

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 20, 2023

AS WE GATHER

The Lord's words through the prophet Isaiah remind us of the purpose of the sacred space into which we have entered: "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7). Even from ancient times, the Lord God has invited all peoples - no matter who they are or where they have come from - to enter His presence and receive deliverance from their sin. In Christ Jesus, crucified and raised to life again for our salvation, we trust that the promises of God, offered to all, are also promises He makes personally to us. Jesus died for all, and Jesus died for you! Standing together as one, we, though many, form one family and belong to one everlasting kingdom. Together, we receive God's gifts. Together, we raise our united voice in prayers and praises. Together, we gather to experience the life God offers "for all peoples."

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign" (LSB – 832 – all 5 verses)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made, And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns: The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest, And all who suffer want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen.

✠ WORD ✠

INVOCATION

(please stand)

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness,

People: **for soon My salvation will come, and My deliverance be revealed.”**

Pastor: The deliverance of the Lord comes to us today as we gather in this house of prayer, united as one with all people who trust in the name of Jesus. Let us search our hearts and minds, bowing before our gracious Father and confessing our sins to Him. *(We take a moment of silence for prayer and meditation upon the Word of God.)*

Pastor: Delivering Lord, You invite all people into Your holy house of prayer.

People: **We confess that we have not kept justice, choosing to go our own way instead of following Your direction. We admit that we have not lived righteously, breaking Your commands by what we think, say, and do.**

Pastor: Saving Lord, You invite all people to know Your mercy.

People: **At the cross of our Savior, Jesus Christ, You defeated our enemies of sin and death. Help us to live in this victory, trusting in Your promises, and gathering with all Your people to praise Your name forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Deliverance has come to you! Salvation is yours! To both Jews and Gentiles, to those of every nation under heaven, the Good News of Jesus has been given! God has heard your prayer for mercy and has offered you a place in His kingdom. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by the authority of Jesus, my King, 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: The LORD is the strength of His people;

People: **He is the saving refuge of His anointed.**

Pastor: To You, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

People: lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

Pastor: Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help,

People: when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD!

People: For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

Pastor: The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

**People: my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.
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 LORD is the strength of His people;

People: He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

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. We give thanks and praise to You, O God, for making Your house a place of prayer for all peoples.

People: You have blessed us with Your grace and salvation!

Pastor: Through the Gospel, make us voices of invitation to all people

People: that with us they may serve You with joy and gladness all our days.

Pastor: We pray this 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 56:1, 6-8

(The Lord's Salvation comes for all peoples.)

1 Thus says the Lord: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed.

6 "And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant - 7 these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." 8 The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

(God will reveal His mercy to all people.)

1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

13 Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry 14 in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. 15 For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

28 As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. 29 For the gifts and the calling of

God are irrevocable. 30 For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. 32 For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

(please stand)

(A Canaanite woman shows great faith.)

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

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

21 And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” 23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” 24 He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” 26 And he answered, “It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” 27 She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.” 28 Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.”

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: “How Shall They Hear, Who Have Not Heard” - (LSB 831 - all 5 verses)

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| “How shall they hear,” who have not heard Nor known His reconciling word, | News of a Lord who loved and came; Nor learned to trust a Savior’s name? |
| “To all the world,” to ev’ry place, Preach the good news of saving grace; | Neighbors and friends and far-off lands, Go while the great commission stands. |
| “Whom shall I send?” Who hears the call, Telling of One who died for all, | Constant in prayer, through toil and pain, To bring a lost world home again? |
| “Lord, here am I:” Your fire impart Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart, | To this poor cold self-centered soul; And make a world for Christ my goal. |
| Spirit of love, within us move: So shall they hear and find and prove | Spirit of truth, in pow’r come down! Christ is their life, their joy, their crown. |

MESSAGE: “Saved by a Crumb”

Matthew 15:21-28

PRAAYER 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: You have blessed us, gracious God, with the invitation to come to Your holy house as a place of prayer for all peoples. You gather us from the ends of the earth - from every nation, tribe, people, and language - that we may feast at the Table of Him who was crucified and then raised to life again for our salvation. 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 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. By Your grace alone, we receive the salvation that has come to us in the person of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. He has delivered us so that all who trust in You may receive the promised inheritance of life everlasting. Gathered to remember Christ's sacrifice for our salvation, we ask You, O Lord, to forgive us, renew us, and lead us that we may experience Your all-inclusive mercy and know the unity You give through Your Son's body and blood. Hear us now as we pray in His name and in the words He has taught us:

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

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Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen**

AGNUS DEI

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| 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 “The Lamb” (LSB 547 – all 5 verses)

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| The Lamb, the Lamb, | O Father, where’s the sacrifice? |
| Faith sees, believes | God will provide the Lamb of price! Refrain |

***Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!***

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| The Lamb, the Lamb, | One perfect final offering. |
| The Lamb, the Lamb, | Let earth join heav’n His praise to sing. Refrain |

