

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Third Sunday After Pentecost**  
*July 2, 2023*

**AS WE GATHER**

Peace in our time would be a wonderful thing to experience, as countless things in life are anything but peaceful. From our stresses and circumstances to the sins that surround us and others, can peace ever be attained? It is not from lack of trying. Politicians attempt to create and even make promises of peace, relationships that were strained can become mended, and turmoil can be overcome at times. But does it last? We know in this world it doesn't, but there is a peace that does last. Jeremiah is inspired to speak of false peace among his people, but only the Lord can truly bring it. As St. Paul writes about the anything-but-peaceful lives of sin, we are reminded of peace that only comes from God's forgiveness in Christ. Even as Jesus speaks of the sword He comes to bring, it doesn't bring "peace on earth." As we hear God's Word, may we be drawn today and always to a peace that is beyond our understanding come by and through Christ's victory for us as we await eternal joys in Him.

**✠ PREPARATION ✠**

**HYMN " 'Come, Follow Me', the Savior Spake" (LSB – 688 – all five verses)**

"Come, follow Me," the Savior spake,  
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,  
O bear the cross, whate'er betide,

"All in My way abiding;  
Obey My call and guiding.  
Take My example for your guide.

"I am the light, I light the way,  
I bid you walk as in the day;  
I am the way, and well I show

A godly life displaying;  
I keep your feet from straying.  
How you must sojourn here below.

"My heart abounds in lowliness,  
And gracious words My lips express,  
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,

My soul with love is glowing;  
With meekness overflowing.  
To God I yield, on Him I call.

"I teach you how to shun and flee  
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free,  
I am the refuge of the soul

What harms your soul's salvation,  
From sin and its temptation.  
And lead you to your heav'nly goal."

Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,  
And, firmly clinging to His Word,  
For those who bear the battle's strain

And take the cross appointed  
In suff'ring be undaunted.  
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

✠ WORD ✠

INVOCATION

*(please stand)*

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Our Savior Jesus Christ speaks in today's Gospel, "Whoever finds his life will lose it,

**People: and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.**

Pastor: "Whoever receives you receives Me,

**People: and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me."**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: You call us, Lord, to follow, and, as we follow, to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

**People: We confess that we have put love for other things above You in our hearts, souls, and minds.**

Pastor: You call us, Lord, to follow, and, as we follow, to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength," and to "love your neighbor as yourself."

**People: We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.**

Pastor: You call us, Lord, to follow, and tell us, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."

**People: We have often failed to take up Christ's cross in our daily living, our witnessing, and our resisting of temptation.**

Pastor: As we follow in repentance and humbleness,

**People: for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. 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.

**People:** Amen.

## INTROIT

Pastor: I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make know your faithfulness to all generations. Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face.

**People:** Who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted.

Pastor: For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.

**People:** For our shield belongs to the Lord Our King to the Holy One of Israel.

**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: I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make know your faithfulness to all generations.

## 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 God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; 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 25:5-9**

*(Prophets and peace.)*

5 Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the sight of the priests and in the sight of all the people who were standing at the house of the Lord, 6 and Jeremiah the prophet said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill your words which you have prophesied, to bring back the vessels of the Lord’s house and all the exiles, from Babylon to this place. 7 Yet hear now this word which I am going to speak so that you and all the people can hear it! 8 The prophets who were before me and before you from ancient times also prophesied against many lands and against great kingdoms regarding war, disaster, and plague. 9 As for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet comes to pass, then that prophet will be known as one whom the Lord has truly sent.”

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING: Romans 7:1-13**

*(Released from the Law and bound to Christ.)*

1 Or do you not know, brothers and sisters (for I am speaking to those who know the Law), that the Law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives? 2 For the married woman is bound by law to her husband as long as he is alive; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband. 3 So then, if while her husband is alive she gives herself to another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress if she gives herself to another man. 4 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you also were put to death in regard to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might belong to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. 5 For while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were brought to light by the Law, were at work in the parts of our body to bear fruit for death. 6 But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter. 7 What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? Far from it! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, “You shall not covet.” 8 But sin, taking an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin is dead. 9 I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin came to life, and I died; 10 and this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me; 11 for sin, taking an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me, and through it, killed me. 12 So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. 13 Therefore

did that which is good become a cause of death for me? Far from it! Rather it was sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by bringing about my death through that which is good, so that through the commandment sin would become utterly sinful.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 10:34-42**

*(please stand)*

*(Division when following Christ.)*

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

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

34 "Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I came to turn a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; 36 and a person's enemies will be the members of his household. 37 "The one who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and the one who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. 38 And the one who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 39 The one who has found his life will lose it, and the one who has lost his life on My account will find it. 40 "The one who receives you receives Me, and the one who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. 41 The one who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and the one who receives a righteous person in the name of a righteous person shall receive a righteous person's reward. 42 And whoever gives one of these little ones just a cup of cold water to drink in the name of a disciple, truly I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."

**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: “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”** (LSB – 685 – all four verses)

Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Through a world that would deceive us  
Onward in His footsteps treading,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;

Follow His example pure,  
And to sin our spirits lure.  
Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Let us do the Father’s bidding.  
I shall follow where You guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
All discomforts that annoy  
Jesus, here I share Your woe;

And with patience bear our cross.  
Where He is, there is no loss.  
We shall reap celestial joy;  
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Help me there Your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
He will free us from destruction,  
Let us mortify all passion  
And the grave that shuts us in  
Jesus, here with You I die,

Since by death He conquered death,  
Give to us immortal breath.  
That would lead us into sin;  
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
There to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus.  
That to life we may awaken.  
We are Your own living members;  
In Your presence constantly,  
Jesus, let me faithful be,

He has risen from the dead  
Jesus, You are now our head.  
Where You live, there we shall be  
Living there with You forever.  
Life eternal grant to me.

