

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 13, 2023

AS WE GATHER

When children cannot understand why they can't do something, the answer is often, "Because I said so." As they grow up, they may get the answers they seek. Job did not get an answer, but he kept his faith in his Creator. In the Gospel, the disciples cannot understand Jesus' walking on the sea, but when He is in the boat with them, they confess, "Truly You are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33). Though we may ask God, "Why?" and Paul in the Epistle says we cannot understand God's reasons, we can confess with our mouths and believe in Christ's resurrection. It is an exercise of the faith God has so graciously given us. Why did He come to earth? He came to save us. In great might He destroyed death itself so that we might live with Him forever. That's why!

✘ PREPARATION ✘

HYMN "With the Lord Begin Your Task" (LSB – 869 all 5 verses)

With the Lord begin your task;
For His aid and counsel ask;
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise,
In His name then close your eyes;

Jesus will direct it.
Jesus will perfect it.
And when day is ended,
Be to Him commended.

Let each day begin with prayer,
On the Lord cast ev'ry care;
Morning, evening, and at night
Save you from the tempter's might,

Praise, and adoration.
He is your salvation.
Jesus will be near you,
With His presence cheer you.

With your Savior at your side,
In His promises confide,
All your trust and hope repose
Who in wisdom truly knows

Foes need not alarm you;
And no ill can harm you.
In the mighty Master,
How to stem disaster.

If your task be thus begun
Safely then your course will run,
Good will follow ev'rywhere
You at last the joy will share

With the Savior's blessing,
Toward the promise pressing.
While you here must wander;
In the mansions yonder.

Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task
May Your will be done, I ask,
Jesus, in Your name begun
Grant that it may well be done

Be to You commended;
Until life is ended.
Be the day's endeavor;
To Your praise forever.

INVOCATION

(please stand)

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,

People: and exalted be the God of my salvation.

Pastor: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,

People: and I am saved from my enemies.

Pastor: In my distress I called upon the LORD;

People: to my God I cried for help.

Pastor: From His temple He heard my voice,

People: and my cry to Him reached His ears.

Pastor: The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock,

People: and exalted be the God of my salvation.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us consider our unworthiness to come before almighty God and confess our sins to Him in the presence of one another. We confess, Creator Lord, that like Job, we become angry at times with what You have allowed in our lives and we have wondered why.

People: Forgive our pride and turn us to humbly rely on Your gracious plans for us.

Pastor: We confess, Savior Lord, that unlike Paul, we have neglected people around us who have not accepted Your sacrifice for them.

People: Forgive our self-centeredness and inaction, and move us to tell them the Good News as You provide opportunity.

Pastor: We confess, Spirit of truth, that like Peter, we have failed to trust You in all things and have been overwhelmed by the storms of life.

People: Forgive our weakness of faith and enable us to follow where You lead the way.

Pastor: All things in heaven and earth are under God's rule. His almighty power was shown chiefly in sending His Son into this fallen world to destroy the powers of sin, death, and the devil. Your pride, self-centeredness, weakness of faith, and anything else that would separate you from His great love have been forgiven for Jesus' sake. 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.

☩ WORD ☩

INTROIT

ALL: You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

Pastor: I will extol the Lord at all times;

People: his praise will always be on my lips.

Pastor: I sought the Lord, and he answered me;

People: he delivered me from all my fears.

Pastor: Those who look to him are radiant;

People: their faces are never covered with shame.

Pastor: This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;

People: he saved him out of all his troubles.

Pastor: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,

People: and delivers them.

Pastor: Taste and see that the Lord is good;

People: blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

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.

ALL: You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

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,

People: preserve us from all harm and danger

Pastor: that we, being ready in both body and soul,

People: may cheerfully accomplish what You want done;

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.

(please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Job 38:4-18

(God questions Job.)

Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding, 5 Who set its measurements? Since you know. Or who stretched the measuring line over it? 6 On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone, 7 When the morning stars sang together And all the sons of God shouted for joy? 8 “Or who enclosed the sea with doors When it went out from the womb, bursting forth; 9 When I made a cloud its garment, And thick darkness its swaddling bands, 10 And I placed boundaries on it And set a bolt and doors, 11 And I said, ‘As far as this point you shall come, but no farther; And here your proud waves shall stop’? 12 “Have you ever in your life commanded the morning, And made the dawn know its place, 13 So that it would take hold of the ends of the earth, And the wicked would be shaken off from it? 14 It is changed like clay under the seal; And they stand out like a garment. 15 Their light is withheld from the wicked, And the uplifted arm is broken. 16 “Have you entered the springs of the sea, And walked in the depth of the ocean? 17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you, And have you seen the gates of deep darkness? 18 Have you understood the expanse of the earth? Tell Me, if you know all this.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: Romans 10:5-17

(Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.)

5 For Moses writes of the righteousness that is based on the Law, that the person who performs them will live by them. 6 But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will go up into heaven?’ (that is, to bring Christ down), 7 or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).” 8 But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” - that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, 9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him

from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; 13 for "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." 14 How then are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? How are they to believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? 15 But how are they to preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!" 16 However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

*(Jesus walks on water and rescues sinking Peter.)
(please stand)*

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

22 Immediately afterward He compelled the disciples to get into the boat and to go ahead of Him to the other side, while He sent the crowds away. 23 After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone. 24 But the boat was already a long distance from the land, battered by the waves; for the wind was contrary. 25 And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. 26 When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." 28 Peter responded and said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." 29 And He said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water, and came toward Jesus. 30 But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and when he began to sink, he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus reached out with His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. 33 And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "You are truly God's Son!"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' 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 “What Wonderful Love Is This” (LSB – 543 all 4 verses)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And through eternity I'll sing on.

MESSAGE: “Why Did You Doubt?”

Matthew 14:22-33

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 blestest 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: 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 DIVINE GUIDANCE

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor, and further us with Your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally, by Your mercy, obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” (LSB – 717 all 4 verses)

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Who bidd’st the mighty ocean deep
O hear us when we cry to Thee

O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain,
By mountain pass or valley low;
Protect them by Thy guarding hand

O Spirit, whom the Father sent
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might
And keep them by Thy watchful care

O Trinity of love and pow’r,
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee

Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Its own appointed limits keep:
For those in peril on the sea.

O’er which our traffic runs amain
Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,
From ev’ry peril on the land.

To spread abroad the firmament;
Save all who dare the eagle’s flight,
From ev’ry peril in the air.

Our people shield in danger’s hour;
Protect them wheresoe’er they go;
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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

For Family and Friends

Prayers for Steven Haberoth recovering at home from surgeries placing a pacemaker, replacing his aortic valve, and repairing an aortic aneurysm

David Wendeborn asks for prayers for healing of family illness

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 offers thanks be to God for the health improvements for his sister, Linda Rose

Sally Gutierrez Beltran asks for prayer for her husband Felix for salvation, deliverance from alcohol and restoration of their marriage.

For family discord, reconciliation, and healing

For Messiah's Learning Teams and Call Committee

Prayers for rescue for those in abusive relationships

We pray for discernment of for the reorganized SAPD Property Crimes department

Prayers for all those 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.

AUGUST ALTAR FLOWERS

August 6th – Margaret Leachman – in honor of Russ's birthday

August 6th – David & Margaret Sattler – celebrating 48 years of marriage

August 13th – Bill & Mary Ann Eichman – celebrating 55 years of marriage

August 13th – Tony & Kathy Giardinelli – in honor of David's birthday

August 20th – Dan Cifers – blessing for Donna's Mother – Margaret Chamness

August 27th – Steve & Janet Haberoth – thanksgiving for God's blessings

August 27th – Brad Sanders – in honor of Laura's birthday

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!

Last Week Pastor Lofgren completed his Bible Study on We Believe, Teach and Confess - **This Sunday Pastor will continue his Study from the BEGIN Book - "a journey through scriptures for seekers and new believers."** Picking up with Page 58 Pastor will continue with The Gospel According to John "The Word Became Flesh" - for those of you who already have the **BEGIN Book** - please remember to bring it to Sunday School this Sunday. If you are new to Messiah or do not have a book - no worries - we will have some for you to pick up on Sunday.

