

### LECTIONARY 17

JULY 27, 2025



#### Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

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#### Welcome to worship

#### WF'RF GLAD THAT YOU ARE HERE!

#### Navigating Worship

Congregational responses are written in bold.

#### AFD Available Downstairs

In case of an emergency, an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is located in the stair tower on the first floor.

#### Nursery

The nursery is available downstairs—please wipe down toys used.

#### Streaming Video

We extend our worship from our building into our community on Facebook, and YouTube. The front two pews and chancel are visible on the video.

### Today's Worship Leaders:

Presiding: Pastor Wayne Muthler

Greeter/s: Mim Keister
Lector: Nancy Morgan
Acolytes: Nancy Morgan

Cantor/s: Ronald and Frances Blatchley

Music Dir: Frank Shue Video Operator: Kay Trick

Communion Set Up: Ronald and Frances Blatchley

Communion Baker: Emily Moyer

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<sup>\*</sup> indicates to stand as you are able

### Ф GATHERING Ф

#### WELCOME AND WORSHIP NOTES

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### \*Confession And Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. Amen.

#### LORD OF LIGHT

#### \*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.



The Lord be with you. And also with you.

#### \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex alt ed thus!"
- 3 Je sus is wor-thy to re-ceive hon-or and pow'r di vine;
- 4 Let all cre a tion join in one to bless the sa cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one. "Wor-thy the Lamb," our lips re-ply, "for he was slain for us!" and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine. of God who sits up-on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### Amen.

#### FIRST READING

GENESIS 18:20-32

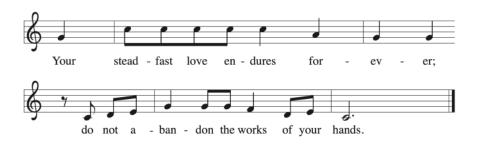
<sup>20</sup> The LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup> I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup> And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup> Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. 28 Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And the LORD said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to the LORD, "Suppose forty are found there." The LORD answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." 30 Then Abraham said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." The LORD answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." 31 He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." The LORD answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." 32 Then Abraham said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." The LORD answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

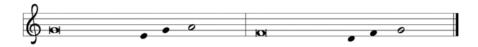
Word of God, Word of Life Thanks be to God.

Response Psalm 138

#### Refrain (sung twice at the beginning and once at the end)



#### Psalm Tone



- <sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with <sup>1</sup> my whole heart; before the gods I will <sup>1</sup> sing your praise.
- <sup>2</sup> I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast | love and faithfulness;
- for you have glorified your name and your word a- $^{\dag}$  bove all things.
  - <sup>3</sup> When I called, you <sup>1</sup> answered me; you increased my <sup>1</sup> strength within me.
  - <sup>4</sup> All the rulers of the earth will praise 1 you, O LORD, when they have heard the words 1 of your mouth.
  - <sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways <sup>1</sup> of the LORD, that great is the glory <sup>1</sup> of the LORD.
  - <sup>6</sup> The LORD is high, yet cares <sup>1</sup> for the lowly, perceiving the haughty <sup>1</sup> from afar.
- <sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right | hand shall save me.
  - <sup>8</sup> You will make good your pur- | pose for me;
- O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works  $^{\scriptscriptstyle \parallel}$  of your hands. R

(Repeat Refrain)

#### SECOND READING

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. 9 For in Christ the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have come to fullness in Christ, who is the head of every ruler and authority. 11 In Christ also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; 12 when you were buried with Christ in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with Christ, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. God set this aside, nailing it to the cross, <sup>15</sup> God disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup> These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup> Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup> and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The holy gospel according to St. Luke Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup> Jesus said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Let your dominion come.

- <sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.
- <sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to that friend at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set out.' <sup>7</sup> And the friend answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though the friend will not get up and provide anything because of the friendship, at least because of the neighbor's persistence the friend will get up and provide whatever is needed.

<sup>9</sup> "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask!"

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

#### HOMILY

#### \*HYMN OF THE DAY

# 742

#### WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

#### \*Apostle's Creed

PRESIDING REGINS

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended to heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

#### \*Prayers of Intercession

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

#### A brief silence

Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. God of grace, hear our prayer.

To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships. God of grace, hear our prayer.

#### Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for all who have gone before us. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

#### \*PEACE

Feel free to shake hands during Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

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#### OFFFRING

An offering is collected in the plates located in the narthex and by the elevator. You may give electronically at http://newberlinlutherans.com/give.

