

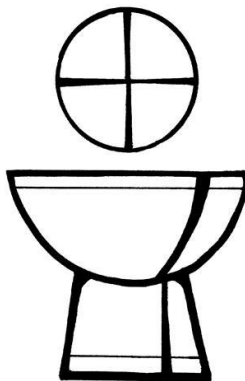


*Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost  
August 15, 2021*

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*Today Jesus invites us to a meal. It is an extraordinary invitation to do an ordinary thing: form bonds of love and community through shared food and drink. Like Wisdom inviting us to the feast of insight (Prov. 9:1-6), Jesus' invitation to share in the meal of his body and blood teaches us about the breadth and depth of God's love and about God's desire for us to abide in that love (John 6:56).*

*Jesus' audience asks a reasonable question: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" (John 6:52). Jesus' answer doesn't really address the question; instead, he reiterates that he is the true bread from heaven, the true source of eternal life. This must have been off-putting to his listeners. Eat flesh? Drink blood? And yet, here we find a profoundly grace-filled invitation—abide in me—and a promise: through this meal I abide in you. We are invited to not only join Jesus at the table, but to be at home in the love of God, knowing that Christ makes his home in our hearts and lives too. So come: eat and get to know God.*



## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.*

**Amen.**

*Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.*

*God, our provider,  
help us.*

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

*Beloved people of God:*

*in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.*

*By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.*

*Through Jesus, † the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:*

*you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.*

**Amen.**

## OPENING SONG:

***"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" – Verses 1-3***

*ELW 631*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

We worship you, O God,  
with jubilant hearts and with songs of praise welling up within us.

**We worship you, O God,  
with ears that listen expectantly for you to speak.**

We worship you in the silent spaces...  
where we struggle for hope and for courage.

**We worship you in the dark places...  
where we long for a glimpse of your glory.**

Your glory shines in the darkness  
and the darkness cannot overcome it!

**Your glory touches us with beauty to heal the wounded soul  
and gives strength to the weary.**

O God, dazzle us with your holy love!

**Draw us into your purifying presence!**

Speak to us your transforming truth!

**Grant us your grace to live your love!**

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *ELW Holy Communion Setting 10, page 205***

*(Tune: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee)*



Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.



Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

**\*GREETING:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER of the DAY:**

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the  
world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be  
strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

~ *We Listen to the Word* ~

**FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6**

- <sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.  
<sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.  
<sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,  
<sup>4</sup>"You that are simple, turn in here!"  
To those without sense she says,  
<sup>5</sup>"Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
<sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight."  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20**

<sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 34:1-9**

- <sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
**<sup>2</sup>My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**  
<sup>3</sup>O magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.  
**<sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, and he answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.**  
<sup>5</sup>Look to him, and be radiant;  
so your faces shall never be ashamed.  
**<sup>6</sup>This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,  
and was saved from every trouble.**  
<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.  
**<sup>8</sup>O taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are those who take refuge in him.**  
<sup>9</sup>O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,  
for those who fear him have no want.

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Holy Communion Setting 10, page 205***



**\*GOSPEL: John 6:51-58**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 6th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>51</sup>"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." <sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON SONG: "O Living Bread from Heaven"**

*ELW 542*

**SERMON**

*~ We Respond as God's People ~*

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth,

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS**

### **OFFERING MOMENT**

**\*OFFERTORY:** *Sing as gifts are brought forward to 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.

*~ We Share in Our Lord's Presence ~*

### **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.*

*And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.  
The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;  
within each cell; with every breath.*

**We praise you, O God.**

*Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water; by night and day;  
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.*

**We bless you, O God.**

*We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.*

**We thank you, O God.**

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

*In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:*

**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.**

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

**Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray, Amen.**

*~ We Are Sent to Serve ~*

#### **\*BENEDICTION**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever. **Three-fold Amen.**

**\*CLOSING SONG: "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" ELW 774**

#### **\*DISMISSAL:**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**



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## *Moe-ssiah's Sunday Morning Blend*

### **10:30 AM Facebook:**

Livestream **10:30 AM** worship on Messiah's Facebook page.

"Check in" via the Breeze app on your phone.

**To give online:** Please visit [www.messiahroseau.net](http://www.messiahroseau.net), click the 'Give' tab.

### **11:00 AM Radio Broadcast:**

Tune in on WILD 102 to listen to the morning worship service  
pre-recorded at Moe Lutheran.



