for son **Ronnie** recovering from back surgery

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

David & Sharon Sattler requests prayers for daughter-in-law **Sara** being tested for heart issues as they relocate to a Nebraska Air Force Base and for **David's** recovery from cataract surgery

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**

Marilyn Mazurek requests prayers for sciatica pain and is moving

For family discord, reconciliation, and healing

For upcoming Vacation Bible School – June 19th – 22nd

For Messiah's Learning Teams and Call Committee

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 4th – Joe & Verna Sorensen – celebrating 55 years of marriage

June 11th – Hal & Lindy Eschenko – celebrating 49 years of marriage

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June 18th – Mario & Eve Betancourt – celebrating Gianni's 16th birthday

Jun 25th – Larry & Kathy Rottman - celebrating 48 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.

Messiah Ladies Time Out Lunch to start our summer is at Tapatio Golf Course in their restaurant La Cascada at 11 am on June 15th!! RSVP to Lindy Eschenko 979 229 7760.

Messiah's Next Adult Game Day is the third Saturday June 17th at 2pm in the Family Life Center! Come join us! Bring drinks, snacks, games and friends!

Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center - Thank you for filling the baby bottles with your contributions to be used for baby supplies at the Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center. Please return all bottles by next Sunday, Father's Day.

Vacation Bible School Update - Just a quick reminder that we're just only about a week and half away from VBS! **And of course, we still need volunteers.** **Important Note:** The day before VBS, **Sunday the 18th**, we will have a meeting right after church service and we need volunteers to help set up everything.

There is a very special mission opportunity this year at Messiah Boerne's Stellar Vacation Bible School. We have the opportunity to get involved with Operation Christmas Child. Mark Giardinelli and one or two of his teammates will be out representing Operation Christmas Child at Vacation Bible School. There will be a competition between the boys and girls to see who can get either boxes of 10 counts of washable markers or 24 counts of crayons. At the end of VBS, either the boys or girls will get a special prize. In Christ, Mark Giardinelli.

Hill Country Daily Bread - There is only one bag left! 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 may be returned any time before or by June 25th. Thanks - Kathy Giardinelli

Issues, Etc. - *Issues, Etc.*, a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio, will have Rev. David Fleming and Dr. Beverly Yahnke of Doxology respond to your questions and comments about the spiritual well-being and mental health of Lutheran laity. You can listen at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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Serving us Today – June 11, 2023

Elders:	Bill Eichman & Roger Winkelmann
Coffee:	Sue Parker
Treats:	Lindy Eschenko
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:	Sue Parker
Ushers:	David Theis – Hal Eschenko – Maurice Doublet
Greeters:	Sue Theis

Serving us Next Sunday – June 18, 2023

Elders:	Bill Eichman & Roger Winkelmann
Coffee:	OPEN
Treats:	Kathlin Jauregui
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:	Pam Fields
Ushers:	Joe Sorensen – Mike Lang – Russ Leachman
Greeters:	Kathlin Jauregui

Our Response to God Last Week

Worship Attendance: 86 | Sunday School: 31

May 2023 Contributions

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