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**We are glad you are worshiping with us!** If you are looking for a church home or if you would like a pastoral visit, let us know by giving your contact info to an usher or the Minister. **Our mission** *Living in God's grace, we reach out to invite & welcome all with God's Love.* **Our welcoming statement** *We welcome people of every age, color, culture and political persuasion, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and ability as we celebrate together our unity in Christ. Messiah is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.*

*According to our Mission Action Plan:  
"In all we say and do we ask for God's guidance."*

**July 21, 2024**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. *(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe that there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ELW # 807

1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee;  
may I still thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:  
"Hither by thy help I've come";  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter  
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

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, p. 175

Gloria, p. 176

Prayer of the day: Gracious God, **you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Sermon

### Readings

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Psalms 23

<sup>1</sup>**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

<sup>2</sup>**He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;**

<sup>3</sup>**he restores my soul.**

**He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

<sup>4</sup>**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil,  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.**

Ephesians 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—<sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, <sup>15</sup>abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup>So he came and proclaimed peace to you who

were far off and peace to those who were near, <sup>18</sup> for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; <sup>21</sup> in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Gospel Acclamation, "Alleluia..." p.179

A reading from the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (printed on the back of the bulletin)

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Spirit of Gentleness" ELW # 396

*Refrain:*

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

1. You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing; "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."

2. You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand, and you goaded your people with a

law and a land; and when they are blinded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

3. You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still; and down in the city you called once again, when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

4. You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes. From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise

Prayers of Intercession, the response is **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Offering and Offering Hymn: "We Are an Offering" ELW # 692

We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

Lord use our voices

Lord use our hands

Lord use our lives they are Yours

We are an offering

All that we hope to be

We give to You

We give to You

We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

We are an offering

All that we have

All that we are

Offertory Prayer: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving, p.180

Holy, Holy, Holy, p.181

Holy Communion: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!**

The Lord's Prayer, p.182

Lamb of God, p.182

Prayer after communion

Announcements

Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn: "I'm Going on a Journey" ELW # 446

1 I'm going on a journey, and I'm starting today.

My head is wet, and I'm on my way.

Christ's mark is on me; it's on you, too;

it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!

2 I'm becoming this day a saint of God.

It really doesn't matter what roads I trod.

Wherever I go, God's been there, too.

God's love has touched me and will carry me through.

3. There are other saints who have said amen.

They'll keep me faithful to my journey's end.

Along the way I want to be

the kind of person that God set free.

Go in peace and unity to share the Good News!

**Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Coffee fellowship before worship was hosted by Dawn Bellile!

**Tuesdays in August and September-** Brewed Theology at Morty's Pub in Bayfield 6pm.

**Thursday, August 15** Veterans and Retired Police Worship and Picnic- Memorial Park in Washburn, 5:30pm.

**Sunday, August 18** Chicken Dinner at Messiah in Washburn.

**Monday, September 19** Book Discussion on "Subtle Acts of Exclusion" hosted by the Justice Seekers of Messiah in Washburn, begins with a soup supper at 5:30pm- @ Messiah.

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers and Stewards: Everyone

Pastor: Kristin Boland

Altar Guild: Linda Leis

Parish Assistant: Tracy Martinez

Council President: Tom Mitchell

Usher: Mike Miller

Liturgist: Linda Jorgenson

Choir Director: Tom Yost, Pianist: Joni Chapman  
Zoom Asst: Michelle Lampson

**Thanks for faithful attendance.** July 7, 76 in-house, 4 on Zoom. July 14 in Cornucopia w/Immanuel, First Lutheran, & Bethesda, 96 in-house

**Prayers for Healing**

Karen Bayliss  
Sarah Garrison  
Merrill Miranowski  
Ken Belanger  
Duane Dehn  
Dave Cook  
Rob Gwinn  
Washburn United Methodist Church  
Daniel Saari  
Barb  
Greg and Allison Gillespie  
Karen Novachek  
Bill Maki  
Toni Pedersen  
Mindy Ray  
Mary McCord  
Barbara Swenson  
Niles Eilertsen  
Keith Holm  
Linda Schoch  
Pastor Dan Bohlman and the  
Apple Grove Lutheran congregation,  
Community of Argyle

**Requested by**

Darlene Anderson  
Mary Cook  
Bev Dehn  
Marne Belanger  
Bev Dehn  
Lorraine Young  
Ruth Carlson  
Jessica Mitchell  
Bill Luckenbill  
Mary Cook  
Julie Vadnais  
Friends  
Karen Maki  
Karen Novachek  
Margie Motiff  
Margie Motiff  
Keith Holm  
Ruth C  
Barbara Swenson  
Lorraine Young  
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**Prayers for Comfort in grief**

Judy Zovac  
Elizabeth Ware  
Patti Eskola  
Cliff Cinker

**Requested by**

Cindi Orley  
Donna Kramolis  
Kelly Beirl  
Dana Ledin Cinker and family

**Prayers**

- comfort to the families of those that died and healing to those that were injured at the PA political rally, including former President Trump
- Comfort and love to all affected by violence
- Peaceful resolution to the wars in Ukraine and Israel
- Wilma Lamken is at The Oaks