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

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MUSIC WRITTEN BY JACK RICHARDS. LYRICS WRITTEN BY RICHARD MULLEN

\*OFFERTORY # 188

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

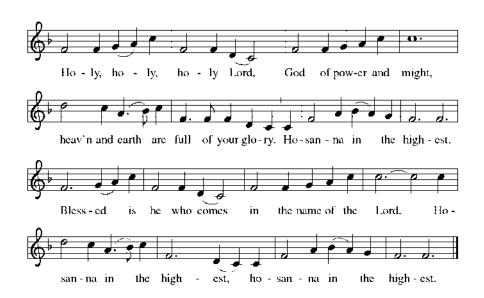
Amen.

#### \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** 

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

#### Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

#### \*COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Both sides process forward simultaneously by the center aisle. At the front pew are empty cups for wine. The cups that are filled are grape juice. The Common Cup is also available.



#### **COMMUNION SONGS**

DAY BY DAY # 790

Jesus, The Very Thought Of You # 754

#### \*Prayer After Communion

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

#### Amen.

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#### \*BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. **Amen.** 

#### \*SENDING SONG

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY ARIGHT

# 745

#### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. Thanks be to God.

We hear "Lord, teach us to pray aright" as we go forth to
LIVE GOD'S GRACE; SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE; SERVE THE LORD
All are invited for coffee, snacks, and fellowship in the parish hall.

## Fellowship After The Service

Join us for fellowship every Sunday after the Worship Service.

Today's Fellowship Hour is hosted by The Quilters

August 3	Ginny Engel and Paul	' Kaler	
August 10	Steve & Mary Eaton and Amanda Thomson		
August 17	Council	50	
August 24	???	£ Company	

#### Update on our Adopted Camp Counselor, Ali Wyland

As summer winds down, Camp Luther is on it's final stretch. Now is the time when counselors and staff need our prayers the most as fatigue sets in and counselors and staff need to begin thinking about the new school year or looking for another job. So, let's not forget to pray for Ali Wyland and while you're at it, don't forget to pray for our very own CarolAnn Miller, who has been working two or three jobs this summer.

Ali has been very blessed with lots of snacks and support. On this final stretch, if you would like to send her a gift, she asks that you send Sheetz gift cards.

### It's Always a Good Time to Update the Prayer List

Please review the prayer list and let Christine know whether prayers have been answered and those prayed for can be removed or whether we should move those needing more prayer onto the long-term list. Please email me your continued prayers and/or praises at:

Christinerowe@newberlinlutherans.com or put a note in my box. Thank you for helping me serve the church better.



## Almost Time To Go Back To School

Can you believe August will be here this Friday?! Parents are busy taking their kids to the mall for Back to School clothes and Walmart and office supply stores are advertising sales on school supplies.

#### Where on earth did the summer go?

Although like me you might be saying, "no, no, no" to the fast approaching appearance of pumpkins and falling leaves, it is time to begin shopping for Lutheran World Relief School Kits.

#### WHAT IS NEEDED:

- 70-80 sheet spiral notebooks of wide or college ruled paper
- Rulers (one side with centimeters and the other side with inches
- Pencil sharpeners
- Blunt scissors
- Unsharpened #2 pencils
- Black or Blue ballpoint pens
- Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2 1/2" erasers

Now is a great time to purchase school supplies as many of these items are on sale. If you don't want to go out in the Back to School crowds, you can give a monetary donation to any of the W.E.L.C.A ladies and they will brave the crowds for you.



## When was the last time you bought meat, dairy and produce for 19 cents a pound?!???!!!

Well, believe it or not, that's what our Food Pantry pays for food through the Central Pa. Food Bank! Now you might think that's a deal and we don't need your donation to provide for those in need in our area. Oh, contraire! We have been providing to 100+ individuals every month. That means that although items are only 19 cents a pound, we still need to buy enough to meet the ever-growing amount of need. I hate to belabor this point, but, we obviously can't get this good deal if we don't have the money. So, let me show you some numbers: A gift of \$5.00 will get us almost 26 pounds of food. \$10.00 will buy us 52 pounds of food and \$20.00 will buy us 105 pounds of food!!! You can't find a better deal anywhere! Plus, we can get free stuff too!

Please give your monetary donations to the New Berlin Food Pantry through Messiah. If you are giving cash, please place it in an envelop designated for the Food Pantry. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to Messiah and note in the memo line that it is for the New Berlin Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity.

