



June 14, 2026
Third Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m.

THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL,

*but the laborers
are few.*



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Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church

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Enter Reverently, Worship Joyfully, Live Faithfully

PRELUDE

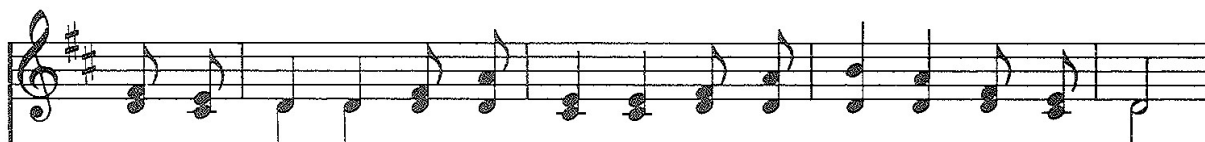
Rose Ann Sochan

OPENING HYMN

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," #2 v. 1-3



1. Come, Thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
2. Hith - er - to Thy love has blest me; Thou hast bro't me to this place;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.
And I know Thy hand will bring me Safe - ly home by Thy good grace.
Let Thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - dering heart to Thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;



Praise His name—I'm fixed up-on it— Name of God's re - deem - ing love.
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, Bought me with His precious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts a - bove. A - men.

LITANY BASED ON PSALM 8

Leader: When I look at Your heavens,

All: the work of your fingers,

Leader: the moon and stars,

All: which You have set in place,
 Leader: what is man that You are mindful of him,
All: and the son of man that You care for him?
 Leader: We worship You Lord in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

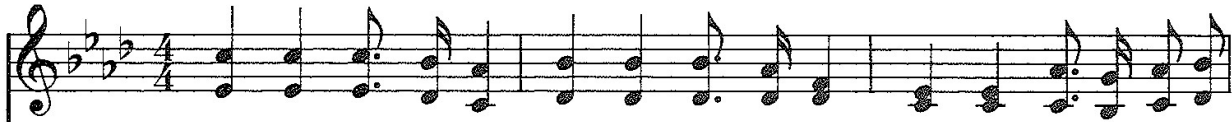
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

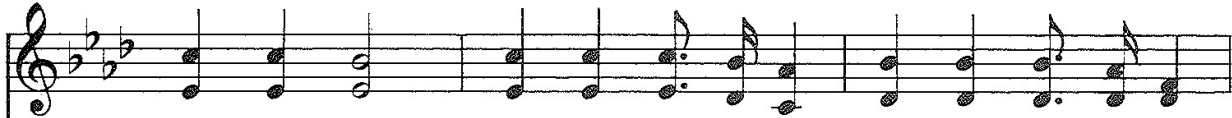
Kersten Stier

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," #354 v. 1-3

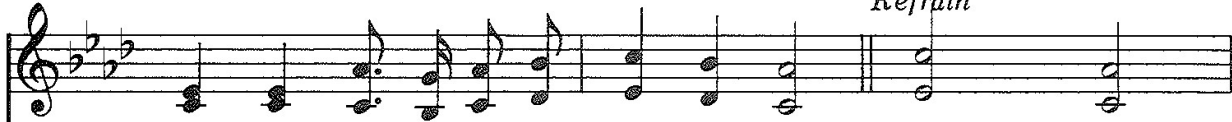


1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, Lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, Lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Lean-ing on the ev-er-



last - ing arms; What a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; O, how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain



Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,
 Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing on Je - sus,
 Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



lean - ing, Safe and se - cure from all a - larms; Lean -
 lean - ing on Je - sus, Lean - ing on



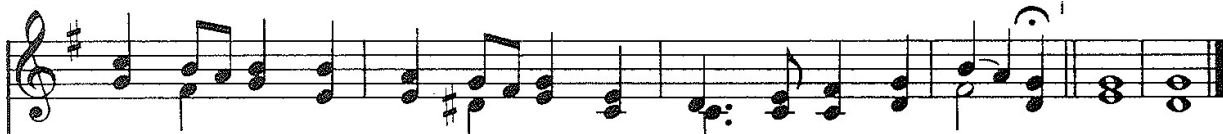
ing, lean - ing, Lean-ing on the ev-er - last-ing arms.
 Je - sus, lean-ing on Je - sus,

HYMN OF PRAISE

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is," #468 v. 1-4



1. The King of love my Shep-herd is, Whose good-ness fail - eth nev - er; I
2. Where streams of liv-ing wa - ter flow My ran-somed soul He lead - eth, And
3. Per-verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me, And
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, be - side me; Thy
5. And so thru all the length of days Thy good-ness fail - eth nev - er: Good



noth - ing lack if I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
where the ver - dant pas-tures grow With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
on His shoul - der gen - tly laid, And home re - joic - ing bro't me.
rod and staff my com-fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.
Shep-herd, may I sing Thy praise With - in Thy house for - ev - er. A - men.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Leader: Holy and Gracious God,

All: I confess that I have sinned against you this day and every day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace and live each day for You.

