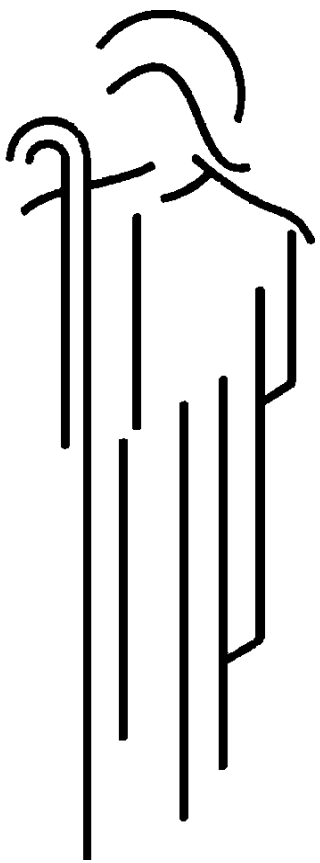




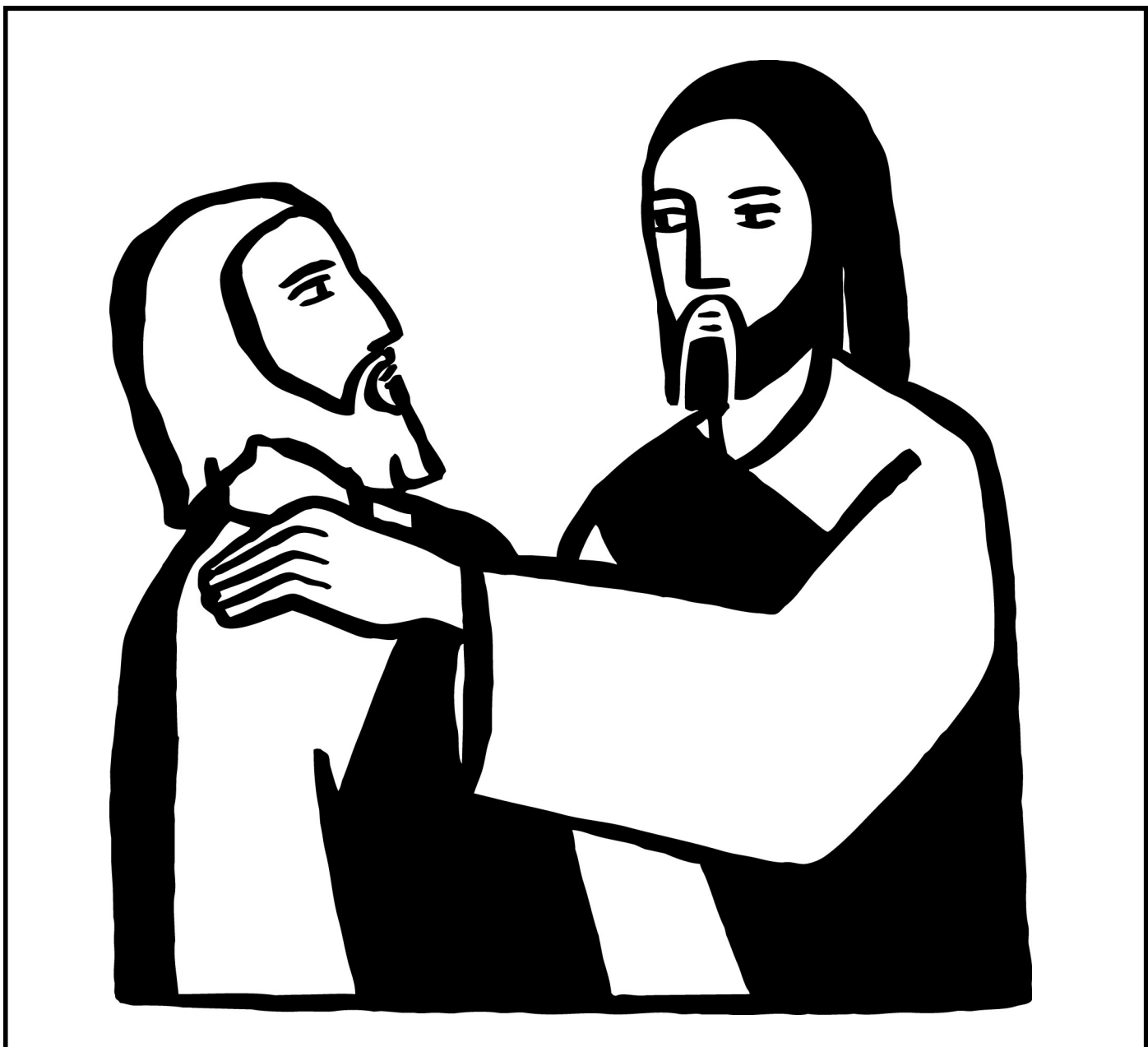
MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 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	August 30
Asst. Min.	Brian Rogala, Jr.	Ray Bennett
Lector	Cyndi Allen	Ray Bennett
Acolyte	Manny Alaniz	Bella Alaniz
Usher	Brian Rogala	Arnold Conner
Sound System	Brad Bresee	Brian Rogala, Jr.
Video	Brad Bresee	Brian Rogala, Jr.
Counters	Candy Sprouse, Mary Rush	Tim Smock, Karen Pistner
Altar Guild	Sandy Hough, Candy Sprouse, Mary Rush, Bonnie Magee	

Opening Song

Less Like Me

1. Oh I have days I lose the fight.
Try my best but just don't get it right.
Where I talk a talk that I don't walk,
and miss the moments right before my eyes.

