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Prayer upon entering: Lord God of all nations, you have revealed your will to your people and promised your help to us. Help us to hear and to do what you command, that the darkness in and around us may be overcome by the power of your light; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Guests, welcome! We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Dunbar, sign our guest book next to the main doors. Bibles are available on a shelf in the back of the nave. Kneelers and large-print bulletins are available from the ushers upon request. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join us here at Messiah.

Worship begins with the prelude and continues through the postlude. Once the prelude begins, please refrain from conversation. We use two hymnals: the green *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW) and the blue paperback *With One Voice* (wov). Hymn numbers below 600 are generally in LBW; above 600, in wov. The pastor's parts (spoken and sung) are designated "P:." Parts spoken or sung by the congregation are italicized, prefaced by "C:." The liturgy text and music are in the LBW on the pages noted in this service folder.

Holy Communion: Lutheran Christians celebrate a divine service of Word and sacrament in which God comes to us both in his proclaimed Word and in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We invite to commune at the Lord's table all baptized Christians who with contrite hearts trust God's word of forgiveness for their sins, acknowledge the presence of Jesus Christ both in the Communion elements and in this gathered body of believers, and seek, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to follow Jesus and walk in newness of life. If this doesn't describe you, we invite you to come to the altar rail to receive a blessing instead of the Communion elements. Indicate this by folding your arms across your chest at the rail. All are invited to bring their children forward for a blessing.

Individual cups are available in addition to the chalice (the common cup). Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available upon request from the server at the Communion rail. All are invited to bring their children forward for a blessing.

Families with young children: Welcome! We have children's activity backpacks in the back of the church for use during the service, as well as an unstaffed nursery on the stage downstairs. Feel free to ask an usher for help locating them. The stairs are at the back of the sanctuary.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen*

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: *Amen*

P: Let us confess our sins to God.

Please kneel or sit for silent reflection and confession.

C: *Almighty God, merciful Father: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen*

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Order of Holy Communion

Setting I (LBW p. 57)

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty LBW 543

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: *And also with you.*

Hymn of Praise *pp. 60–61*

C: *This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: *God of mission, when you called Abram out of Haran, you were faithful to him and to his family as they journeyed to a promised land they had not seen. Grant us faith like theirs, that we may follow where you lead and, wherever we are, bear witness that you remain faithful today. Amen*

Please be seated for the scripture readings, printed on the last two pages of this service folder.

First Lesson

Genesis 12:1-9

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalms 33:1-12

pp. 230-231

Second Lesson

Romans 4:13-25

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Verse (John 6:68) (please stand):

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C: *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*

Alleluia. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 9th chapter.

C (*sung*): *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C (*sung*): *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Children's Sermon
Sermon

Hymn of the Day All My Hope on God is Founded WOV 782

Creed (Apostles') *Spoken in unison*

C: 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

The Prayers of the People

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

After each prayer or petition,

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: *hear our prayer.*

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord

C: *Amen*

The Sharing of the Peace

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P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *And also with you.*

Please exchange a greeting of peace with your neighbors, then be seated.

Gathering of Offerings

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As the offerings are brought forward, please stand and sing:

C: *Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.*

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

P: Let us pray.

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Merciful Father,

C: *we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

The Great Thanksgiving

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: *We lift them to the Lord.*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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C: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Eucharistic Prayer

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God; you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving Passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine; that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son may be filled with heavenly peace and joy, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all your saints.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever.

C: *Amen*

The Lord's Prayer

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting in his promises, we are bold to say:

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*

Agnus Dei: Lamb of God

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*C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.*

Once the pastor says, “Welcome to the table of the Lord,” kneel or sit. Because Communion is important, please read and follow our Communion policy, printed on p. 2 of this service folder. Feel free to bring your hymnal and continue to sing. If you are not communing, you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, but feel no pressure to do so. If you do come forward for a blessing (only), indicate this by folding your arms across your chest when you kneel at the altar rail. When the pastor dismisses you, please return to your seat by the center aisle. If you would like Communion brought to your seat, please raise your hand to alert the pastor.

Communion Hymn Jesus Sinners Will Receive LBW 291

After all have returned to their places, the pastor says: (please stand)

*P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you
in his grace. C: Amen*

Post-Communion Canticle pp. 72–73

*C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all
who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises
and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.
Alleluia.*

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: *Amen*

Benediction

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P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: *Amen*

Postlude All My Hope on God is Founded (Michael)

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Announcements

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

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This coming week

Sun 9:30 AM (not 10:30) Service of Word and Sacrament

Thank you to today's Temple Servants

Acolyte

Don Meyer

Reader

Charles Loughery

Ushers

Hans and Veronika Henkes

Fellowship Host

Nancy Amidon

Chancel

Herb & Carolyn Gishlick

Offering Counter

Jeff Frole

Livestream

Mark von Bargaen

Next Sunday

Gen. 18:1-15, 21:1-7 • Ps. 116:1-2, 12-19 • Rom. 5:1-8 • Matthew 9:27-31

Opening Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (LBW 526)

Hymn of the Day: Be Thou My Vision (WOV 776)

Communion Hymn: Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me (LBW 336)

Next Sunday, June 14, the Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell of Lutheran Braille Workers will lead our worship service. Unrelated to that, there will be no fellowship hour after the service on the 14th due to our tenant's annual board meeting June 12-14. **Please do not enter the fellowship hall June 12-14 except to use the restrooms in the adjacent hallway.**

Reminder: In June, July, and August, Sunday worship begins at 9:30am.

Available on the back pew:

- (1) May/June 2026 edition of the *Messiah Messenger*
- (2) Portals of Prayer devotion booklets (April-June)
- (3) February – May 2026 Temple Servant schedule

Prayer Corner

We remember in our prayers:

- Joanne Davidson (friend of Janice Hofreiter, with a recurrence of cancer), Doris Gerwers (recovering from heart surgery), Lynne Olszewski (sister of Patty Hlafter, recently diagnosed with macular degeneration), Lou and Mary Romolo (following Mary's move into hospice care), Sharon Wilchar (friend of Patricia Wolf who is very ill), Karin Bergesen (in rehab, recovering from a bone broken by a fall), Joan Colliflower (recovering from knee surgery), Fred Dignon (Greg's father, recovering from surgery after a stroke and fall), Peter Hempel (brother of Miranda Hempel, recovering from surgery), Micha Livne (friend of the Gishlicks who is ill), Ted Alslev (son of Elda Alslev, to overcome his addiction to smoking), Mary Pickens (friend of Jon and Pat Hlafter, undergoing an experimental medical treatment), Sue Parisi (friend of Pat Hlafter, being treated for breast cancer), Peter Schulze (son of Lydia and Carl Schulze, friends of Miranda Hempel), and Jenny Mills – for comfort, strength, and healing

First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." (over)

He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.