Leader: By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise every morning to serve Him. **Amen.**

Amen!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kersten Stier

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Rose Ann Sochan

RESPONSE

Doxology #625

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;
Praise Him a -bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

FIRST LESSON, Exodus 19:2-8 (ESV)

Reader: Lori Spielman

²They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

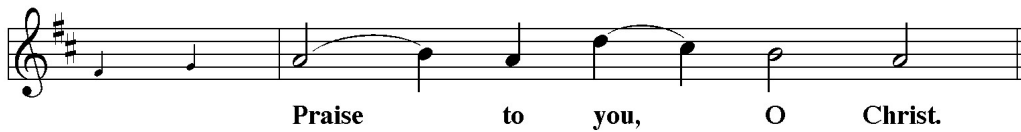
SECOND LESSON, Matthew 9:35-10:8 (ESV)

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

³⁵And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

¹ And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ²The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.



MESSAGE **"Discipleship: Ministry of Compassion"**
 Pastor Kurt Hoover

A manuscript for this sermon and those previous can be found in the Narthex.

HYMN "Let Your Heart Be Broken," #315 v. 1-5



1. Let your heart be bro - ken For a world in need— Feed the mouths that
 2. Here on earth ap - ply - ing Prin - ci - ples of love— Vis - i - ble ex -
 3. Blest to be a bless - ing, Priv - i - leged to care, Chal - lenged by the
 4. Add to your be - liev - ing Deeds that prove it true— Know - ing Christ as
 5. Let your heart be ten - der And your vi - sion clear— See man - kind as



hun - ger, Soothe the wounds that bleed, Give the cup of wa - ter And the
 pres - sion God still rules a - bove, Liv - ing il - lus - tra - tion Of the
 need Ap - par - ent ev - 'ry - where, Where mankind is want - ing Fill the
 Sav - ior, Make Him Mas - ter too: Fol - low in His foot - steps, Go where
 God sees, Serve Him far and near; Let your heart be bro - ken By a



loaf of bread— Be the hands of Je - sus, Serv - ing in His stead.
 Liv - ing Word To the minds of all who've Nev - er seen and heard.
 va - cant place, Be the means thru which the Lord re - veals His grace.
 He has trod, In the world's great trou - ble Risk your - self for God.
 broth - er's pain, Share your rich re - sourc - es— Give and give a - gain.

WORDS OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Servers: Paul Allen, Jane Costello, Bev Korby

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.

HYMN

"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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God," #259
"Come, Thou Almighty King" #267

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you Father for the gift of salvation. Thank you Lord Jesus for this holy meal and the sacrifice of Your life. Thank you Holy Spirit for awakening faith within our hearts. We hear your voice in this meal and celebrate Your holy presence. Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

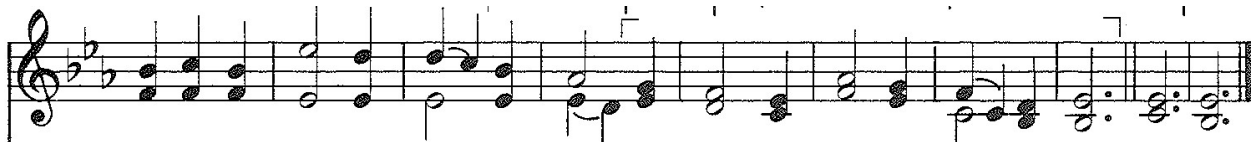
BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee," #451 v. 1-4



- 1. O Mas-ter, let me walk with Thee In low-ly paths of serv - ice free;
- 2. Help me to slow the heart to move By some clear, win-ning word of love;
- 3. Teach me Thy pa-tience! Still with Thee In clos-er, dear-er com - pa - ny,
- 4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the fu-ture's broad-ening way,



Tell me Thy se-cret; help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.
 Teach me the way-ward feet to stay, And guide them in the home-ward way.
 In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that tri-umphs o-ver wrong;
 In peace that on - ly Thou canst give, With Thee, O Mas-ter, let me live. A-men.

POSTLUDE

Rose Ann Sochan

*God will never lead you to a place
where His grace cannot keep you.*

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VBS is June 22-26!

Register here:



Questions? Email Stephanie at VBS@mlcjoliet.org.

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Save these dates: Saturday, September 19th - Dinner Banquet (time TBD); Sunday, September 20th - Reception Celebration between services.

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP TIME



Be sure to join us for coffee & good company on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall! Coffee will be available beginning at 8:30 a.m. and will continue until after the later service gets out. If you are an 8:30 attender - stay late! If Family Praise & Worship is your service - come early! Make new friends! If you'd like to help with Sunday morning coffee, please reach out to Joyce Pawlowski at 630-890-1203.

CONNECT WITH MESSIAH

You can use this QR code to let us know you're new, tell us that you're interested in next steps at MLC, submit prayer requests, fill out a Connect Card, and give online.