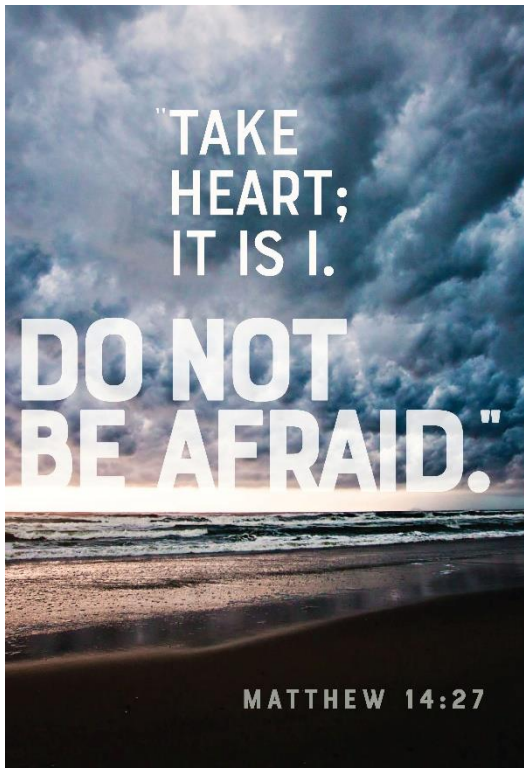
Pastoral Profile Survey – Everyone should have received an email this week with the link to Survey Monkey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MessiahLutheranBoerne>). If you did **NOT** receive this email, please notify the Church Office so that we can get you connected. It is our hope that the majority of the congregation will be able to complete the online survey within the next two weeks. If that can be done, we should be in a position to send our completed call package to District by the end of August. I appreciate all the effort of our members in keeping this process moving forward.

Messiah's Kids Preschool - Messiah's Kids will be welcoming their teachers back on August 21st and their students back on August 28th. We can't wait!

Upcoming Events in September – Detailed information can be found on MLC's website.

- Sep. 9th – **How Medicare Works & Protecting Yourself and Others from Financial Fraud and Scams Seminar** sponsored by LINC SA at Mt. Calvary and via Zoom at Messiah Lutheran Church from 9:00 am to noon.
- Sep. 14th – **Mark Giardinelli Birthday and Operation Christmas Child** packing event at Boerne Library from 1:00 to 3:00 pm
- Sep. 15th – **Friday Morning Ladies Bible Study** at 10:00 am studying the Book of Jude.
- Sep. 16th – **Adult Game Day** at 2:00 pm in the Family Life Center Fellowship Room
- Sep. 19th - **Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center's Annual Fundraising Gala** - Sue Theis will be taking your Reservations for this event this Sunday.
- Sep. 21st – **Ladies Day Out Trip to Camp Verde** from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
- Sep. 30th – **Messiah's 5K Walk – Run** event at Old #9 Trail at Esser Road in Boerne from 7:30 to 10:30 am.

Issues, Etc.- Unanswered Bible Questions... Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio, will have Pastors Bryan Wolfmueller and Brian Kachelmeier respond to your unanswered Bible questions.



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Serving us Today – August 13, 2023

Elders: Allen Leitko & Larry Risley
Coffee: Vonda Petmecky
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: Pam Fields
Ushers: Anthony Sansone – Erik Sagebiel – Hal Eschenko – Larry Rottman
Greeters: Kathy Rottman

Serving us Next Sunday – August 20, 2023

Elders: Allen Leitko & Larry Risley
Coffee: Marilyn Mazurek
Treats: Maurice Doublet, III
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: Sharon Sattler
Ushers: Ernie Mazurek – Joe Sorensen – Mike Lang – Russ Leachman
Greeters: David & Sharon Sattler

Our Response to God Last Week

Worship Attendance: 81 | Sunday School: 29

July 2023 Contributions			
General Fund	\$44,176.20	Building Fund	\$2,490.00
Renovation Fund	\$550.00	Family Life Center	\$4,847.53