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July 13, 2025

Friendship Sunday



"Here I am. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

**We Welcome Our Visitors** who are with us this morning.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.

We invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.

If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor.

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✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 18 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

**Greeting and prayer:** (Pastor)

**Opening Hymn: 830 *Spread the Reign of God the Lord***

LSB 830

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

(Worship Supplement, p. 12)

### **Invocation**

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

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

**C** Amen.

### **Confession and Absolution**

*We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

**P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

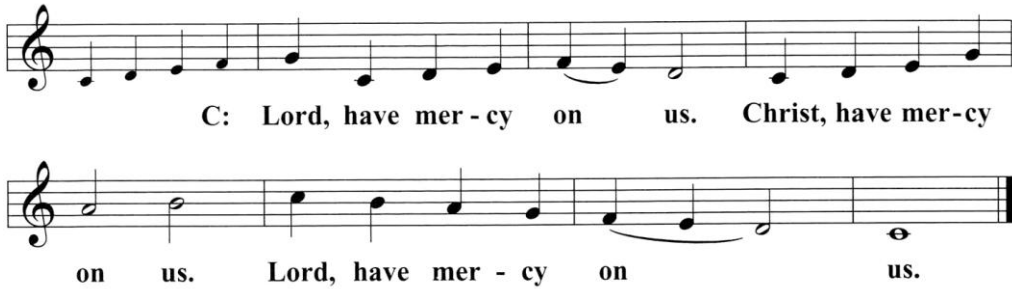
**C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful by nature. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy upon me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**P** God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. Through faith in Him, which was created in you by the Holy Spirit, you are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**C** Amen.

**Kyrie** Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.

W.S. p. 13



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

**Gloria in Excelsis** Latin for "Glory to God in the highest."

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C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,  
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:  
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,  
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** We pray:

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads. We pray this in Jesus' name, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## First Reading

*Isaiah 6:1-8 (EHV)*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two they covered their faces. With two they covered their feet. With two they flew. <sup>3</sup> One called to another and said,

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Armies!

The whole earth is full of his glory!

<sup>4</sup> The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who called, and the temple was filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup> Then I said, "I am doomed! I am ruined, because I am a man with unclean lips, and I dwell among a people with unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Armies!"

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, carrying a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. <sup>7</sup> He touched my mouth with the coal and said, "Look, this has touched your lips, so your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven."

<sup>8</sup> Then I heard the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"  
Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!"

## Psalm of the Day – Psalm 18 (selected verses - RESPONSIVE)

**P** I love you, O LORD, my strength.

**C** The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;

**P** my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

**C** He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

**P** I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise,

**C** and I am saved from my enemies.

**P** The cords of death entangled me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.

**C** **The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me.**

**P** In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help.

**C** **From His temple he heard my voice; my cry came before Him, into His ears.**

**P** He reached down from on high and took hold of me;

**C** **He drew me out of deep waters.**

**P** He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me.

**C** **They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the LORD was my support.**

**P** He brought me out into a spacious place;

**C** **He rescued me because He delighted in me.**

**P** As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless.

**C** **He is a shield for all who take refuge in Him.**

**P** For who is God besides the LORD?

**C** **And who is the Rock except our God?**

**P** The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock!

**C** **Exalted be God my Savior!**

**P** Therefore I will praise You among the nations, O LORD;

**C** **I will sing praises to Your name.**

**P** He gives his king great victories;

**C** **He shows unfailing kindness to His anointed,  
to David and his descendants forever.**

## Second Reading

*Galatians 3:26-29 (EHV)*

**P** The second reading is from Galatians 3:26-29.

**C** **Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!**

<sup>26</sup> In fact, you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Indeed, as many of you as were baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is not Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, for you are all one and the same in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants and heirs according to the promise.