Pre-Refrain: Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped.
Somebody with a hand that I could have held.
When I just can't see past myself. Lord, help me be.

Refrain: A little more like mercy. A little more like grace.
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith.
A little more like patience. A little more like peace.
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.

2. Yeah there's no denying I have changed.
I've been saved from who I used to be.
But even at my best, I must confess,
I still need help to see the way you see.*(Pre-R, Bridge)*

Bridge: Oh to feed the beggar on the street.
Love to be your hands and feet.
Freely give what I receive, Lord, help me be.
I want to put you first above all else.
Love my neighbor as myself.
In the moments no one sees, Lord, help me be.*(R, Ending)*

Ending: A little more I'm living, everything I preach.
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.

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Opening Prayer

Song

Revelation Song

1. Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain; holy, holy is he.
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

Refrain: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing, praise to the King of kings.
You are my ev'rything, and I will adore you.

2. Clothed in rainbows of living color,
flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
blessing and honor, strength and glory, and power be
to you, the only wise King. (R)
3. Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
at the mention of your name;
Jesus your name is power, breath and living water,
such a marv'lous mystery, yeah. (R 2x)

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Lesson

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from
which you were dug. 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. 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.

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.
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. 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.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” 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. 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. 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.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

A The Gospel of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Song **At The Cross (Love Ran Red)**

1. There’s a place where mercy reigns and never dies,
there’s a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide;
where all the love I’ve ever found
comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

Refrain: At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.
I’m in awe of you, I’m in awe of you.
Where your love ran red, and my sin washed white.
I owe all to you, I owe all to you, Jesus.

2. There’s a place where sin and shame are powerless,
where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness;
where all the love I’ve ever found
comes like a flood, comes flowing down. (R)

Bridge: Here my hope is found, here on holy ground;
here I bow down, here I bow down. Here, arms open wide,
here you saved my life; here I bow down,
here I bow down. (R)

Blessing of Backpacks and Teachers

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

Thy Word

Stand

Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end. (R)

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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

God of Wonders

1. Lord of all creation, of water, earth, and sky;
The heavens are your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!

Refrain1: God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty, you are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

2. Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night. (R)

Bridge: Hallelujah, (to the Lord of heaven and earth).
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Refrain2: God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy.
Precious Lord, reveal your heart to me.
Father, hold me, hold me.
The universe declares your majesty,
you are holy, holy, holy, holy.

Refrain3: God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy.
Precious Lord reveal your heart to me,
father hold me, hold me.

Ending: Hallelujah, (to the Lord of heaven and earth).
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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.

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

Who You Say I Am

1. Who am I that the highest king would welcome me.
I was lost but he brought me in. Oh, his love for me.
Oh, his love for me.

Refrain1: Who the son sets free, oh is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.

2. Free at last he has ransomed me, his grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me.
Yes he died for me. (*R1, R2*)

Refrain 2: In my Father's house, there's a place for me.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.

Bridge: I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who you say I am.
You are for me, not against me. I am who you say I am.
(*Repeat, Tag*)

Tag: I am who you say I am (*R1, R2 x2*)

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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 granddaughter, Ellie Baron's 20th birthday and grandson, Nevan Rush's 12th birthday on August 26 by Mary Rush

The Vigil Candle is given to the Glory of God in Memory of Craig's passing into Heaven August 24, 2022 by Ethelynne Cunningham

Announcements

Second Mile Giving is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. For **August** *Bweranyange Girls School* 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.

Cindy’s Schedule: **Thursday, August 20-Monday, August 31** on vacation. The office will be closed. Contact pastor if you need anything from the office.

Taize Worship: **Augst 30, 4:00 pm:** Join us on Sunday afternoon for a time of prayer, reflection and singing at our quarterly Taize worship. Pastor will be guiding us through this meditative service with Michelle leading us in singing.

OWLs: **Tuesday, September 8.** Meet in parking lot at 9:30 am if you want to car pool to St. Patrick’s Church, 130 E 4th Street, for a tour, 10:00 am, then go to lunch afterwards on to St. Peter’s Church, 230 W 10th St. for a tour, 1:00 pm.

Hearth Walk: **Thursday, September 10, 5:00 pm** . Registration: Liberty Park. Donate online or in the Narthex.

Bald is Beautiful Sunday-Rally Day: **Sunday, September 13.** We invite all of you to join us for a time of fellowship and celebration. Pastor time will share with us the plans for the new programming year, Michelle will lead us in singing. There will be light refreshments and pastries available.

Stained Glass Windows Special Congregation Meetings: **September 13 & 20 at 12:00 noon.** The Council invites you to an all-important meeting of the congregation to discuss and vote on the next step of restoring our beautiful stained-glass windows. Please come and hear the council’s proposal about the windows. We are required by our constitution to hold two meetings for a project this large.

Wesleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

September 1 at 5:00-6:00pm for Country Fair distribution.

September 7 at 10:00am to unload senior boxes.

September 14 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.

September 15 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

(See Newsletter for More Detail)

Monday Closed Tuesday 10:00

**Office Hours :Monday Closed, Tuesday 10:00am-5:00pm,
Wednesday Closed, Thursday 10:00am-5:00pm,
Friday 10:00am-5:00pm**

Sun. 8/23	<i>13th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	All Week	Cindy is on vacation
Mon.	6:30PM	Guided Meditation
Tues.	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
Thu.	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	7:30PM	NA Group
Fri.	7:30PM	AA
Sun. 8/30	<i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion

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