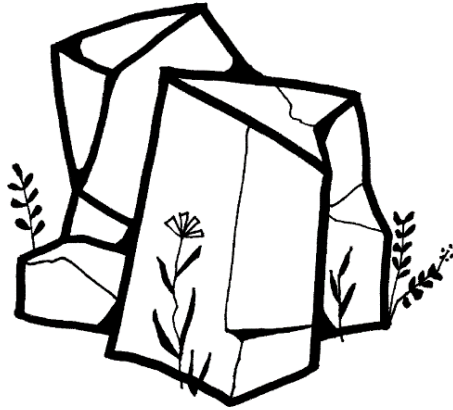




MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

MADISON, ALABAMA

August 23, 2026
13th Sunday after Pentecost



In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

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 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Holy Communion Setting Four

PRELUDE Meditation on “Beach Spring” (Gilbert M. Martin)

Melanie Payne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK KIT and Quilt Ministry

Rhonda Gaede, Ella Ingram

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 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

ELW 645

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

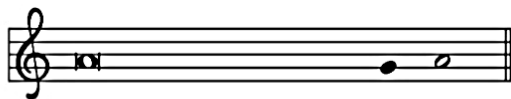
help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

*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 a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



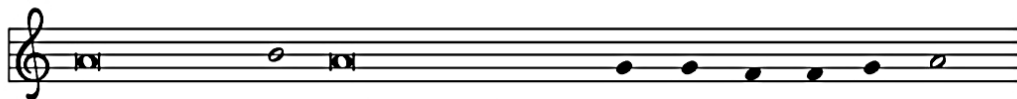
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 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 in the Highest”**



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



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.



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.

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.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. ² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³ For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶ **The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

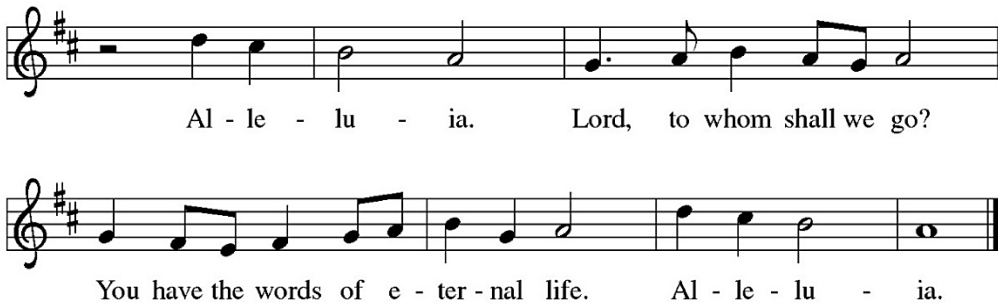
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Blessing of the KITS and Quilts

GOSPEL FANFARE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



* GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

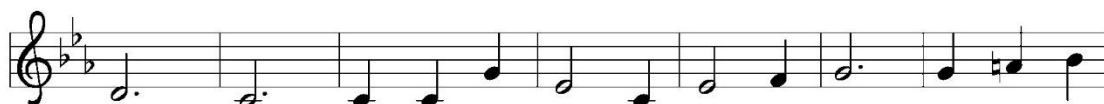
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Kristine Schroeder



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
 5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
 ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing—call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
 prom - ise is bring - ing: “I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
 world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men.”

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.

Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMEL HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

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***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**

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

***PEACE**

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

OFFERING

Organ Solo (8:30): Humbly I Adore Thee (Charles Callahan)

Melanie Payne

Anthem (11:00): For the Beauty of the Earth (Rutter)

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 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.

***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 “One Bread, One Body”

ELW 496



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,



wom - an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all.
 gath - ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

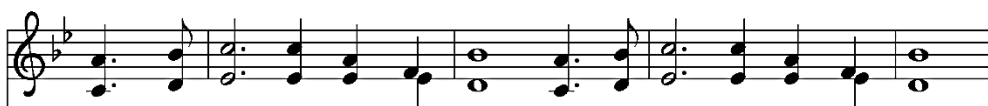
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HYMN “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

ELW 623



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,





be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778

Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

HYMN “The Church's One Foundation”

ELW 654



- 1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
- 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
- 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
- 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
- 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms. . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: “How long?”
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

ELW 207



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



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice 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.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
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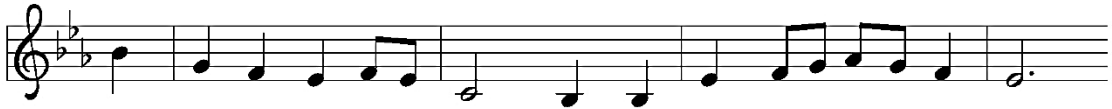
*BLESSING

***SENDING SONG “We All Are One in Mission”**

ELW 576



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit-ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE Festive Prelude on “Built on a Rock”

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
Linda Long
Paulette McNamara

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Anita Siregar deJong in celebration of James McKee's birthday 🎂

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.

