

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 6, 2023

AS WE GATHER

Without explaining Himself and to the surprise of those He chose, God decided to use the people who eventually became the nation of Israel to save all people. Likewise, He has graciously invited us and all people to join them, solely because we trust His promises. Recognizing that faith, not physical descent, is the factor that includes one in God's promises, Paul laments that most of his Jewish friends have rejected God's Son, Jesus Christ. To those who follow our Lord, the disciples learn in today's Gospel, God's grace even invites them to serve as His instruments in caring for the people around them. Today we rejoice in God's invitation to us, and we ask His blessings as we seek to extend His gracious invitation to those who do not yet know Christ as their Savior.

✠ 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 blessed 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.

✠ WORD ✠

INVOCATION

(please stand)

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

People: **Amen.**

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden,

People: **cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father. We admit, O Lord, that we often do not freely respond to Your grace.

People: **Forgive us for confusing Your free and eternal grace with the ways of this world. In Your mercy, renew our faith and instill gratitude in us that we may rely on Your daily and eternal blessings.**

Pastor: We admit that we have not always shared the compassionate concern of Paul. We rejoice in having faith but do not always share our joy with the people around us.

People: **Forgive us and open our eyes to see the opportunities to tell of our faith. Give us compassionate hearts to care for those who have rejected our Savior's sacrifice for all people.**

Pastor: We admit that we have not always considered the needs of others before our own, nor how You might use us and our gifts for their welfare.

People: Forgive us and increase our faith in You. Move us by Your Holy Spirit to be part of the answer to their prayers, for we are Your instruments to meet the needs of the people around us.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus, Son of God and Son of David, kept God's eternal covenant. He paid the price with His suffering and death for you so that grace might be freely offered to you. You are counted as children of Abraham because of the faith God has planted within you. 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. Rest assured, your sins are forgiven.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

INTROIT

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.

People: They asked, and He brought quail, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.

Pastor: He opened the rock, and water gushed out;

People: it flowed through the desert like a river.

Pastor: For He remembered His holy promise, and Abraham, His servant.

People: So He brought His people out with joy, His chosen ones with singing.

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.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

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. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul.

People: Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience;

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 sit)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

(God offers an everlasting covenant to David.)

1 “You there! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk Without money and without cost. 2 Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And delight yourself in abundance. 3 Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, According to the faithful mercies shown to David. 4 Behold, I have made him a witness to the peoples, A leader and commander for the peoples. 5 Behold, you will call a nation you do not know, And a nation which does not know you will run to you, Because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: Romans 9:1-13

(We are included in the promise because we share the faith of Abraham.)

1 I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying; my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit, 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I

myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my countrymen, my kinsmen according to the flesh, 4 who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons and daughters, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the Law, the temple service, and the promises; 5 whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen. 6 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel; 7 nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "through Isaac your descendants shall be named." 8 That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants. 9 For this is the word of promise: "At this time I will come, and Sarah will have a son." 10 And not only that, but there was also Rebekah, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac; 11 for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls, 12 it was said to her, "The older will serve the younger." 13 Just as it is written: "Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

(please stand)

(The feeding of the 5,000.)

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

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

13 Now when Jesus heard about John, He withdrew from there in a boat to a secluded place by Himself; and when the people heard about this, they followed Him on foot from the cities. 14 When He came ashore, He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them and healed their sick. 15 Now when it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This place is secluded and the hour is already past to eat; send the crowds away, so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." 16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go; you give them something to eat!" 17 They said to Him, "We have nothing here except five loaves and two fish." 18 And He said, "Bring them here to Me." 19 And ordering the crowds to sit down on the grass, He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looked up

toward heaven. He blessed the food and breaking the loaves, He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And they all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up what was left over of the broken pieces: twelve full baskets. 21 There were about five thousand men who ate, besides women and children.

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: “Praise and Thanksgiving” - LSB 789 (all 3 verses)

Praise and thanksgiving,
For all things living,
Harvest of sown fields,
Hay from the mown fields,

Father, we offer
Created good:
Fruits of the orchard,
Blossom and wood.

Bless, Lord, the labor
That with our neighbor
Sowing or tilling,
Harvesting, milling

We bring to serve You
We may be fed.
We would work with You,
For daily bread.

