



# MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

MADISON, ALABAMA

**June 28, 2026**  
***5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***



*The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.*

***Good Morning and Welcome!***

If you are an online worshiper or guest today, please leave a record of your time with us online. Thank you!

**[Online Guest Form](#)**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship Holy Communion Settings Two and Four*

PRELUDE “Be Thou My Vision” (Dale Wood)

Melanie Payne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK SES Affirm Youth Conference 2026

Youth

INTERLUDE

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love. **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG “All Are Welcome”**

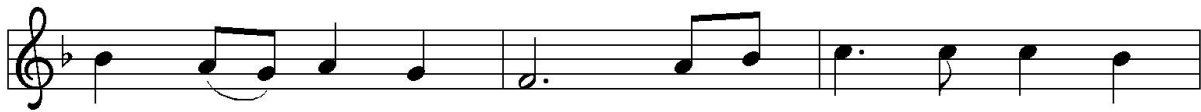
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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God’s chil - dren dare to seek to  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 stran - ger bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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 Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen  
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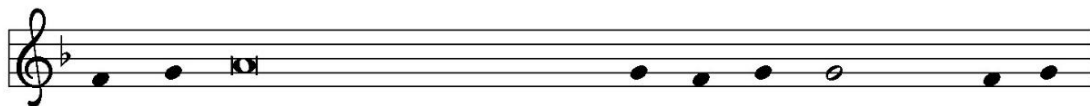
**\*GREETING**

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 sal - va - tion, 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 u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

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

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE "Glory to God"**

Cantor:


*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All: *Refrain*




Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Cantor:



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

All: *Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Cantor:



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

All: *Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Cantor:



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

All:



*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

<sup>5</sup> The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup> and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup> But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup> The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup> As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

<sup>1</sup> Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup> **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup> "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

<sup>4</sup> **'I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.'**"

<sup>15</sup> Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

<sup>16</sup> **They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup> For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

<sup>18</sup> **Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord; our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-23

<sup>12</sup> Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. <sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lisa Bartel

## GOSPEL FANFARE

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### \*GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### \*GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup> “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of

cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

SERMON

Pastor Kris Schroeder

\*HYMN OF THE DAY “The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

ELW 729

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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**\*CREED**

**We believe in God, who created all there is and ever will be.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, who was created by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus was made to suffer, hung on a cross, died and was buried. Jesus descended to the dead, rose on the third day, ascended into heaven and is now at the Father's right hand where he will judge all humans past and present.**

**We believe that through Jesus we are saved.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the worldwide church, that our sins are forgiven, and that we have been promised that we will live in God's kingdom forever. Amen.**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**\*PEACE**

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

**OFFERING "Build a Longer Table" (Traditional French Carol)**

Choir

**\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"**

ELW 184

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 dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. 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: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927  
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**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Loving God,

**we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING AND PREFACE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

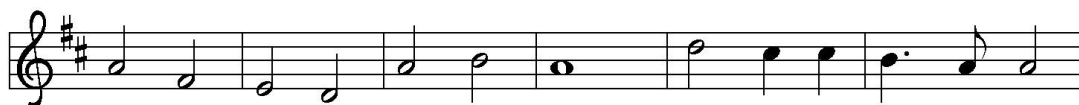
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



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



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

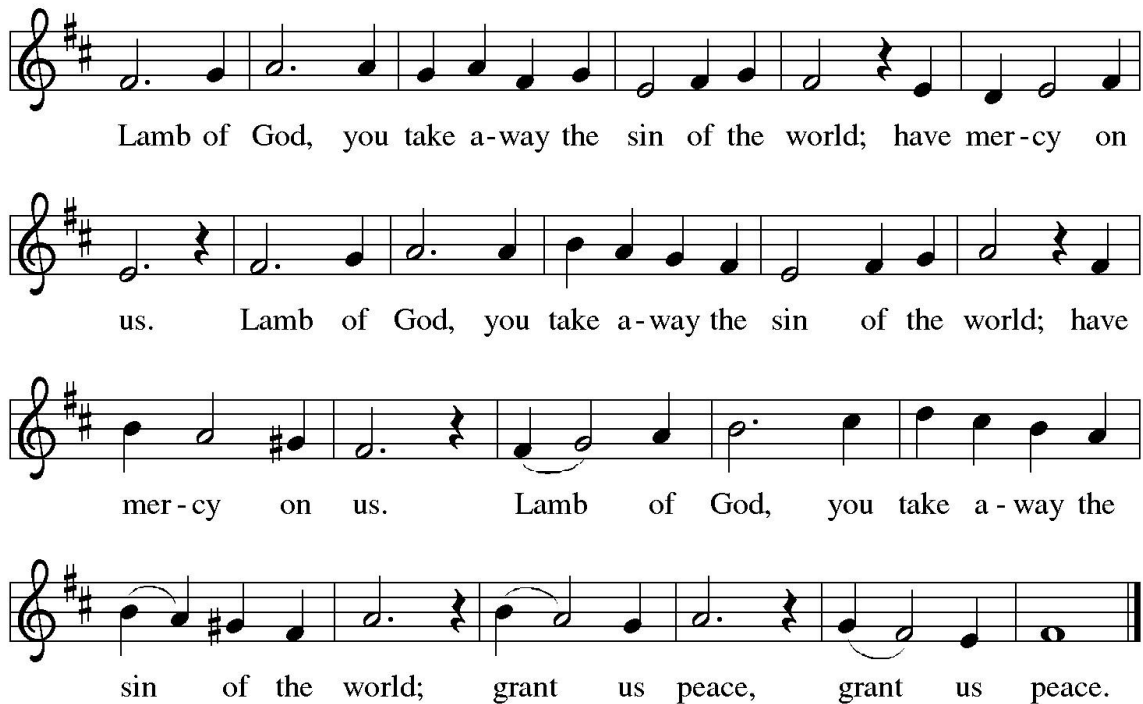
**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

