



Messiah Lutheran Church and Preschool

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost † July 28, 2024

God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Genesis 9:17

Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;
Our hearts in true devotion bow.
Your Spirit send with light divine,
And let Your truth within us shine.

Unseal our lips to sing Your praise
In endless hymns through all our days.
Increase our faith and light our minds;
And set us free from doubt that blinds.

Then shall we join the hosts that cry,
“O holy, holy Lord Most High!”
And in the light of that blest place
We then shall see You face to face.

All glory to the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity!

Invocation & Opening Sentences

Psalm 143:1a, 2, 8, 10; 145:8–9

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

C Enter not into judgment with Your servant, for no one living is righteous before You.


P Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul.

C Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God! Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

P The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in the Small Catechism informs and directs us with these words, which summarizes it well.
- C** **Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**
- P** Humble yourselves, then, before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.
- C** **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**
- P** God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 145:1–3, 6–7; antiphon: v. 5

- P** On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- C** **I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.
They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,

and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

Kyrie *LSB 204*

C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Hymn: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

LSB 575

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus 'blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus 'name. *Refrain*

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 9:8–17

⁸ God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 3:14–21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse *Mark 6:50b*

P Alleluia! Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.

C Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:45–56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore.

⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵and ran about

the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

LSB 715

Jesus, Savior, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee.
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore
And the fearful breakers roar
Twixt me and the peaceful rest,
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me,
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."

Sermon

Reverend Chuck Paulson

Catechism

The Second Article

P We have begun our worship this day in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the Second Person of the Holy Trinity.

C I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Hymn: Be Still, My Soul

LSB 752

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in this vale of tears;
Then you will better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Lord's Prayer

C 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 Collect

P O Lord, graciously receive the prayers of Your Church that, being delivered from all adversity and error, it may serve You in safety and freedom and dwell in Your peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Benediction *LSB 183*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Closing Hymn: Abide, O Dearest Jesus

LSB 919

1 - Abide, O dearest Jesus,
Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place.

2 - Abide, O dear Redeemer,
Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter
True peace and joy afford.

3 - Abide with heav'nly brightness
Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us
From error's gloomy night.

4 - Abide with richest blessings
Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom
Grow daily through Your Word.

5 - Abide with Your protection
Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length.

6 - Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

Announcements

Prayer is our comfort, our strength and our salvation – as our first line of defense against our enemies.

... therefore, we lift up the following in prayer ...

for our Congregation: Chris & Penny Carter and Scarlet; Terry Chhabra and her family Frank, Amanda, Gus & Luke; Verna & Joe Sorensen; John & Suzy Soper; Pastor Vanderbush and his family as they settle into a new town, new home and new congregation

for our Family & Friends: Karla Marchell's mother Beverly, Elizabeth Tobaben, Chloe Knettel and parents Jacob & Alex; Brandii Wyatt; John Harris, Debbie Wheaton, Heather Mulledy, Susie Roberts, J. R. Rittman, Jeannie Harrold, Marvin Wendeborn, Michelle Mohnke O'Brian, Tod Dunlevy and Steve Knix

for our Military Friends: Joshua Osterman, Evan Goeke, Greg Todd and Mike Sneath

From Messiah's Board of Directors:

- 1) Brad Sanders, in anticipation of the Sanders move to Corsicana, has resigned his position on Messiah's Board of Directors. The Board will seek an interim appointee in the near future, but there will be vacancies on the BOD that will need to be filled at the Congregational meeting this November.
- 2) Two additional members (Sharon Loren, Secretary and Anthony Sansone, Treasurer) will term-out this year, so these additional vacancies will need to be filled.
- 3) Bill Thomas has offered to underwrite new illuminated signs for Messiah Lutheran that will beautify our campus and help draw attention to the church. Others will be invited to also donate to the cause if so moved. The Board fully supports this effort. The plans will be announced and displayed **on Sunday, July 28th** to the congregation. The congregation will have an opportunity to vote on the plans on **Sunday, August 11th**
- 4) The upcoming Town Hall for the congregation will be on Sunday **October 20th** and the Voter's Meeting will be on Sunday **November 3rd**.

Pianist Update - Some have asked about Bob Shoaf, our former pianist. Bob had decided to retire from church musicianship and finally felt comfortable acting on that decision recently. We wish Bob all the best and pray the Lord blesses him in this new chapter of his life. As for Messiah, Linda Berberich has taken the helm of playing for Sunday services. Both she and her husband, George, are working with me to develop our music abilities both in breadth and depth. I am so very thankful for Linda and George and their willingness to serve in this capacity. I look forward to working with them and we should all be very excited about what is to come in regard to music at Messiah Lutheran Church and Preschool. If you have any questions or comments about this, please let me know.

In Christ, Pastor Vanderbush

Messiah's Kids Preschool - 830-755-2460 The 2024-2025 school year starts August 26. We currently have 4 spots available in our 3-day 3-year-old preschool class. Students in this class must be fully potty-trained, no pull-ups or diapers are allowed. To schedule a tour and register. Please call the number above.

Adult Game Day - August 10th will be our Messiah Adult game day at the Family Life Center Fellowship Room from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Bring your drinks and any snacks to share!

Messiah's Ladies Time Out - August 15th we will meet at 9:00 am at El Poblano located at 29202 Ralph Fair Road. Please RSVP to Lindy Eschenko or sign up at church!

Make-A-Will Workshop – The Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center is inviting you to a Make-A-Will Workshop on Wednesday, August 7th from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm at their Conference Room. Seats are limited – please reserve your spot by Thursday, August 1st. Should you have any questions please contact Sue Theis.

A Special Thank you - I want to thank everyone who helped Messiah carry on as usual while Kim & I were on the vacation of our lives! I'm not naming names as I'm sure I would leave someone out. Please know that you are loved!

Serving Messiah today – July 28, 2024

Elders: Hal Eschenko and Maurice Doublett
Coffee: Harold & Shirley Moore
Breakfast: Harold & Shirley Moore
Pastor: Reverend Chuck Paulson
Musician: Linda Berberich
AV: Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek
Ushers: Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek – Pam Fields – Maurice Doublet
Greeter: Lynn Lang

Serving us Next Sunday – August 4, 2024

Elders: Ed Mycock & Larry Risley
Coffee: Shirley Moore
Breakfast: Terry Chhabra
Pastor: Pastor Neil Vanderbush
Musician: Linda Berberich
AV: David & Lorrie Wendeborn
Ushers: Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek – Pam Fields – Maurice Doublet
Greeter: Alana Kemmy

Flowers on the Altar today placed by:

Mike & Debbie Stender – celebrating 52 years of marriage
Pastor Neil & Holly Vanderbush – blessings on Son-in-Law Michael Cooney’s birthday

Attendance Last Week – July 21st

Worship	94	Bible Study	39
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June Contributions:

General Fund - \$46,066.00 Building Fund - \$870.00
Family Life Center Rentals - \$2,350.00