Father, providing
By Your wise guiding
One with another,
With us, all others

Food for Your children,
Teach us to share
So that, rejoicing
May know Your care.

MESSAGE: “Use as Directed”

Matthew 14:13-21

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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 "What Is This Bread" (LSB 629 – all 5 verses)

What is this bread?
This bread we break,
Was crushed to pay for our release.

Christ's body risen from the dead:
This life we take,
O taste and see - the Lord is peace.

What is this wine?
The cup of grace
Of life and love until I sing!

The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
Brings His embrace
O taste and see - the Lord is King.

So who am I,
Under the rod?
Why have You not forsaken me?

That I should live and He should die
My God, my God,
O taste and see - the Lord is free.

Yet is God here?
In mouth and soul
Christ, truly present in this meal.

Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
He makes us whole -
O taste and see - the Lord is real.

Is this for me?
I do believe
His very body and His blood.

I am forgiven and set free!
That I receive
O taste and see - the Lord is good.

HYMN: "In Christ Alone" (CCLI # 1280892) (4 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
No power of hell no scheme of man
Till He returns or calls me home

This is the power of Christ in me
Jesus commands my destiny
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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 gracious gift,

People: and we ask that You would strengthen us through it in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;

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.

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: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” (LSB 918 – all 3 verses)

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.

Pilgrim through this barren land.
Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand.
Feed me till I want no more;

Open now the crystal fountain
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Lead me all my journey through.
Be Thou still my strength and shield;

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee.

Bid my anxious fears subside;
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
I will ever give to Thee;

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

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

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 requests prayers for his sister, Linda Rose

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 – OPEN

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!*

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.*

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 Adult Game Day - *is scheduled for Sat. Sep.16th at 2pm in the Family Life Center! Come join us! Bring drinks, snacks, games, and friends!*

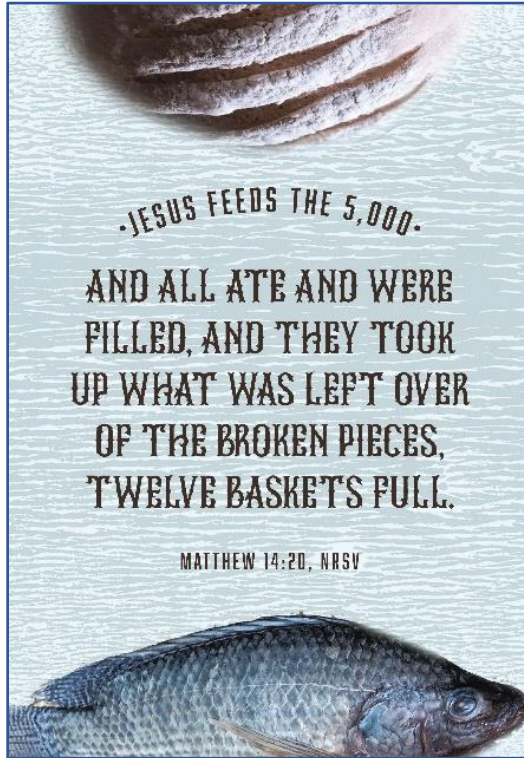
Messiah's Ladies Time Out - *We are meeting at Las Guitarras Mexican Restaurant on Main Street in Boerne on Thursday, August 10th at 11am. Please RSVP to Lindy or sign up at church.*

Save the Dates - *Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center's Annual Fundraising Gala Tuesday, September 19, 2023. Sue Theis will taking your Reservations for this event this Sunday.*

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 Anyone interested in sharing in meeting those needs can earmark donations to "Refurbishment."

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

Issues, Etc. - *Solid, Serious, Substantive...This week's topics include: The Old Testament & Baptism; Denying Jesus' Divinity; Semtex & the Supernatural; No-Fault Divorce and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.*



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Serving us Today – 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 – Erik Sagebiel – Hal Eschenko – Larry Rottman
Greeters: Kathy Giardinelli & Verna Sorensen

Serving us Next Sunday – 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

Our Response to God Last Week

Worship Attendance: 80 | Sunday School: 27

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