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

## Alleluia and Verse

*When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Alleluia!"—meaning, "Praise the Lord!"*



## ***Baptism of June Aubrey Brown***

Born: July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Reborn of Water and the Spirit: July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Parents: Adam and Jady Brown



## **Apostles' Creed** *We boldly confess what we believe.*

*W.S. p. 15*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**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 there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

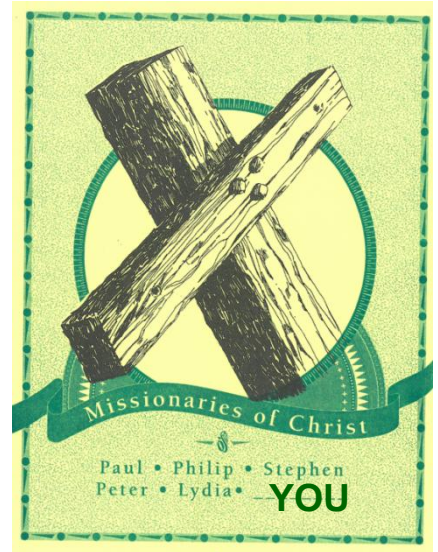
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day: 594 *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It***

LSB 594

**Sermon Text: Matthew 28:16-20 (NKJV)**

<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.




**Sermon Theme: You are a Missionary!**

- ✝ Who comes to mind when you think of someone sent on a "mission"?
- ✝ Who comes to mind when you think of a Missionary of Christ?
- ✝ Do you think of yourself as a missionary? Are you a missionary?
- ✝ Can you put the Gospel ("Good News") message about Jesus into a simple sentence or two? (Or maybe you can think of a Bible passage that presents the Gospel clearly?)
- ✝ In what ways can you be a "Missionary of Christ" this week?

## Offertory

W.S. p. 16



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me  
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

## Children's VBS Hymn: 826 *Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying*

LSB 826

(v. 1-2 – Children; v. 3 – Congregation; v. 4 – All)

**Offering** *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

**Prayer of the Church** *We bring our prayers to God.*

## 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.



**Benediction** *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- ☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.



**Closing Hymn: 835 On Galilee's High Mountain** *(please stand for last verse)* LSB 835

(after announcements) **Children's Song: "Baba Yetu"**  
(The Lord's Prayer in Swahili)

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## **Announcements**



**Welcome!** We welcome all our visitors this morning.  
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

Today: *Friendship Sunday*  
7/13/25 **Children's Choir Practice** (VBS songs) – **8:30am**  
**Worship w/ Baptism – 9am**  
**Church Picnic – 12noon** (Calhoun Park - Pavilion #1, New Berlin)

This Week: Tuesday – **Board of Property – 5:30pm**  
Wednesday – **Worship Service at The Villa** (Greenfield) – **10am**  
**Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30pm** (Zoom & In-Person)  
Thursday – **Church Council Meeting – 6pm**

Church Cleaning: Team #6 (7/12-7/18); Team #7 (7/19-7/25)

Next Sunday: **Worship – 9am**  
7/20/25



**Private Communion After the Worship Service** – For communicant members who would like to receive the Lord's Supper today, please meet with Pastor Luke at the front of church after the worship service this morning.



**Church Picnic – Today @ 12pm** - The annual church picnic will take place **TODAY (Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>) at 12:00pm**. The picnic is located at **Pavillion #1 at Calhoun Park, 5400 S Calhoun Rd, New Berlin, WI**. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert, lawn chairs, and softball gloves. Hope to see you there!

### **Vacation Bible School Recap –**

We praise God for an incredibly blessed week of Vacation Bible School! We had **35 total students** attend at least one day of our VBS (including 8 visitors who had not attended our VBS before), and had an average of **30 students per day**. A huge THANK YOU to all of the teachers and staff who volunteered their time and efforts before, during, and after our Vacation Bible School to help make it such an enjoyable and faith-building blessing to the children of our congregation and community! We thank the Lord for your willing and excellent service! Please check out the huge banner the VBS students and staff made on Friday. It is hanging in the hallway near the kindergarten classroom. Also, extra VBS t-shirts, books, and craft items are on the hall counter.



