

**Our Mission:** To help people grow a faith in Jesus Christ that works in real life.

**Our Vision:** To forever change lives through the Gospel of Jesus by becoming an equipping, empowering, and mobilizing church in our community that displays the love of Christ and connects with people of all walks of life through worship, communion, service, fellowship, and compassion, led by the Holy Spirit and focused on the Great Commission (Mt 28.18-20).



The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 7, 2024 – 9:00 AM  
Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

*The Church's One Foundation*

Chuck Marohnic

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

*How Firm a Foundation*

Hymn #796

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through fi'ry trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

"Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove  
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A** Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**WORD**

FIRST READING

2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10

**L** Let us listen for the word of the Lord.

<sup>2</sup> I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup> was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup> On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup> even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup> Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

R The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

#### KIDS' TALK

#### GOSPEL

MARK 6:1-13

P The holy gospel according to Mark, the sixth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup> Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup> On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” <sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup> He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup> So they

went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### GREETING

**P** Grace, mercy and peace be to you from God our Father and the Lord,  
Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen.**

#### MESSAGE

Pastor Wendy Piano

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission (stanzas 1, 2, 5)*

Hymn #579

Lord, you give the great commission:

“Heal the sick and preach the word.”

Lest the church neglect its mission,  
and the gospel go unheard,

help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity:

With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us  
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:

“In my name baptize and teach.”

That the world may trust your promise,  
life abundant meant for each,

give us all new fervor, draw us  
closer in community:

With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us  
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:

“I am with you to the end.”

Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend

and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity:

With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us  
for the work of ministry.

## APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C 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 THE PEOPLE

A One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

A Glorious God, you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples. Let the servant church arise in our teaching, our praying, our healing, and our doing. Make all your faithful people powerful in weakness and strong in grace. In your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**

A Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens and your hands mold the earth. Where there is drought, bring nourishing rain. Where there is devastation from fire or flood, bring relief. Sustain the well-being of every living thing. In your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**

A Merciful God, you speak and the nations listen. Open those who govern to the cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, particularly people fleeing violence, those seeking freedom, and those in search of community. In your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**

A Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled. Anoint Kathryn, Irene, Garry, Sharon, Kathy, Karen, Erica, Trudy, Myrna, Julie, Lois, Jaclynn, Chris, and Stephanie, and all who suffer in any way with the oil of healing and grant them renewal. Bring solace to those who grieve, including the family of Pastor Carl Satre. In your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**

A Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies become neighbors. Open our doors to those we have so easily shut out, particularly people who are different from us or who are marginalized by church or society. In your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A Eternal God, you gather us into your house of many dwelling places. We give you thanks for our faithful departed. Inspire us by their lives of faith until, with them, we rest forever at our journey's end. In your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

## MEAL

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P We give thanks to you, O God, for your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who, in the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P With the church throughout the world, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## INVITATION

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

## DISTRIBUTION

## BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C **Amen.**

## SENDING

## SENDING HYMN

*We All Are One in Mission*

Hymn #576

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are diff'rent; our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,  
so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

## BENEDICTION

P . . . in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

- A      Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
C      **Thanks be to God.**
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Assisting in the service today:

**Pastor** Tim Graham

**Pastor** Wendy Piano

**Assisting Minister** Bill Marker

**Pianist** Stan Engle

**Communion Assistants** Jan Johnson, Anne Simerman

**AV Coordinator** Sara Brown

**AV Team** Emily Blackman, Tom Eishen, Richard Hambrock









## Announcements

**The Messenger** (Messiah's newsletter) is available at the Info Center and online at [www.messiahlc.com](http://www.messiahlc.com).

**2024 Flower Chart** (small white binder) is available at the Info Center. Sign up to provide flowers on any given Sunday—be sure to include the dedication for the bulletin. Flowers are \$40 weekly.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study** will be on hiatus for the month of July and will reconvene in August. See Pastor Brian with any questions.

**PALS** will meet next Sunday, July 14, in the library after the 10:30 service. All women are welcome to attend!

**ELCA National Youth Gathering:** Please join us on Sunday, July 14, at both services for a sending blessing for our high school students (and their adult chaperones) and young adults attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. We will head out Monday morning, July 15, and return Saturday, July 20. Please pray for us for safe travels and strength and open hearts as we venture to serve and worship with other ELCA youth and adults from around the country.

**Bags of Grace:** We are still in need of toothpaste, protein items, cookies, and gum to fill our bags. Thanks to the generous donations of fruit and pudding we have plenty of those items. Join us as we gather on July 14 in Satre Hall between the services to assemble more bags, and then join us as we distribute the bags at Freimann Square on July 28. There is a collection bin in the vestibule at the main entrance. Contact Jan Johnson at [justplainjan47@gmail.com](mailto:justplainjan47@gmail.com) with any questions.

**School Supplies:** School will be starting soon, and supplies are again being collected. See the July Messenger (available online or at the Info Center in the Narthex) for a list of supplies needed. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated. Thank you for your generosity! Please contact Bill or Charnell Marker at [bcwmarker@aol.com](mailto:bcwmarker@aol.com) with any questions.

**Prayer List** If you wish anyone to be on the prayer list, please submit the info to [karla@messiahlc.com](mailto:karla@messiahlc.com) or call (260) 485-8716. Names will remain on the prayer list for a month.

**Announcements** should be submitted to [karla@messiahlc.com](mailto:karla@messiahlc.com) by noon Tuesday for inclusion in Sunday's bulletin. Announcements should include who, what, when, and where, and are subject to editing.

**Chancel flowers** have been given to the glory of God by Nancy Hickman in memory of Tony Hickman.

Last Week's Offering \$ 12,107.56

Special Estate Gift \$ 31,873.25

Weekly Budget \$ 11,538.00

Total 2024 Offering \$ 304,266.79

2024 YTD Budget \$ 299,988.00

Organ Fund \$ 8,228.58

Organ Cost \$42, 846.28