



## MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Pastor Ben Cherland*

*Presiding today, Pastor Paul Schauer*

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING

### GATHERING SONG *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!* (ELW 393)

#### 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.**

#### KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE *ELW 838*

### Beautiful Savior



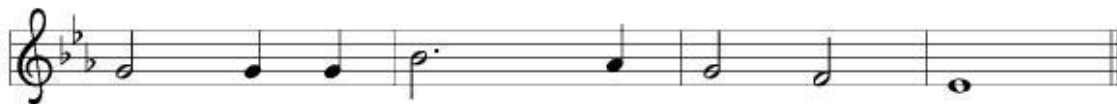
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904  
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### FIRST READING: ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

A reading from Ecclesiastes.

*The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup> I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, <sup>19</sup> and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup> So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup> For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM: 49:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Hear this, all you peoples;  
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,  
<sup>2</sup> **you of high degree and low,  
rich and poor together.**

- <sup>3</sup> My mouth shall speak of wisdom,  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- <sup>4</sup> **I will incline my ear to a proverb  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**
- <sup>5</sup> Why should I be afraid in evil days,  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- <sup>6</sup> **the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,  
and boast of their great riches?**
- <sup>7</sup> One can never redeem another,  
or give to God the ransom for another's life;
- <sup>8</sup> **for the ransom of a life is so great  
that there would never be enough to pay it,**
- <sup>9</sup> in order to live forever and ever  
and never see the grave.
- <sup>10</sup> **For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**
- <sup>11</sup> Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from  
generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.
- <sup>12</sup> **Even though honored, they cannot live forever;  
they are like the beasts that perish.**

## **SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11**

A reading from Colossians.

*Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.*

<sup>1</sup> So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such

things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

The holy gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my

soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* (ELW 779)

## **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**

*Lord in Your Mercy*

*Hear Our Prayer*

## PEACE

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

## MEAL

### OFFERING

#### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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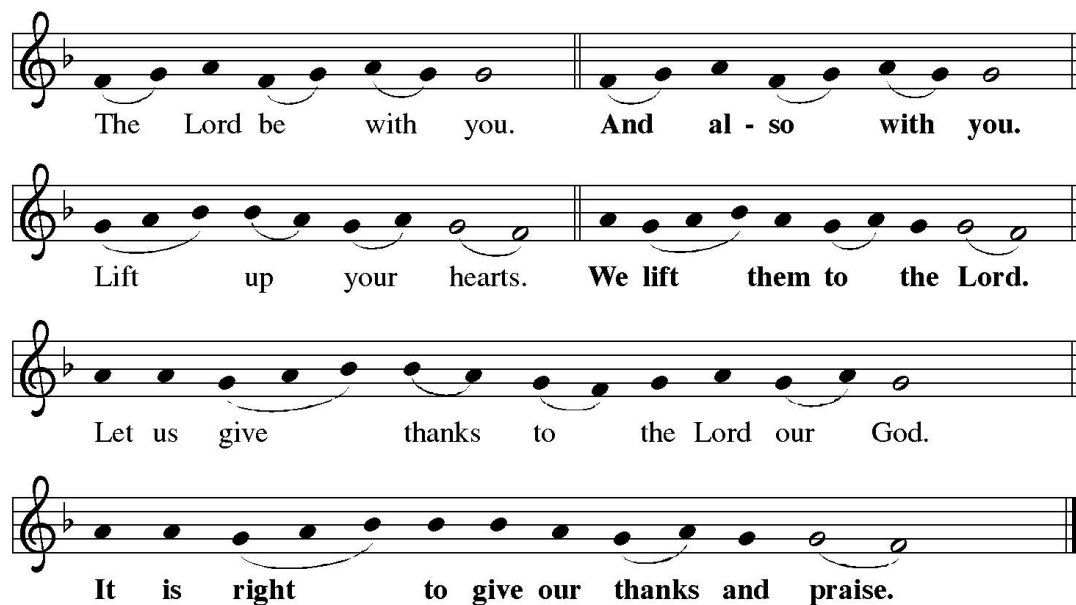
### OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



# GREAT THANKSGIVING

## DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

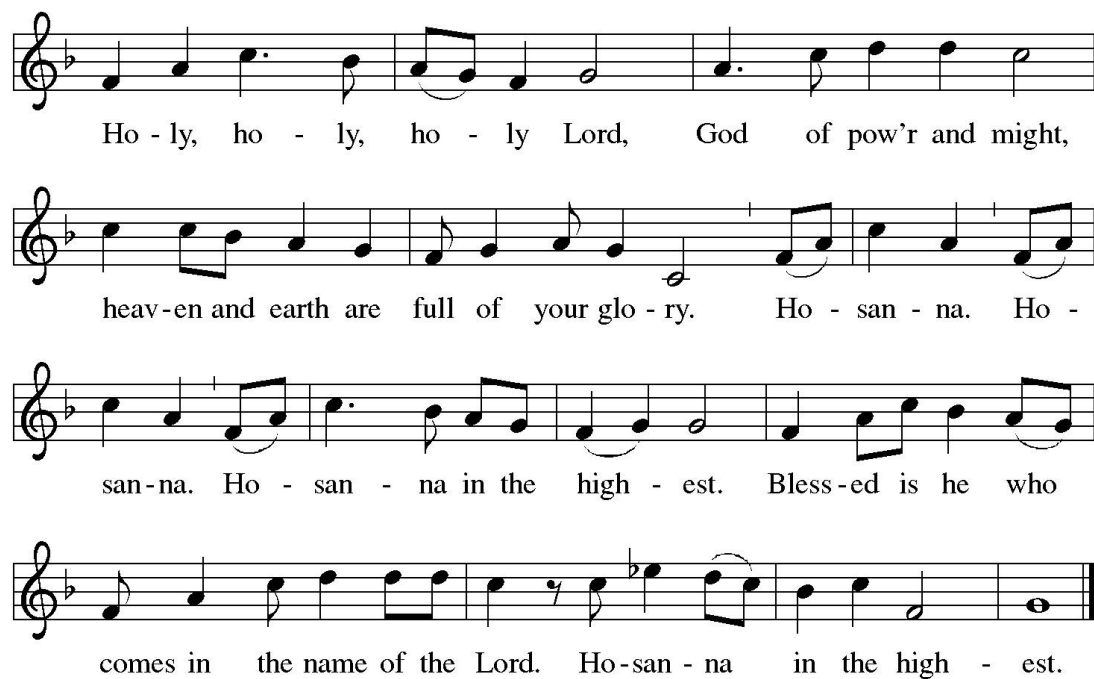
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE (*PASTOR*)

