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ELW Setting 5

Prelude

Once to Every Man and Nation

Richard Purvis

Call and Response:

Lord of heaven and earth of all nations
and peoples all faiths and no faith
reveal yourself **to those who are suffering,**
reveal yourself **to all who are refugees,**
reveal yourself **to those who diminish other people**
reveal yourself **to those who traumatize others**
reveal yourself **to those who serve in government**
reveal yourself **to those who are powerful,**
reveal yourself **to all who are powerless,**
reveal yourself **to ordinary people**
in their everyday lives,
that this world might reflect your love and your glory.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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 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.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

Entrance Hymn O God of Every Nation #713

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Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me.

³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm: Psalm 123

Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy. (Ps. 123:2)

¹To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

²**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
⁴**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation:

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Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

Glory to you, O Lord!

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at

their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

#579

Apostles' Creed

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, 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 into 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

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need. We especially pray for our members Rolland, Walli, Gloria and Gene, and Merl. We pray for our friends Denise, Bill, Dawn, Stephani, Karla, Orin, Danielle, Krista, Betty, Meghan, Robert, Matt, and Kim and Jill. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries. Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom. Thank you for those who work for human rights, community organizers, and all who strive for liberty for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord be with you all: **And also with you!**

MEAL

Offertory

Trio

Johann Ludwig Krebs

Offering Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Congregation sings

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Eucharistic Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

(spoken)

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Distribution of Communion

Prayer after Communion

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing

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

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing

#841

Postlude

Excerpt from "Variations on 'America'"

Charles Ives

Worship Leaders today:

Steve Gustafson Organist
Jeanne Lucas Liturgist
Greg LeGault Lector

Worship Leaders next week:

Steve Gustafson Organist
Becky Anderson Liturgist
Jeanne Ahlers Lector

Messiah Lutheran Church

6/30/2021

	Actual	Actual	Budget
	Jun-21	Jan - Jun	Jan - Jun
Revenue	7,703.97	77,826.05	72,579.80
Expenses	7,774.46	68,123.87	80,242.44
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>(70.49)</u>	<u>9,702.18</u>	<u>(7,662.64)</u>
Reserve Balance	<u>90,368.81</u>		

Members, Friends, and Family for Whom We Pray

Members of Messiah:

Rolland Christenson, Walli Ellis, Gloria and Gene Holdsworth, Merl Hilt, and the families of Donna Forsberg, Betty Peterson, and father of Bryce Loder, Leroy Loder, who passed on June 14th

Friends of Messiah

Donna Stejksal	Daniels' friend	Karla Goewert	Friend of Kirsten Bruce
Denise	Pari Ford's mother	Orin Shogren	Har's brother
Bill Stephenson	Joy Janis's brother	Danielle	Robbie Peterson's
Dawn	Sharon Hoffman's Daughter	VanDeVyvere	granddaughter
Stephani White	Betty Holcombe's daughter	Krista Bahler	Betty Peterson's Niece
Robert Ahlstedt	Earl Ahlstedt's Brother	Betty Finney	Sharon Hoffman's friend
		Meghan	John & Margaret Presley's Daughter
		Presley	
		Matt Forrester	Pastor Amy's brother
Kim and Jill Hett			

Serving the U.S.A.

Alex Klapp	Betty Russin's grandson	Vicki Charboneau	Elaine Eller's granddaughter
Ben Youngquist	S Hoffman's nephew	Jeremy Guy	Hensley's son-in-law
T.J. Paulsen	Barb Malm's child		
Daniel & Miranda Norland	Randy/Gretchen's son & wife		

Serving the U.S.A. Overseas

Luke Hammontree Daniel's grandson

Seminary

Kaylie Ines

Wider Church by Jeanne Ahlers

The Fourth of July -- our nation's birthday -- is a good time to consider our heritage. Not what's wrong with our country, but what it is that over the years has drawn so many people to it. Most of us can trace our families back to immigrants who came here to find what their native countries couldn't give them.

