

**Sunday, July 13, 2025**  
**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10 am**



MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship at Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church; we give thanks for your presence with us this day.

Children are always welcome for the duration of our worship services. Their voices remind us of the joy (and sometimes lament) of being the people of God. There are activity bags hanging on the rack outside the sanctuary if your little one would like something to keep their hands busy.

As we worship during this uncertain time, we gather under the cross of Christ, knowing that we are loved by God, redeemed by our Savior and called into lives of active discipleship by the Holy Spirit.

# GATHERING

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** Lord, I Want to be a Christian

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## GATHERING SONG *As We Gather at Your Table* (ELW 522)



- 1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
- 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
- 3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

## 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE (*All Glory Be to God on High*)

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and half notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the fourth staff.

All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -  
friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the strife at last is  
end - ed. God shows good-will to one and all, and peace when trou - bled  
sin - ners call. Thank God for grace and mer - cy!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

<b>WORD</b>
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## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

A reading from Deuteronomy.

The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. “Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10**

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my  
salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to  
your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

## **SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14**

A reading from Colossians.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *What a Mighty Word God Gives (W&P 155)*

What a mighty Word God gives!

What a mighty Word God gives!

When God speaks, our faith is fed. Give us, Lord, our dai - ly bread.

What a mighty Word God gives!

## **GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

# HYMN OF THE DAY *When the Poor Ones* (ELW 725)



- 1 *Cuan-do* *el* *po - bre* *na - da* *tie - ne* *y aún* *re - par - te,*  
 1 When the poor ones, who have noth - ing, still are giv - ing;  
 2 When com - pas - sion gives the suf - f'ring con - so - la - tion;  
 3 When our spir - its, like a chal - ice, brim with glad - ness;  
 4 When the good - ness poured from heav - en fills our dwell - ings;



*cuan - do* *al - guien* *pa - sa* *sed* *y a - gua* *nos* *da,*  
 when the thirst - y pass the cup, wa - ter to share;  
 when ex - spect - ing brings to birth hope that was lost;  
 when our voic - es, full and clear, sing out the truth;  
 when the na - tions work to change war in - to peace;



*cuan-do* *el* *dé - bil* *a su* *her - ma - no* *for - ta - le - ce:*  
 when the wound - ed of - fer oth - ers strength and heal - ing;  
 when we choose love, not the ha - tred all a - round us;  
 when our long - ings, free from en - vy, seek the hum - ble:  
 when the strang - er is ac - cept - ed as our neigh - bor:

*Refrain / Estribillo*



*Va Dios* *mis - mo* *en nues - tro* *mis - mo* *ca - mi - nar;*  
 We see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way;



*va Dios* *mis - mo* *en nues - tro* *mis - mo* *ca - mi - nar.*  
 we see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way.



## APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our common Christian faith using the words of the 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 OF INTERCESSION

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage pastors, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they seek to learn your ways. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers and farm workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for Donald, our President, Kathy, our Governor and all our elected officials that they may lead our nation into unity. As disciples and neighbors, may our words and deeds be civil and respectful, speaking truth with integrity and recognizing the sanctity of all life. May we, with our leaders, work for the benefit of all your children. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing especially.....Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Hear now the deepest desires of our hearts..... God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

<b>MEAL</b>
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## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. **God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

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.**

## PREFACE

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW 192A)



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



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



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

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### **COMMUNION**

## HYMN DURING COMMUNION

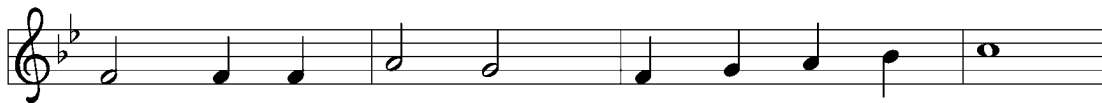
### *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* (ELW 800)



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.  
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION Meditation

Massanet

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. **Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

<b>SENDING</b>
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## **SENDING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

# SENDING SONG *Spirit, Open My Heart* (ACS 1043)

## Refrain



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain

fear deed, to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

POSTLUDE The Heavens are Telling

Hayden

DISMISSAL

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Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Called into community, gifted to serve;  
Glorifying God through love in action.

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### Lectionary readings week of July 13

Monday:	Psalm 7 Amos 3:9—4:5 James 2:1-7	Thursday:	Psalm 52 Amos 5:10-17 Hebrews 5:1-6
Tuesday:	Psalm 7 Amos 4:6-13 1 John 3:11-17	Friday:	Psalm 52 Amos 5:18-27 Ephesians 3:14-21
Wednesday:	Psalm 7 Amos 5:1-9 Matthew 25:31-46	Saturday:	Psalm 52 Amos 6:1-14 Luke 8:4-10