Scan here to connect with MLC:



Online Giving - There are two convenient ways to do it:

- 1) On our website at <https://www.mlcjoliet.org/give>.
- 2) Through the Church Center app on your phone or tablet, or scan the QR code above.



MEMORY BEARS

Messiah's Memory Bears Group normally meets the 4th Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting is **June 30th** (bumped out one week due to VBS). We have jobs that do not require sewing!

PRAYER CHAIN

Messiah uses an email-based Prayer Chain made up of people willing to pray for our members, community, and nation in times of crisis. Prayers are shared amongst the group via email and are kept confidential as much as possible. Text Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 for more info.

PRAYER TEAM

Our in-person Prayer Team meets Thursday mornings in the Fireside Room from 10:15-11:15 to pray together over our prayer request list. For more info text Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 or reach out to Beth Hohisel at bhohisel@hotmail.com.

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Items for the bulletin are due by the end of the day each Tuesday, and newsletter material is due the 20th of each month.

QUILTERS

Messiah Quilters meet the 3rd Tuesday each month from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. We have a lot of quilts ready to complete and if you can tie a knot, you can help us out! We even have jobs you can do sitting down. Think about stopping in and see what we do. If you are unable to join us and would like to sew at home, we have kits available and can show you how easy it is to sew a quilt top together.

Contact Kathy Mueller at (815) 953-6601 or scpbklane@aol.com for more information or any questions you may have. Hope to see you on **June 16th**!

MESSIAH KIDS (pre-K to 5th grades)

MESSIAH KIDS WEDNESDAYS (MKW) SUMMER PROGRAM

Kickoff date change: Our summer MKW kickoff is on **July 1st** and runs through July 29th (except during VBS week). We'll meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the upper level Kidz Club!

NATIONAL BIBLE BEE

Messiah is hosting the National Bible Bee this summer, June 10th through August 12th from 5-6 p.m.! Registration is open at biblebee.org. For more info please reach out to Leslie.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER SCHEDULE

Our summer session for K-8th graders will run **July 5th** through August 16th. We meet upstairs in the Kids Club.

For more info on ministries for kids pre-K through 5th grade, email Leslie McFarland, Children's Min. Director, at childrensmin@mlcjoliet.org or Megan Kuhn, Christian Ed. Director, at christianed@mlcjoliet.org.

MESSIAH STUDENT MINISTRIES (6th to 12th grades)

BIBLE STUDY (SUNDAY MORNINGS)

Bible Study for high schoolers is in the Fireside Room and will continue year-round.

SUMMER S.A.L.T. (for both FAM and H2H groups)

This summer we're meeting in a combined format for 6th-12th graders! Our summer program will meet at church from 6-8 p.m. June 3rd through August 5th. *Please note that we will not meet on 07/22 or 07/29.*

For more info on ministries for students 6th through 12th grade, email Kersten Stier, Youth Director, at stumin@mlcjoliet.org.

Discipleship

SERMON SERIES
MAY 31 - AUGUST 23, 2026



DAILY DEVOTIONAL PODCAST "WORD PLAY!"

God has a Word for you!

Hosted by Pastor Kurt Hoover and Nikolai Stier, we delve into the Scripture readings for the coming week by focusing on one word in the passage.

Look for a new episode each weekday as we exchange insights into the word of God ...along with some nerdy banter.

Find us on Spotify here:



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are provided by Lynn Tapella in loving memory of Marie Smeets, on the anniversary of her passing.

If you would like to sponsor Altar flowers, please sign up in the Narthex or call the office at 815-741-4488. Arrangements are \$25 each.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

SUNDAY, June 14

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:40 a.m. Education Hour (*high school only*)
9:45 a.m. Baccalaureate Ceremony & Brunch
10:45 a.m. Family Praise & Worship
1 p.m. Cristo Rey Worship

MONDAY, June 15

n/a

TUESDAY, June 16

9 a.m. Quilters
6:30 p.m. PPC Meeting

WEDNESDAY, June 17

5 p.m. Bible Bee
6 p.m. Summer S.A.L.T.

THURSDAY, June 18

10:15 a.m. Prayer Group
12 p.m. Staff Meeting

FRIDAY, June 19

n/a

SATURDAY, June 20

9 a.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

SUNDAY, June 21

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:40 a.m. Education Hour (*high school only*)
10:45 a.m. Family Praise & Worship
1 p.m. Cristo Rey Worship

ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

8:30: 97
10:45: 54
Online: 18

2026 GIVING

Operating Budget: \$694,359
YTD Operating Budget: \$307,120
YTD Giving Received: \$241,975
Needed Each Week: \$13,353
Received Last Week: \$13,081

1st Quarter 2026

Actual Income vs. Expense:
-\$14,823

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

Matthew 6:21

For where your treasure is,
there your heart will also be.

Messiah office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., otherwise by appointment. Please call (815) 741-4488.

