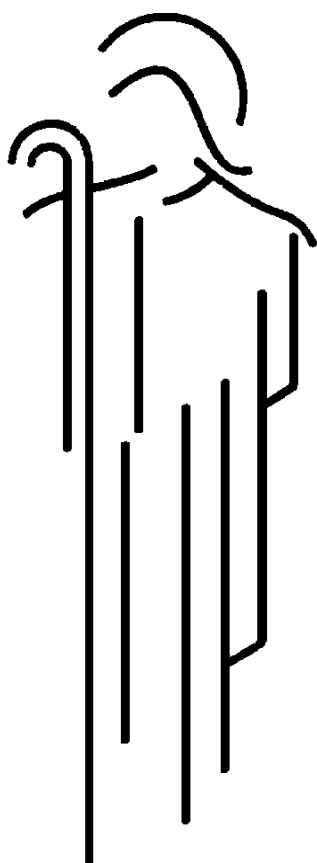




MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

THE GATHERING

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP



We welcome you to The Gathering this morning

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Our Mission:

*Glorifying God through our worship, our witness, our service,
and our support*

Our Vision:

To build and strengthen the body of Christ

Holy Communion

To help you feel more comfortable please know that all baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament and have already received Holy Communion in your home church, are welcome to come to the altar and receive Holy Communion.

To receive the sacrament:

1. Communicant should receive the consecrated host from the Pastor and then proceed to the Assisting Minister who will be standing near the sanctuary pillar on whichever side of the church is being communed to receive a prefilled communion cup;
2. If the communicant prefers the consecrated grape juice, they shall receive that from the Pastor.
3. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will bring Holy Communion to you.

Assisting at Worship:		
	Today	July 26
Asst. Min.	Bella Alaniz	Brad Bresee
Lector	Bella Alaniz	Pam Bresee
Acolyte	Manny Alaniz	Maddie Bartlett
Usher	Art Anderson	Arnold Conner
Sound System	Rich Alaniz	JJ Conner
Video	Rich Alaniz	JJ Conner
Counters	Karen Pistner, Candy Sprouse	Mary Rush, Tim Smock
Altar Guild	Ann Kent, Linda Jones, Linda Voigt	

Opening Song

Gather Us In

1. Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreaming,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion,
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away.
Here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Opening Prayer

Song

Here I Am, Lord

1. “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night. I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”

Refrain: Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord,
if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.”

2. “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?” (R)
3. “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? ” (R)

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Lesson

Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Another parable he put before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. So when the plants came up and bore

grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the householder came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then has it weeds?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No; lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "He who sows the good seed is the Son of man; the field is the world, and the good seed means the sons of the kingdom; the weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

A The Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Song

He Is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name.

Jesus is Lord, forever his truth shall reign;

heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted the King is exalted on high.

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Prayers of the People

Peace

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us offer to one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Song of Offering

Lord I Need You

Stand

1. Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without you, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

Ending: Lord, I need you, oh, I need you. Ev'ry hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness:
oh, God, how I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness:
oh, God, how I need you.

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Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

A Let us pray. *(brief pause)* Loving God,

C 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.

Thanksgiving for the Great Meal

P Lift up your hearts and give thanks to the Lord our God.

C We gladly lift up our hearts and give God our praise and thanksgiving.

Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Distribution Song

I Am the Bread of Life

1. I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger,
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me, unless the Father beckons.

Refrain: And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.

2. The bread that I will give, is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever,
you shall live forever. (R)
3. Unless you eat, of the flesh of the Son of Man,
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you. (R)
4. I am the resurrection, I am the life.
If you believe in me, even though you die,
you shall live forever. (R)
5. Yes Lord, I believe, that you are the Christ,
the Son of God, who has come, into the world. (R)

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Post Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. (*brief pause*) Compassionate God,
C through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the
abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy
meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We
ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us
now and forever. Amen

Blessing

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God, bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

C Amen.

Song

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high,
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high

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Dismissal

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

The Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of my grandson, Nathan Rush's 14th birthday on July 20 by Mary Rush

Announcements

Second Mile Giving is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. For **July Lutheran World Relief Kits** is our Second Mile Giving beneficiary. Contributions may be made throughout the month by using the yellow envelopes found in the pews. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Wesleyville Food Pantry: Please consider a financial gift. Checks should be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church marking “Food Pantry” in the memo line.

Sundae Sunday: Today, 12:00 noon Build your own ice cream sundae after late service in Fellowship Hall!

Spiritual Walk: Today, 4:00 pm, Wintergreen Gorge.

Christmas in July: Sunday, July 26, both services.

Wesleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

July 20 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.

July 21 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

(See Newsletter for More Detail)

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