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The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
(July 11th, 2021)

"The Lord's Supper: If you are visiting with us here or have not been instructed in the unique Lutheran teaching regarding the Lord's Supper, we kindly ask you to speak to the Pastor before communing. Thank you."

† DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR †

Greeting and announcements

Opening Hymn "What Is the World to Me"

LSB 730 v. 1-3

- 1 What is the world to me
With all its vaunted pleasure
When You, and You alone,
Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord,
My soul's delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest.
What is the world to me!
- 2 The world seeks to be praised
And honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects
That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize
Above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone.
What is the world to me!
- 3 The world seeks after wealth
And all that mammon offers
Yet never is content
Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good,
Content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my wealth.
What is the world to me!

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

Psalm

Psalm 85 antiphon: v. 7

¹LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

²**You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.**

³You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.

⁴**Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!**

⁵Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

⁶**Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?**

⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.

⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

¹¹Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

¹²Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen

⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

P 204

C 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

**3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass by them;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land."

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus’ name had become known. Some said, “John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him.” ¹⁵But others said, “He is Elijah.” And others said, “He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” ¹⁶But when Herod heard of

it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.” ¹⁷For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias’s daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you.” ²³And he vowed to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom.” ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, “For what should I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist.” ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Message

Kids Talk (10:30am)

Sermon Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

LSB 649

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.
- 4 When here our pathways part,
We suffer bitter pain;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,
We hope to meet again.
- 5 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

Sermon

Gospel Servants: *Are Blessed*

Ephesians 1:1-14

Prayer of the Church

Offering

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

Preface

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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 truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

P 210

- C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

Distribution Hymns “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

LSB 686

- 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, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.
- 4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,

How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

“Thine Forever, God of Love”

LSB 687

- 1 Thine forever, God of love!
Hear us from Thy throne above;
Thine forever may we be
Here and in eternity!
- 2 Thine forever! Oh, how blest
They who find in Thee their rest!
Savior, guardian, heav'nly friend,
O defend us to the end!
- 3 Thine forever, Lord of Life!
Shield us through our earthly strife.
Thou, the life, the truth, the way,
Guide us to the realms of day.
- 4 Thine forever! Shepherd, keep
These Thy frail and trembling sheep;
Safe alone beneath Thy care,
Let us all Thy goodness share.
- 5 Thine forever! Thou our guide,
All our wants by Thee supplied,
All our sins by Thee forgiv'n;
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

Nunc Dimittis

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- C**
- 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.
 - 2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;

**For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

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P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn "Christ Be My Leader"

LSB 861

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

**The Worship Service Sunday Morning
July 11th, 2021**

Preacher	Rev. Joshua Schmidt	
Elders	Boyd Arnold, John O'Connor	8:00am
	Duane Lofton, John Mcdowell	10:30am
Organist	David Fenske	
Acolyte		8:00am
	Addie Ritterbush	10:30am
Ushers	Ben Fay, John Sigle	8:00am
	Dave Gruner, Josh Ammon	
	Brian O'Connor, Martin Gaines Jr.,	10:30am
	Alan Weber, John Bruner	
Greeters	Beth Weber	10:30am
Videographer	Chris Hayes	8:00am

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Announcements July 11th, 2021

****THE MESSIAH MESSENGER** -**

Deadline for August newsletter is Saturday, July 18th. Please have your news articles into the church office or email to

glaciap@messiahlutherangj.org.

KIDS TALK: Need someone to help fill in for Kids Talk during the summer. Please contact Crystal Schultz at 970-201-5927.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Will continue throughout the summer in the multipurpose room.

GOSPEL DNA: We have Small Groups starting this week! “Gospel DNA” – Contact the Church office if you would like to participate (either as a group or an individual).

INVITED-The congregation is invited to a 80th birthday celebration for Illona Rennels July 24th. It will be at Suds Brothers Brewery in Fruita between the hours of 2pm and 4pm. Please come and enjoy pizza, craft beer, snacks, beverages, and Birthday Cake and wish Illona good health and long life.

SUMMER CRIBBAGE- Need a cribbage fix. I know where you can find people to play! It’s time for summer cribbage nights! We will meet July 17th and July 29 at 6:00pm. Please put these on your calendar and in your phone so you don’t forget. Whether you are a beginner or an expert you are welcome to come. We will even teach you to play if you have always wanted to learn. Bring a board if you have one and be ready to play.

