



# Messiah Lutheran Church

Easter 6

May 14, 2023

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

*This new day is fresh with possibility to encounter the Living Christ.*

**With bright eyes, let us search!**

*This new day is fresh with possibility to understand the Living Christ.*

**With engaged minds, let us ponder!**

*This new day is fresh with possibility to be moved by the Living Christ.*

**With compassionate hearts, let us feel!**

*This new day is fresh with possibility to respond to the Living Christ.*

**With solid devotion, let us follow!**

*This new day is fresh with possibility to serve the Living Christ.*

**With humble intention, let us act!**

*This new day is fresh with possibility to praise the Living Christ.*

**With strong voices, let us sing!**

### SONG OF PRAISE:

*ELW Holy Communion Setting 10, page 204*



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:**

**How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! We long to be in Your presence and behold You, face to face! Today we gather to offer the praise which belongs to You alone. Bless us as we worship together. Open our hearts and minds to Your presence among us, for You alone are God, the One in whom we trust! Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Ephesians 3:16-19**

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup>may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup>and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

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

## **PSALM 84:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>*How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!*

<sup>2</sup>**My soul longs, indeed it faints**

**for the courts of the LORD;**

**my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

<sup>3</sup>*Even the sparrow finds a home,*

*and the swallow a nest for herself,*

*where she may lay her young,*

*at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.*

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are those who live in your house,**

**ever singing your praise.**

<sup>5</sup>*Happy are those whose strength is in you,*

*in whose heart are the highways to Zion.*

<sup>6</sup>**As they go through the valley of Baca**

**they make it a place of springs;**

**the early rain also covers it with pools.**

<sup>7</sup>*They go from strength to strength;*

*the God of gods will be seen in Zion.*



## GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 18th chapter.

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

<sup>7</sup> If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. <sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

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

## SERMON

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY: "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

We give thee but thine own, Whatev'r that gift may be.  
All that we have is thine alone, A trust O Lord from thee.

## PRAYERS:

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

God of mercy, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Inspire your church to serve and love all people with the unceasing grace you extend to us.

**Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.**

God of all creation, you formed a world where even the sparrow finds a home. Preserve the beauty and diversity of all creatures with whom we share the earth. Lead us to protect all living things.

**Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, you are an ever-present help in time of trouble. Rescue families and nations torn apart by violence and warfare. Unite all people toward common goals of reconciliation and peace for every person.

**Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.**

God of hope, you stand with the suffering and give strength. Comfort any who are filled with fear or anger, anxiety or shame. Bring healing to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit (especially).

**Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.**

God of restoration, you call us to trust in you and not ourselves alone. Make this congregation a community of humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and follow in your ways.

**Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.**

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **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.**

**CLOSING SONG: "Now Thank We All Our God"**  
(Verse 1 & 3)

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#### **BENEDICTION**

#### **BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**