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

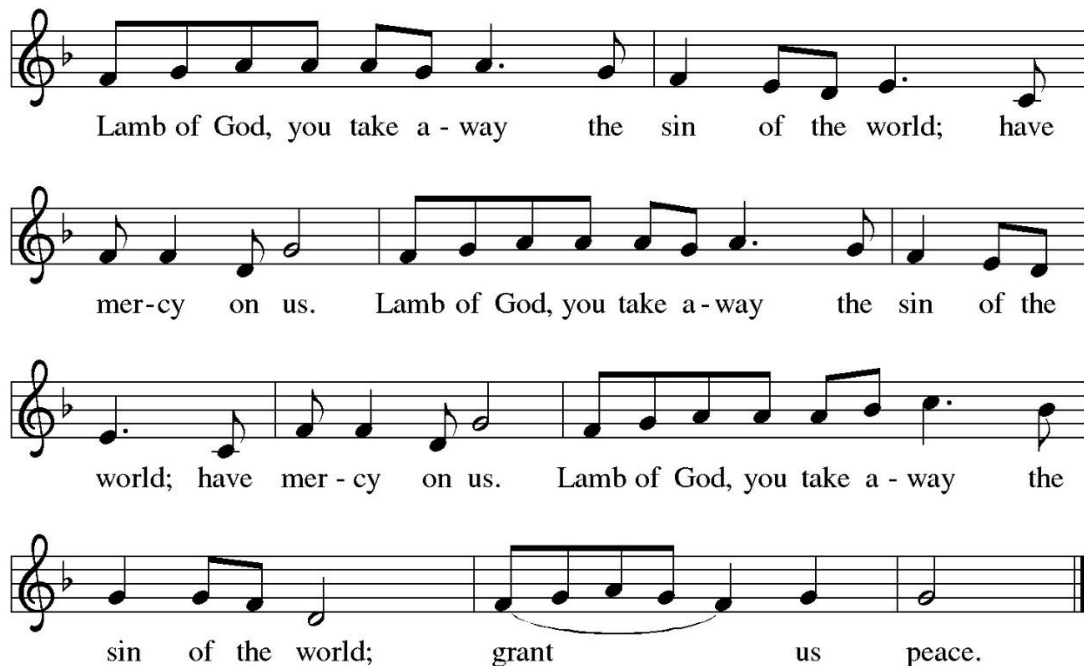
# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

## 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.

## COMMUNION

### COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## **COMMUNION HYMN *Lead Me, Guide Me* (ELW 768)**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.**

### **SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

#### **SENDING SONG *We Know That Christ Is Raised* (ELW 449)**

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Special Offering for August is  
**The Fun Run**

Thank you to all who participated in leading worship today, including:

Readers, Ushers, Communion Assistants, and Tech Booth Attendants.

We need your participation in these roles! Speak to Martha Crofts to sign up.

Help us spread the word about all the amazing things happening at Messiah! Our Outreach Committee is dedicated to sharing our mission, celebrating the talents of our members, and fostering growth within our congregation. If you have a passion for connecting with others and showcasing the wonderful gifts within our church family, we'd love to have you on board! Get involved today!

Contact Sandy Moe at [sandra.moe@rocky.edu](mailto:sandra.moe@rocky.edu) / 218-341-0283.

Let's grow together!

Please bring your clean mismatched, outgrown, holy or just unwanted socks to the SOX BOX in the lobby. Along with the Episcopal and Community churches, we are collecting them to be recycled by Smart Wool into filling for dog beds and other things. This helps protect the environment by keeping them out of the landfill.

### **Upcoming**

Next Sunday we will be having a service of readings and song. Please let Dianne know which of your favorite hymns we should include. Requests will also be taken during the service as well.

Our annual "Trash to Treasure" yard sale and Bake Sale is coming up on August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your saleable donations to the church during office hours, Monday thru Thursday from 11am to 3 pm, or call Dianne (406-425-3222) to meet you at a time convenient for you. Baked goods are especially appreciated as that is what brings many people to the sale. Proceeds will be used to help develop the Fellowship Field.

August 17<sup>th</sup> we will have worship on Fellowship Field with a potluck following.

### **Prayer Requests**

For prayer requests, contact the church office at 406-446-2430 or [redlodgemessiah@gmail.com](mailto:redlodgemessiah@gmail.com) or write your requests in the Prayer Request book with specific information and permission from the person You are adding.

This month the people of Messiah are praying for  
Donald Alexander, The family of Carl Cherland, the family of Neil Carver,  
Jackie Cordill, JoAnne Fox, Nancy Knudson, Dolly Koski, Rick and Sandy Koski,  
Doug & Mary Lair, the family of Paul Odegaard, Brian S., Guynema Terry,  
Josh Wilker, and Madison

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In an effort to make Messiah comfortable and welcoming for everyone, we ask that you refrain from using strong personal scents or perfumes. Thank you.

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