

**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
**The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**



**Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

**July 30, 2023**

**Divine Service IV**

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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**VISITORS WELCOME!** A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please sign the guestbook near the front door and introduce yourself to the pastor after the service. We pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated every Sunday and on Feast Days. Visiting communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to commune today. All other visitors are asked to speak with the pastor before coming to the altar. If there is time before the service, introduce yourself to the pastor or an elder. Other visitors are invited to use this time for prayer. If you desire information about attending communion, you are encouraged to visit with the pastor after the service today.

**PRAYERS OF PREPARATION** are found in the cover of the hymnals. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer. **Please turn off and put away all electronic devices during the service.**

**+SERVING TODAY+**

**Elder:** Mike Martin

**Ushers:** Mark Mielke & Garrett Koch

**Greeter:** Vicky Nelson

**Organist:** Monica Scholz

**Altar Guild:** Angela Pynaker & Kim Collina

**Fellowship:** Jen & Luke Bertz

**Altar Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are provided in honor of Ayden Howton's birthday.

Stand

Confession and Absolution

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 48:1, 3, 11, 14; antiphon: v 1-10



We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,\*  
in the midst of your | temple.

As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the  
earth.\*

Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.

**Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised\***  
**in the city of our God, His holy | mountain.**

**Within her | citadels\***

**God has made himself known as a | fortress.**

Let Mount Zion | be glad!\*

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments!

This is God, our God forever and | ever.\*

He will guide us for- | ever.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,\*  
in the midst of your | temple.

As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the  
earth.\*

Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are  
right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be  
enabled by You to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your  
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one

God, now and forever.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 23:16–29*

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

<sup>18</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD  
to see and to hear his word,  
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

<sup>19</sup>Behold, the storm of the LORD!  
Wrath has gone forth,  
a whirling tempest;  
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

<sup>20</sup>The anger of the LORD will not turn back  
until he has executed and accomplished  
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

<sup>21</sup>“I did not send the prophets,  
yet they ran;  
I did not speak to them,  
yet they prophesied.

<sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my council,  
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,  
and they would have turned them from their evil way,  
and from the evil of their deeds.

<sup>23</sup>“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off?

<sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ <sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares

the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

## Gradual

*Ps. 31:2b, 1a*



Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,\*  
a strong fortress to | save me!  
In you, O LORD, do I take | refuge;\*  
let me never be | put to shame.

## Epistle

*Romans 8:12–17*

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

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## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 7:15–23*

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup>You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

<sup>17</sup>So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

<sup>21</sup>“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup>On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ <sup>23</sup>And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

## Nicene Creed

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*Sit*

**In God, My Faithful God**

*LSB 745*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offertory Hymn - We Give Thee But Thine Own** *LSB 781, v. 1 & 6*

*Sit*

**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

*Stand*

**Preface**

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**Sanctus**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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**Lord's Prayer**

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini**

**Agnus Dei**

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*Sit*

**Distribution**

**Our Father, by Whose Name**

*LSB 863*

**Draw Us to Thee**

*LSB 701*

**Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us**

*LSB 851*

**O Blessed Spring**

*LSB 595*

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

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**Post-Communion Collect**

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**Benedicamus and Benediction**

**Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

*LSB 643*

**+VDMA+**

**Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum  
The Word of the Lord endures forever**

**+PRAYER LIST+**

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Rick Zuehls, Rianon Padro, Exavier Padro, and veterans.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Rylie Snodgrass, Ken Gundlach (uncle of Sarah Billings), John Funk (friend of Steve and Sarah Billings), Walt Dissen, Kathy Krause (niece of Jane Gundlach), Vicky Basquez, and Nancy Hilliard.

**+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 30<sup>th</sup>+**

- ✘ **FIRE NIGHT:** Our next Fire Night is scheduled for Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.
- ✘ **CREATION PRESENTATION:** You are invited to hear Dr. Robert Carter speak at Hope LCMS (876 Lance Dr. Twin Lakes) on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.
- ✘ **SOFTBALL GAME:** Good Shepherd in Pleasant Prairie has invited us to a picnic and softball game on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, starting at noon. Bring a side dish or dessert. If you would like to play softball, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway and see Mark Varvil with any questions.
- ✘ **CHURCH PICNIC:** Messiah's church picnic will be Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> after the Divine Service. The church will provide Italian baked chicken from Hometown Meats and members will bring sides, desserts, and drinks. The Kona Ice truck will be here and the first 50 cups are free thanks to a donation from a member. See the bulletin board in the hallway to sign up to bring food and/or to help set up the tent the day before.

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Lord's Work contributions budget YTD as of 7/28:	\$147,137
Lord's Work contributions received YTD as of 7/28:	\$134,208
Difference:	-12,929
Restricted contributions YTD as of 7/28:	\$27,742
Mortgage Balance as of 7/18:	\$32,235

**ATTENDANCE 7/23: 116**

**BIRTHDAYS**

7/30 Luke Bertz  
8/1 Rick Holtz  
8/3 Nancy Hilliard  
8/4 Mary Rusch

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

7/30 Mikaela McConville  
8/1 Kris Kochman  
8/3 Meri Jo Cleereman

## ANNIVERSARIES

8/3 John & Elyse Adams (11 years)

## +AUGUST EVENTS+

Friday	Aug. 4	7:00 pm	Creation Presentation @ Hope LCMS Twin Lakes
Friday	Aug. 11	6:00 pm	Fire Night
Sunday	Aug. 13	12:00 pm	Softball Game @ Good Shepherd
Sunday	Aug. 20	11:00 am	Church Picnic