CHURCH YARD SALE: The 2021 Yard Sale will be July 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Yard sale set up will be Monday-Friday 9-3 July 5th-21st. Lunch will be provided. You can drop off your stuff for the yard sale during the office hour 8:00am to 3:00pm.

ATTENTION: Jr. High Youth grades 5-8 are invited to attend the August youth event hosted by the Diedrich family on JULY 31 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. They are hosting a pool party at their home located at 676 LaSalle GJ 81504. Kids should bring a towel and sunscreen. Here is a contact # 1 303-278-1362. It would be helpful to RSVP.

Parents should arrive back at the Diedrich’s at 3:30 for our own special meeting! This will give you an opportunity to choose the month you would like to host an event for the Jr. High. This has worked out very well and the kids have enjoyed gathering with their peers for a fun activity. It also gives parents the chance to meet other parents during drop off and pick up times. It is definitely a Win, Win situation! 👍.

If you are unable to attend the pool party, but would like to choose your month, please contact Cyndi Haynes at 714 402-0086. Leaving a message is fine.

NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR - We are now taking applications for this coming school year, preschool through eighth grade. Member’s and non-member’s children are welcome here at Messiah and we

have an excellent Christian academic program. School begins on August 12th. Please call the office for more information at 245-2838.

SHARE US WITH YOUR FRIENDS: Cards are available in the Narthex for anyone to use. They have a QR code that is linked to the church website. They are a great way to let people in our community know about our church and school.

CHURCH CAMP!!!! Camp is happening this year! We will be going to Twin Peaks Bible Camp on the Grand Mesa August 6-8. It is a great chance for a last hurrah for the summer—playing, fishing, hiking, singing, and studying God’s word. It’s a good way to get to know other church members better. There are cabins or you can camp. We make all the meals and eat together. The cost is \$30/person for the whole weekend. You need to sign up on the Camp sheet to reserve your spot. The sign-up sheet and a map are on the shelf by the west entrance. If you have questions, call Karen Skoog at 970-242-2986 (Please leave a messaged). Hope you can join us!!!

GREETER- Want to get to know your Messiah family, sign up to be a greeter. The "NEW" sign-up sheet is now on the bulletin board in the Narthex next to the Communion Help signup sheet. We need greeters for July 2021.

GIFT PLANNING: God puts gifts into our lives in order that we might use them, to honor Him and spread the name of Jesus. As you consider building a legacy or leaving a legacy gift, are you more focused on being

remembered, or blessing with God’s gifts? The real joy comes in using God’s blessings. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help you plan for gifts to family and gifts to ministry. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: Amos 7:8 - “And the LORD said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb line.’ Then the Lord said, ‘Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them.’ ” In the book of Amos the Lord condemns the people for their lack of kindness, charity, and generosity toward the weak and lowly. God takes great offense at this because his activity toward us is built on kindness, charity, and generosity. He wants us to respond in kind.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS- Thrivent members do not forget to direct your Choice Dollars® to the church general fund or to the school scholarship fund. You have two easy options to direct your Choice Dollars: Online at www.thrivent.com or by calling 800-847-4836

MESSIAH’S RADIO MINISTRY-Sunday mornings at 8:30am -9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station. If you would like to be a sponsor for this ministry, contact the church office, 970-245-2838. This is followed by Lutheran Hour at 9:00am.

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion
Monday	9:15am	Office Staff Meeting
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	11:00am	Jeanette Ertz Service
	5:30pm	Senior High
	5:30pm	Gospel DNA Small Group at the Church
Wednesday	8:00am	WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE
	11:00am	Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah/Zoom
	2:00pm	Gospel DNA Small Group at the Andersons in Fruita
	7:00pm	Gospel DNA Small Group at the Church
Thursday	10:00am	Gospel DNA Small Group at the Church/Online
	1:00pm	Gospel DNA Small Group at the Church
	6:30pm	Gospel DNA Small Group Online with Pastor Redeker
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
Saturday	11:30am	Gospel DNA Small Group at the Church
Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion

Please remember to let the office know of any changes of individuals that you have placed on the Prayer List.