*Today, Messiah's Livestream is sponsored  
by Messiah Lutheran Church*

Some of Messiah's audiovisual upgrade has been installed, but we are still waiting on certain components that are on backorder. The progress made is most evident in the additional cameras giving us new visual versatility for our livestream. The components yet to be installed are the ones that will improve our sound clarity. We look forward to the day when everything will arrive and finally be installed!

**“OUTDOOR ALIVE WITH CHRIST”**: Continues throughout the month of August from 7-9 PM. All are invited! Sand volleyball, outdoor games, hot dogs, s’mores over the open campfire, other food & drink. Outdoor Campfire worship at 8:15pm.

**BIBLE STUDY - Just L.I.F.E (Liberation is for Everyone)** We are meeting on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. Extra Bible Studies are available at the information table by the west entrance doors.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**: Rally Sunday is 4 weeks away! It’s time to get ready for Sunday School! Please let the Education Committee or the church office know if you can help teach Sunday School this year.

**“THANKS FOR GIVING” MISSION PROJECT UPDATE:**

Watch the Newsletter and bulletin for a change in the “Thanks for Giving” Mission Project this fall. We are trying something new, and you **DO NOT** have to donate a basket. Intrigued?? Stay tuned.

**IF YOU HAVE EXTRA GARDEN PRODUCE** ... the Roseau Area Food Shelf would love to distribute your excess vegetables or fruit to local families. If you have produce to share, contact Iona at 463-1154, or Teresa at 689-4284 and arrange a time for delivering your items to the food shelf in Roseau.

**MESSIAH e-NEWSLETTER**: If you’d like a church related article in the weekly or monthly e-newsletter, send it to the church office by 2 PM Wednesdays for the weekly or by the 27<sup>th</sup> of the month for the monthly. Please include any contact information. You may also send a photo or video (MP3, YouTube, Vimeo, etc.) if you like.

**IF YOU DIDN’T RECEIVE THE e-NEWSLETTER**: The August Newsletter was e-mailed 7.29.21 If you didn’t receive it, please check your Junk, Spam or Promotions folders. You can also ask your email provider to allow MailChimp. Let the office know if you still aren’t receiving the e-newsletter so we can help!

*Worship Servers for  
Sunday, August 15*

**Coffee Fellowship (10am):**

Marsha Hagen

**Communion Servers:** Eileen

Carter/Cheryl Schleppenbach

**Reader:** Marsha Hagen

**Greeter:** Bonnie Delmore

**Sound Booth:** Bob/Andrew Tuttle

**Council Rep:** Bonnie Delmore

**Counters:** Warren & Marsha Hagen

*Worship Servers for  
Sunday, August 22*

**Coffee Fellowship (10am):**

Carol Guy

**Communion Servers:**

No Communion

**Reader:** Carol Guy

**Greeter:** Keith Okeson

**Sound Booth:** Paul Grafstrom

**Council Rep:** Keith Okeson

**Counters:** Bill & Sue Jennings

## *Week at a Glance*

### Sunday, August 15

**10:00am:** Coffee Fellowship

**10:30am:** Worship Service w/Communion

**10:30am:** FB Live

### Tuesday, August 17

**5:30pm:** Church Council Meeting

### Wednesday, August 18

**7:00pm:** Women's Bible Study

**7:00pm-9:00pm:** "Outdoor Alive With Christ" Event.

(Games, Food, Campfire Worship, 8:15 pm)  
ALL ARE WELCOME - Youth, Adults, Families.

**8:15pm:** Watch FACEBOOK LIVE for Campfire Worship  
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### Worship Service on Sunday, August 08, 2021

**Attendance:** 50;

**Offering:** \$1,830;

**Weekly Direct:** \$600;

**Monthly:** \$5,285



## *Upcoming Worship Schedule for September*

### **September 5th:**

10:00 AM – Coffee & Fellowship

10:30 AM - Worship & Communion

### **September 12th:**

10:00 AM - Moessiah Worship in the City Park

11:00 AM - Coffee fellowship & Sunday School games

11:30 AM - Burger Bash meal at the Park Shelter

### **Beginning September 19th:**

9:30 AM – Coffee & Fellowship

10:30 AM - Worship & Communion