FOOD PANTRY TEAM. We are looking to develop a team of 3 volunteers willing to take food pantry items collected at Messiah to local food pantries on a quarterly basis. If interested please contact, Dana Burton, Outreach Chair outreach@mlutheran.org, Pastor Kris pastor.kris@mlutheran.org or the office office@mlutheran.org. Thank you for your continued generosity!

PASTOR KRIS WILL BE AWAY FROM AUGUST 24 – 30, 2026. While Pastor is away, please contact the church office for emergent pastoral care needs. If you have a prayer request for the Sunday bulletin or for the prayer chain, contact the office or email prayerchain@mlutheran.org.

MESSIAH / ST. MATTHEW'S YOUTH MESSY GAMES, AUGUST 30TH, 5:00P – 7:30P. Youth Grades 6 – 12 and their families, including any siblings, are invited to a hot dog cookout and a fun filled evening of paint twister, messy kickball and more at St. Matthews. Please RSVP with the QR code. Bring a folding chair, towel, change of clothes and a dish to share. Let's get messy!



EAST TENNESSEE SES DISASTER RELIEF TRIP, SEPTEMBER 1 – 5, 2026. Messiah is sending a team to serve those in Butler TN who were impacted by Hurricane Helene in 2024. There are many ways to get involved: 1) Contact Andrew King if you would like to join the trip, 2) Donate Walmart gift cards and most of all, 3) Pray for the volunteers and all affected by this disaster.

LONG RANGE PLANNING TRANSITION TEAM. Council is forming a team of three to serve in planning and defining the parameters for what our next staff position should look like. If you're interested in serving, please email Andrew King at council.president@mlutheran.net.

SES NEW LEADERSHIP ACADEMY. Southeastern Synod now offers Continued Education and Faith (Re)formation courses to develop discipleship skills, discover art inspired faith formation, and learn how we can better care for one another, among other topics. All are welcome to explore the potential God has for us to serve and lead through these courses. Scan the QR code or visit <https://sesleadershipacademy.org/> for more info. Scholarships available through SES.



KIT MINISTRY – Notebooks (70 pages)

FOOD PANTRY – Toilet Paper

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, August 23 - Blessing of Quilts / Kits

- 8:30 a.m. - *Service of Worship ELW Setting
Four with the Lord's Supper
9:45 a.m. - KIT Packing
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
11:00 a.m. - Service of Worship ELW Setting Four
with the Lord's Supper

Monday, August 24

- 5:30 p.m. - MoMs Meet Up at Back 40

Tuesday, August 25

- 9:00 a.m. - Comforters

Wednesday, August 26

- 7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 27

- 6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry

Sunday, August 30 - Loading of LWR Truck

- 8:30 a.m. - *Service of Worship Chorale
Mass with the Lord's Supper
9:45 a.m. - Load Truck
9:45 a.m. - WFP Packing w/ MoMs
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School /Adult Bible
Study
11:00 a.m. - Service of Worship Chorale
Mass with the Lord's Supper
5:00 p.m. - Youth Cookout and Messy
Games at St. Matthews

LOOKING AHEAD

September 1 – 5: East Tennessee Disaster
Relief Trip

September 6 - Lay Minister Commissioning

September 7 - Labor Day, Office Closed

September 9 – Wednesday Night Supper
Returns

September 20 - Hispanic Heritage Month
Begins

September 21 - Messiah Women's Book Club

September 26 - Handmade Market

ATTENDANCE August 9 Online: 74

August 16: 8:30 – 97 11:00 – 40

8:30 Worship

Cantor	Emily Reed
Lector	Greyson Pitchko
Ushers	Pete Woods, Mark Thompson
Altar Guild	LeeLinda Baggett
Stream Team	Tim Pitchko, Lee Seitz
Flower Guild	Jutta DeMarsh

Pastor	Kristine Schroeder
Director of Music	Randall Fields
Organist/Accompanist	Melanie Payne

11:00 Worship

Cantor	Emily Reed
Lector	Jutta DeMarsh
Ushers	Paul Arnold, Jay Perry
Altar Guild	Karen Arnold
Stream Team	Bob Davis
Flower Guild	Jutta DeMarsh

Communications Director	Jan Morrison
Office Manager	Jill Casey