**MESSAGE: “Find Life in Jesus”**

**Matthew 10:34-42**

**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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore 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 “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” (LSB 636 – all eight verses)

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
Come into the daylight’s splendor, There with joy your praises render.  
Bless the One whose grace unbounded This amazing banquet founded;  
He, though heav’nly, high, and holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Hasten as a bride to meet Him, And with loving rev’rence greet Him.  
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.  
Open wide the gates before Him, Saying, as you there adore Him:  
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You, That I nevermore will leave You.

He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure;  
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, None could buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ’s true body, for you riven, And His blood, for you once given.

Now in faith I humbly ponder Over this surpassing wonder  
That the bread of life is boundless Though the souls it feeds are countless:  
With the choicest wine of heaven Christ’s own blood to us is given.  
Oh, most glorious consolation, Pledge and seal of my salvation!

Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
Peace beyond all understanding,  
Humbly now, I bow before You;  
Worthily let me receive You

Truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
Joy into all life expanding:  
Love incarnate, I adore You;  
And, so favored, never leave You.

Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
At Your feet I cry, my maker,  
Of this blessed food from heaven,

Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
Let me be a fit partaker  
For our good, Your glory, given.

Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
On the cross for me to languish  
To forego all joy and gladness  
By this blood redeemed and living,

You once left Your throne in heaven  
And to die in bitter anguish,  
And to shed Your blood in sadness.  
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
By Your love I am invited,  
By this Supper let me measure,  
Through the gift of grace You give me

Let me gladly here obey You.  
Be Your love with love requited;  
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
As Your guest in heav'n receive me

**HYMN: "In Christ Alone" (CCLI # 1280892) (all four verses)**

In Christ alone my hope is found  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
My Comforter my All in All

He is my light my strength my song  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
For every sin on Him was laid

Fullness of God in helpless babe  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
And as He stands in victory  
For I am His and He is mine

Light of the world by darkness slain  
Up from the grave He rose again  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
From life's first cry to final breath

This is the power of Christ in me  
Jesus commands my destiny

No power of hell no scheme of man  
Till He returns or calls me home

Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

**HYMN: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”** (LSB 643 – all two verses)

Sent forth by God’s blessing,	Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.	The Supper is ended.
O now be extended	The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,	Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.	His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us	To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving	To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.	Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,	Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,	With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.	Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving	Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

**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: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”** (LSB 655 – all three verses)

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;	Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son	And bring to naught all He has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,  
Defend Your holy Church that we

For You are Lord of lords alone;  
May sing Your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Support us in our final strife

Send peace and unity on earth;  
And lead us out of death to life.

## **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 Funk - Ed Mycock  
Robert Saur - Josh Sagebiel - Suzy Soper*

### **For Family and Friends -**

*Becky Behrens' family as they mourn the loss of sister-in-law, Susan Krueger  
David & Lorrie Wendeborn offer prayers of thanksgiving for healthy Grandson – Theodore  
“Teddy” James Wendeborn – born to Alex & Jenny Wendeborn on June 26<sup>th</sup> in Houston.  
Debbie Stender requests prayers for brother-in-law Gary McLaughlin and her nephew's  
daughter, Tiffany recovering from injuries in a car accident*

### **We continue to pray for -**

*Allen & Karen Leitko request prayers for close friends Nathan and his mother  
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  
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*

*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 2<sup>nd</sup> – Rebecca Bottlinger – Commemorating the Declaration of Independence by the Constitutional Congress dated July 4, 1776
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mark & Melissa Rutledge – celebrating 27 years of marriage
- July 9<sup>th</sup> - Russ & Margaret Leachman – celebrating 35 years of marriage
- July 16<sup>th</sup> – Dan & Donna Cifers – in honor of Donna's Mom – Margaret Chamness
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> - Steve & Janet Haberoth – thanksgiving for God's Blessings
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Bill & Linda Dicke – the blessing of Grandbabies
- July 30<sup>th</sup> - 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.*

**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 updating. 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 Ministries** - *Thank you to everyone who filled a bag with clothing items for the HCDBM back to school clothing drive. It was a huge success and I know there will be a lot of happy children because of your generous donations! Your sister in Christ - 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!!*

**Save the Dates** - *Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center's Annual Fundraising Gala Tuesday, September 19, 2023. MLC's Annual Messiah 5K Fun Walk/Run - Saturday morning, September 30, 2023. MLC's Annual Adult Christmas Party - Saturday evening, December 9, 2023. Be on the lookout for forthcoming information!*

**Issues, Etc.** - *EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST - This week's topics include: The Toxic War on Masculinity; The Battle for the Bible in the LCMS; Women & Head Coverings; Does the Bible Condone the Killing of Homosexuals? and more. You can listen to the interview at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app or your favorite podcast provider.*



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## Serving us Today – July 2, 2023

Elders:	Mike Lang & Hal Eschenko
Coffee:	Rutledge Family
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:	Sharon Loren
Ushers:	Mike Stender – Russ Leachman – Tom Bibb – Tony Giardinelli
Greeters:	Alana Kemmy

## Serving us Next Sunday – July 9, 2023

Elders:	Mike Lang & Hal Eschenko
Coffee:	Verna Sorensen
Treats:	<b>OPEN</b>
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:	Maurice Doublet, III
Ushers:	Mike Stender – Russ Leachman – Tom Bibb – Tony Giardinelli
Greeters:	David & Sharon Sattler & Kathy Giardinelli

## Our Response to God Last Week

Worship Attendance: 67 | Sunday School: 30

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