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| The Lamb, the Lamb, | As wayward sheep their shepherd kill |
| So still, His will | On our behalf the Law to fill. Refrain |

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| He sighs, He dies, | He takes my sin and wretchedness. |
| He lives, forgives, | He gives me His own righteousness. Refrain |

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| He rose, He rose, | My heart with thanks now overflows. |
| His song prolong | Till ev’ry heart to Him belong. Refrain |

HYMN: “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” (LSB 575 – 4 verses)

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus’ name. *Refrain*

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev’ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, His covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;
When ev’ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne! *Refrain*

HYMN: “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise” (LSB 680 – all 5 verses)

Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, our good and gracious King, that You have refreshed us through this sacred Meal, and we implore You that of Your mercy You continue to make Your deliverance known to us and to all peoples so that we may live 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: “Lift High the Cross” (LSB 837 – all 6 verses)

Refrain: *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine. **Refrain**

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. **Refrain**

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *Refrain*

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSIAH PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

Prayers for continued healing - 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

Lord, we pray for your gift of rain to quench the thirst of our land and water sources

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!

This Sunday Pastor will continue his Study from the BEGIN Book - "a journey through scriptures for seekers and new believers." Picking up with Page 60 Pastor will continue with *The Gospel According to John "Behold the Lamb of God"*. 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 – The deadline for submitting your Pastoral Profile Survey on-line and nominating a pastor to be included in the Call process is August 25th at 5:00 pm. To date, District has received 63 surveys. If you have not completed your survey, please do so over the course of next week. Your input is important to the Call process. To date, the call committee has received two Nomination forms for pastors to be considered for a call to Messiah. The Nomination forms are on the table as you enter the gym or can be obtained by emailing the church office.

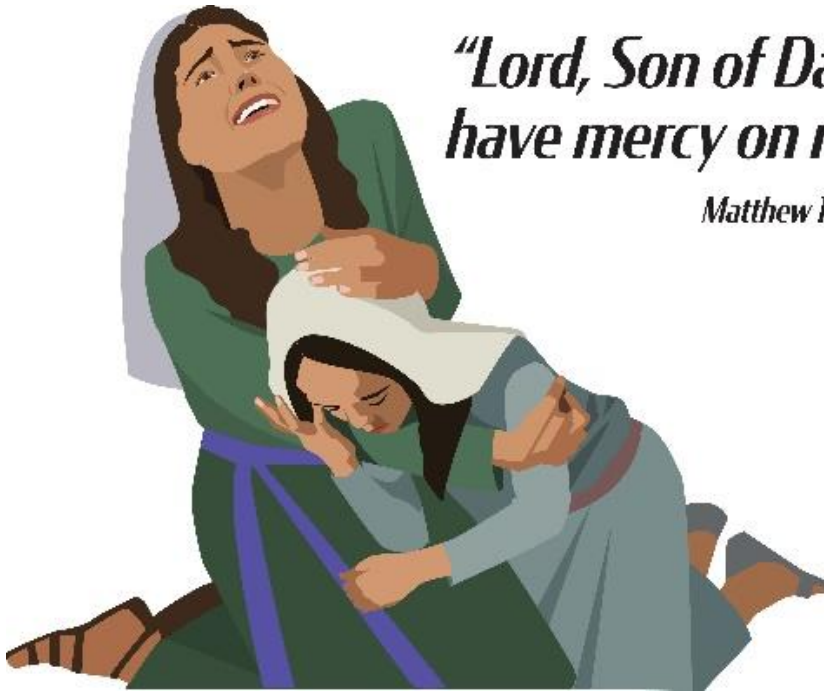
Messiah's Kids Preschool - Messiah's Kids is excited to welcome our teaching staff back on August 21st and our students on August 28th!

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. - *The Word of the Lord Endures Forever* is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon will be leading a study this week on *The Macedonian Call; The Conversion of Lydia; Paul and Silas in Prison and The Philippian Jailer Converted* in Acts 15 and 16.

Mark Your Calendars . . . HALLELUJAH!!! We have rescheduled the Rededication for Messiah Lutheran Church for **Sunday, October 8th**, in the afternoon.



*“Lord, Son of David,
have mercy on me!”*

Matthew 15:22, NIV

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Serving us Today – August 20, 2023

Elders: Allen Leitko & Larry Risley
Coffee: Marilyn Mazurek
Treats: Maurice Doublet
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

Serving us Next Sunday – August 27, 2023

Elders: Allen Leitko & Larry Risley
Coffee: Janis & Joyce Meier
Treats: Joe & Verna Sorensen
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: Alana Kemmy
Ushers: Ernie Mazurek – Joe Sorensen – Mike Lang – Russ Leachman
Greeters: Alana Kemmy & Maurice Doublet

Our Response to God Last Week
Worship Attendance: 82 | Sunday School: 28

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