**Also**, another great way to be a good steward of your money and support the New Berlin Food Pantry is by purchasing gift cards for Weis, Giant and L and L markets. I know, a lot of us go to Walmart, but meat and produce are ALWAYS better at Weis and Giant. Even a purchase of a \$25.00 card helps the Food Pantry.

Worship Leaders for Sunday, August 3, 2025

Presiding: Pastor Wayne Lupole Greeter/s: The Mitchell Family

Lector: Katie Brobst

Acolytes: Ava and Emma Mitchell

Cantor/s: Ronald and Frances Blatchley

Music Dir: Frank Shue Video Operator: Nancy Morgan

Communion Set Up: Steve and Linda Resseguie

Communion Baker:

**Emily Moyer** 

Altar Flowers:

#### Last Week 7/20/25

Attendance: 35 Giving: \$2332.00

#### Have a prayer request?

Fill out the yellow Prayer Request card and drop it in the offering plate or put it in the secretary's mailbox.

**Need immediate prayers?** Contact Tom Milbrand (272-305-0058), Diane Walter (570-966-0333), or Frances Blatchley (570-966-0288) to have prayers shared on the prayer chain.

Please remember to give Christine Rowe an update on the status of those on our prayer list.

#### Remember to fill out at least one Communion card each year.

Can't make it to church in-person?

Attend remotely on Facebook, YouTube and the phone. To listen in on the phone, call 570-989-8899.

# In our **pr**ayers

## Healing, wholeness, and encouragement

Long Term

Alicia Saxon, Noah Navickas, Matthew Myers, Steve Boonie, Lori Haines, Jeffrey Ames, Oliver Auman, Aimee Erdley, Bev Fausey, Christine Koons, Darrell O'Bryant, Robert "Butch" Hestor, Betty Reber, Michael Callahan, Angela Golfieri, Todd Miller, John Hollenbach, Eric Brosious, Kay Fleming, Taryn Myers, Brantley Herman, Timothy Shomper, Jane Ohlidia, Weston Treas, Trudy Livingston, Mick Hauck, Lark Springer, Logan Roush, Katelyn Mattison, Tena Decker-Norman, Mary Hoover, Laurie Thomas, John Wagner, Beth Ann Troutman, George Hauck, Sandy Raymond, Kathy Spangler, Dianne Bailor, Doug Aikey, Loretta Weatherill, Melissa Boonie, Adam Guzenski, Julia Hauck, Ellie Crane, Jami and Dylan Crane, Tracy Sassaman, Paul Burkholder, Sue Ulrich, Charlie Stabler, Shawna St. Claire, Stanley St. Claire, Larry St. Claire, Daytona Wentzel, Tim Walsh, Ted Kolvich, Ron Trick, Cameron Osgood, June Bingaman, Michelle (Pam Erdley's friend), Grant Snyder, Robert Sauers, Rick Slear, Joe Hoffman

#### Short Term

Mary Wagner, Ken Walter, Carole Jacka, Deb Wetzel, Clay Powel, Diane Walter, Randy Rim Fultz, Mary Lou Shoop, Ali Wyland

Providence and Protection for first responders and military service men and women Stanley Miller, Benjamin Pilko

Companionship, Prayer and Support for our Homebound Carol McJilton, Valda Sassaman, Julia Fetter, Mick and Mary Hauck, Nancy Hummel, Carole Jacka

Comfort for those who Grieve

For the family and friends of Dick Devitt, Bill Roush, Ralph "Zip" Geiswite Jr., Harold Spangler,

## This Week

Today, Sunday, July 27

9 am Service of Holy Communion
Fellowship

Sunday, August 3

9 am Service of Holy Communion Fellowship

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Psalm for Monday-Wednesday is Psalm 55:16-23

Mon.	July 28	Esther 5: 1-14	Colossians 2:16-3:1
Tues.	July 29	Esther 6:1-7:6	Romans 9:30-10:4
Wed.	July 30	Esther 7:7-8:17	Matthew 5:43-48

Psalm for Thursday-Saturday is Psalm 49:1-12

Thurs.	July 31	Proverbs 23:1-11	Romans 11:33-36
Fri.	Aug. 1	Proverbs 24:1-12	Ephesians 4:17-24
Sat.	Aug. 2	Ecclesiastes 1:1-11	Mark 10:17-22

Sunday, Aug. 3 Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

Psalm 49:1-12 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21