## COMMUNION SONG "Lamb of God"



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, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

### HYMN "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.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedes en Contradansen*, 1710

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## HYMN "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

ELW 656



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



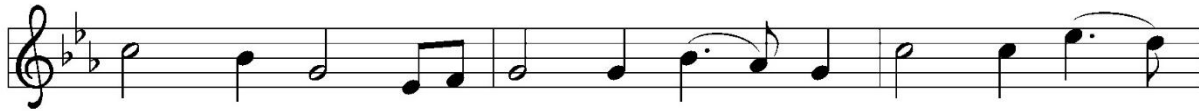
the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict,  
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
 man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871  
 Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”**



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.




Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



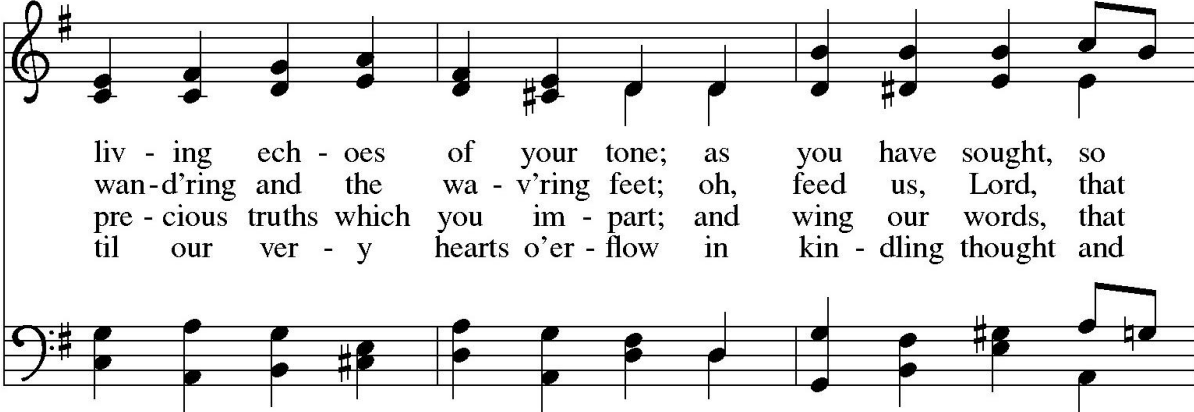
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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**\*BENEDICTION**



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.  
 Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810-1856

**\*DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **We will! Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE "Little Prelude in C" (JS Bach)**

## WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Lindsey & the Porter Family  
Kevin  
Leighann  
Connie Stanger

Victoria Zutter  
Brittany  
Stephen  
David

Rich  
Bob Gustafson  
Greg Beamer

**THE FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God by the people of Messiah.

**A NURSERY** staffed by Hannah Seitz, is available through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

**LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE SURVEY CLOSES TODAY.** Please use the QR code or pick up a paper copy at the Welcome Center and complete our survey before it ends today. We're looking for at least a 100 responses to guide us in planning for Messiah Lutheran's future. We'd be excited to get at least 50 more, so we'd love to hear from you! Survey can be filled out by members and non-members alike – that could be anyone who attends, are friends of, or anyone invested in what we do here at Messiah. Thank you!

Long Range Survey



**MISSING A WATER BOTTLE?!?** We've built up quite the collection of lost water bottles over the last few months. If you came to church with one and left without one, we might have it! Check the small table in the Fellowship Hall and come claim it (before it's donated).

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY: ARTREACH WORKSHOP, JULY 11.** This is a free event open to the community. Workshop takes place from 9 a.m. to noon. Light refreshments provided. Please contact Meredith Kilby, [meredith.kilby@gmail.com](mailto:meredith.kilby@gmail.com), to register.

**HAVE A FAVORITE HYMN? WE WANT TO KNOW!** If you have a favorite hymn you would like to sing in worship, please use the QR code, the Hymn Request form on our website, or email our Director of Music at [musicdirector@mlutheran.net](mailto:musicdirector@mlutheran.net). Our next 5th Sunday is in August.

Hymn Request



**KIT MINISTRY – Pens (Blue or Black, no gel)    FOOD PANTRY – Rice / Rice Mixes**

Ushers	Mark Zesinger, Dagmar Miller
Cantor	Emily Reed
Lector	Lee Smith
Altar Guild	Janet Smith, LeeLinda Baggett
Stream Team	Glen Long, Joanne Weber
Flower Guild	Claire Strand

Pastor  
Director of Music  
Organist/Accompanist  
Communications Director  
Office Manager

Kristine Schroeder  
Randall Fields  
Melanie Payne  
Jan Morrison  
Jill Casey

## **\*\*CHURCH CALENDAR\*\***

### **Sunday, June 28**

8:30 a.m. - Choir Warmup

9:30 a.m. - \*Service of Worship ELW Setting Two/Four with the Lord's Supper

### **Wednesday, July 1**

10:00 a.m. - Youth Point Mallard

7:00 p.m. - Dinner Theater Rehearsal

### **Thursday, July 2**

11:00 a.m. - ArtReach

6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry

### **Sunday, July 5**

9:30 a.m. - \*Service of Worship ELW Setting Four with the Lord's Supper

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

July 6 - Independence Day Observed – Office Closed

July 11 - Youth Whitewater Rafting

July 11 - ArtReach Workshop

July 19 - Youth Cave Tour

**ATTENDANCE**      June 14 Online: 58

June 21: 9:30 – 114