This need is greater than ever. The U.S. Refugee Admissions Program is a lifeline for children forcibly conscripted into armies, for LGBTQ+ attacked for who they are, for religious minorities persecuted for their worship, and other crises around the world. Lutherans have a legacy of compassionate worship for those seeking refuge in our communities.

Since 1939 -- more than 80 years now -- Lutherans in the United States have joined together to love the neighbor who comes to us as a stranger. Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) is the largest faith-based nonprofit in the United States, dedicated to serving vulnerable immigrants, asylum-seekers, and refugees. They have helped over half a million

newcomers settle into cities across the country and have boldly advocated for policies that protect them.

This legacy is woven into the Lutheran tradition and history; many of our Lutheran ancestors had to flee their homes and knew the joy of being welcomed into new communities. Today's newcomers have the same needs. This national holiday can be a good time to help them come to feel at home and part of our great tradition.

Announcements

Please join us for the **KICK** family summer events. July 11th is pool night at Riverside Park from 5:30 to 9:30 pm with lessons and camp songs, Stuga subs and more. Private swim for the first 100. August 15th is a back to school bash with inflatables at Swensson Park from 5 to 7:30 pm. There will be Bible lessons, camp songs, pulled pork bbq and more.

For **Hyllningsfest** Messiah has been asked to donate 60 loaves of rye bread. We will have a sign-up sheet available in September.

JULY 4, 2021
SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Disciples trust in the power of Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 6:1-13	Jesus sends the twelve
Monday	Ezekiel 2:1-5	The Lord chooses Ezekiel
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Paul's vision
Wednesday	2 Peter 1:3-11	The Christian's call to love
Thursday	Luke 9:1-6	The disciples' mission
Friday	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Thanksgiving and encouragement
Saturday	Psalms 123	A prayer for mercy
Sunday	Mark 6:14-29	The death of John the Baptist

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But [God] said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. **2 Corinthians 12:9 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to trust that through weakness you show power and through our human frailty you do great acts of love and mercy through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, just as you feed us through the work of many hands, help us to be mindful of the kindness of others that blesses us daily. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the power and strength of God bless you with mercy and grace.

HYMN OF THE WEEK

God of Grace and God of Glory

WEEKLY MILESTONES CARING CONVERSATIONS

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think of a time that you needed the help of someone.
- What is it like to depend on the kindness of others when you need help?
- Jesus sends his disciples out into the world needing the kindness and hospitality of others. How is showing hospitality to others and receiving it ourselves the work of the church?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 6:1-13.

Jesus goes to his hometown and is astonished at the people's lack of trust and belief in him. Because of that, he was only able to use his power to heal a few sick people. The townspeople rejected his authority. Ironically, that same authority is given to his disciples and they are able to go out and do many great deeds of casting out demons and curing the sick. This passage makes at least three important points about discipleship: 1) followers of Jesus will experience the same rejection Jesus did, 2) Jesus' authority is enough to do great things in the reign of God, and 3) disciples go out defenseless, without needing extra provisions and depend on the hospitality and kindness of strangers. The third point is a difficult one for us today. We would rather be the host. However, Jesus calls us to receive the help and kindness of others, especially the stranger who welcomes us in and takes care of us. In our weakness, God's power is revealed. When have you been blessed by being the recipient of the hospitality of others, especially someone you don't know well?

Pray: **Dear God, in human frailty and need your power is made known. Bless us in our relationships with others that your love may be made known through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

It is a valuable gift to host others in your home. However, it is also an important gift to the outreach of the church to accept the hospitality of others. When have you been a guest of another person's hospitality? Did you feel you were the recipient of God's love as you received the hospitality of others? Explain.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalm 123 is a psalm for people making a pilgrimage to the temple in Jerusalem. Identify sacred places in your own pilgrimage or faith journey on earth as a follower of Jesus. Maybe it is a place in your own home, congregation, or the home of a loved one. Talk or think about what you like to do in that sacred space, and give thanks for God's presence in your life. Conclude by praying: **God of glory and might, thank you for revealing yourself to us and for special places that make us feel especially close to you through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org