



# Welcome to Messiah Lutheran

## 7th Sunday in Easter – May 21, 2023

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### GATHERING SONG: *“Lord Reign in Me”*

##### **Verse 1**

Over all the earth You reign on high  
Every mountain stream every sunset sky  
But my one request Lord my only aim  
Is that You'd reign in me again

##### **Chorus**

Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r  
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour  
You are the Lord of all I am  
So won't You reign in me again

##### **Verse 2**

Over every thought over every word  
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord  
'Cause You mean more to me  
Than any earthly thing  
So won't You reign in me again

##### **Chorus**

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**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.**

## **RECOGNITION OF SENIORS:**

Today we uplift the accomplishments of our graduating Seniors!

**We give thanks for all you've experienced,  
for all you've grown to be,  
and for all you'll become!**

As we celebrate that one part of your life's journey is complete ...

**We celebrate a new chapter of life beginning ...  
a chapter of people and places yet to be imagined!**

In this new beginning, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek God's will in all you do, and God will direct your paths." (*Proverbs 3:5-6*)

**In this new beginning, remember that our love, support,  
and prayers will always be with you!**

*As names are read, graduates should come forward.*

*Please remain standing at the front until all names have been called.*

*Kayla Bachleitner, Kallie Beito, Cooper Flaig, Lauren Hedlund,  
Jeron Hulst, Owen Jaenicke, Teagan LaPlante, Andrew Olson,  
Kolin Schumacher, Aydon Severson, Braxton Spilde, Max Wilson,  
Morgan Zencius*

**PRAYER FOR GRADUATES:** Gracious and loving God, we ask that your almighty hand to be upon our graduates as they and their families celebrate this grand milestone! May each graduate walk in your presence as they deepen in faith, grow in their abilities, and share your light in the world. May they find assurance in our continued love and support as they launch into these new adventures in life! Amen.

## **FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14**

<sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of

Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

### **PSALM 47**

<sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with a joyful sound.

**<sup>2</sup>For the Lord Most High is to be feared:  
a great king over all the earth,**

<sup>3</sup>who subdues the peoples under us,  
and the nations under our feet;

**<sup>4</sup>who chooses our inheritance for us,  
the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**

<sup>5</sup>God has gone up with a shout,  
the Lord with the sound of the ram’s horn.

**<sup>6</sup>Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

<sup>7</sup>For God is king of all the earth;  
sing praises with a song.

**<sup>8</sup>God reigns over the nations;  
God is enthroned on high.**

### **GOSPEL: John 17:1-11**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.     C: Praise to you, O Christ.

### **SERMON SONG: *"I Will Follow"***

#### **Verse 1**

All Your ways are good  
All Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my sight  
High above my life  
I will trust in You alone

#### **Chorus**

Where You go, I'll go  
Where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love, I'll love  
How You serve, I'll serve  
If this life I lose,  
I will follow You  
Yeah I will follow You yeah

#### **Verse 2**

Light into the world  
Light into my life  
I will live for You alone  
You're the One I seek  
Knowing I will find  
All I need in You alone,  
In You alone

### **Chorus**

Where You go, I'll go  
Where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love, I'll love  
How You serve, I'll serve  
If this life I lose,  
I will follow You  
Yeah I will follow You yeah

### **Bridge**

In You there's life everlasting  
In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy unending joy  
And I will follow

### **Chorus**

Where You go, I'll go  
Where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love, I'll love  
How You serve, I'll serve  
If this life I lose,  
I will follow You

### **Ending**

Yeah, I will follow You, yeah  
I will follow You yeah  
I will follow You yeah

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## **SERMON**

### **APOSTLE'S 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.

## **PRAYERS**

### **OFFERING: *"Rock Of Ages"***

#### **Verse**

There is no rock, There is no god like our God  
No other name worthy of all our praise  
The Rock of salvation that cannot be moved  
He's proven Himself to be faithful and true  
There is no rock there is no god like ours

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#### **Chorus**

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### **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.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **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.

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION: “Humble Thyself/Awesome God”**

*(Follow words on the projection screen)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:** We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### **BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG: “In the Secret”** (See next page)

### **Verse 1**

In the secret, in the quiet place  
In the stillness You are there  
In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait,  
Only for you  
'Cause I want to know you more

### **Chorus:**

I want to know You  
I want to hear Your voice  
I want to know You more  
I want to touch You  
I want to see Your face  
I want to know You more

### **Verse 2**

I am reaching for the highest goal  
That I might receive the prize  
Pressing onward, pushing every hindrance aside  
Out of my way  
'Cause I want to know You more

### **Chorus:**

I want to know You  
I want to hear Your voice  
I want to know You more  
I want to touch You  
I want to see Your face  
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**DISMISSAL:** Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God!**