#### **Teachers:**

**Sarah Serba** (Pre-K & K)

**Emily Tiefel** (1st – 3rd Grade)

**Kelsey Rodebaugh** (4th – 8th Grade)

#### **Staff:**

**Jessie Nelson & Gabi Nelson**

(Music)

**Brittany Albrecht, Sarah Serba,  
and Bethany Ackerman**

(Craft coordinators)

**Hannah Barthels**

(Snack coordinator, T-shirts, VBS Banner,  
Online Advertising, Photos)

**Owen Albrecht**

(Recess Coordinator & Classroom help)

**Ben Blue**

(VBS Coordinator, Recess help, General help)

**Lisa Lisak**

(Pre-K/K Help; Snacks; Crafts; General help)

**Mary Blue**

(Pre-K/K Help; Crafts, General help)

**Hannah Ackerman**

(Registration; Crafts; General Help)

**Emily Lisak, Lauren Blue, Gail Mackensen**

(Classroom help; Crafts; General Help)

**Pastor Luke**

(Opening & Closing devotions; VBS  
Coordinator; Closing Program)



### **Messiah Lutheran School Volunteers Wanted -**

School is just around the corner, and we'd love to have you involved! All are encouraged to explore volunteer opportunities and join us as they are able. Scan the QR code to sign up or see Mr. Tiefel for more information!



# VOLUNTEERS WANTED

School is just around the corner, and we'd love to have you involved! All are encouraged to explore volunteer opportunities and join us as they are able. Scan the QR code below to sign up or see Mr. Tiefel for more information!

Three photographs showing groups of children and adults. The first photo shows a group of children and adults sitting at a table. The second photo shows a group of children standing and holding heart-shaped signs. The third photo shows a group of adults standing and holding heart-shaped signs.

**SIGN UP NOW**

**Messiah LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

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**CLC Call News** – Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, has **received** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. < > Erin Franson has **accepted** the call to serve as the female Mentor at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College.

**INSTALLATIONS** On Sunday, July 13, 2025, Caleb Schaller will be installed as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran Church, Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, White River, SD, in Valentine, NE. < > On Sunday, July 27, 2025, Mikkela Schmitt will be installed as teacher at Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD.

**RETIREMENTS** Pastor Paul Tiefel, Jr of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has announced his retirement as of August, 2025.

**Vacancy Call Returned** – Earlier this week I received the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Peace Thru Christ in Middleton, WI. After prayer and deliberation and consultation with our Elders I have returned the call to serve as vacancy pastor. Please pray for our brothers and sisters at Peace Thru Christ as they conduct their call meeting today to call their next pastor. In Christ, Pastor Luke

| Bible Readings: |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 7/13            | Num. 18:1-19<br>Psalm 15<br>John 5:18-29           |
| 7/14            | Num. 18:20-32<br>Psalm 16<br>John 5:30-47          |
| 7/15            | Num. 19<br>Psalm 17<br>John 6:1-21                 |
| 7/16            | Num. 20:1-21<br>Psalm 18:1-30<br>John 6:22-40      |
| 7/17            | Num. 20:22-21:20<br>Psalm 18:31-50<br>John 6:41-59 |
| 7/18            | Num. 21:21-35<br>Psalm 19<br>John 6:60-71          |
| 7/19            | Num. 22:1-20<br>Psalm 20<br>John 7:1-24            |



SCAN FOR  
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| July Ushers                                     | Cleaning Team<br>7/19-7/25   |
|---|--|
| Dave Albrecht<br>James Schaser<br>Owen Albrecht | <u>Team 7</u><br>J/L Lisak<br>E/J Nelson<br>E/H Williams<br>B/B Naumann<br>M/A Whiting |
| <b>July Slideshow</b><br>Eric Williams          |  |

| Fruits of Faith      | Last Week:   | To Date:      |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Budgetary Offerings: | \$5,456.00   | \$424,923.17  |
| Budgetary Needs:     | \$8,571.29   | \$454,278.37  |
| Over (Under) Budget: | (\$3,115.29) | (\$29,355.20) |
| Missions:            | \$100.00     | \$2,905.00    |
| ILCSAF:              | \$100.00     | \$1,660.00    |
| MDF:                 | \$15.00      | \$1,855.00    |

**Attendance Last Sun. (7/6): 122**

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