

What Exactly Is The Kingdom of God?

Psalm 145:10-21



Preaching and teaching the truth to His expanding kingdom, reaching out to all!

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**The 11th Sunday After Pentecost
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Announcements & Sharing of Christ's Shalom/Peace

Confession and Absolution

Stand

648 Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

- 1 Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed you for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
You may smile at all your foes.
- 2 See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply your sons and daughters
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
Ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.
- 3 Round each habitation hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring,
Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which God gives them on their way.

4 Savior, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Your name.
Fading are the world's vain pleasures,
All their boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures
None but Zion's children know.

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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 **T** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

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P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

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

Confession of Sins

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P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

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P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

Introit

Psalm 145:10–21

¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

**¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,**

**¹²to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.

**¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

**¹⁵The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**¹⁷The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and kind in all his works.**

¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

**¹⁹He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.**

²⁰The LORD preserves all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

**²¹My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

Gloria Patri

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C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.**

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. [Mark 10:27]

Gloria in Excelsis

P Glory be to God on high:
C **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy
upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen. [Luke 2:14; John 1:29]

Salutation and Collect of the Day [2 Timothy 4:22]

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Merciful Father, You gave Your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 16:2–15

²The whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we

had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground.

¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 4:1–16

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵one Lord, one faith,

one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men.”

⁹(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia

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C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 6:22–35

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²²On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you,

you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*Creed [“Creed” comes from the Latin *credo*, which means “I believe.” From the time of Pentecost, the Ancient Christian Church has confessed a creed. The Early Christian Church has always believed, taught, and confessed these Scriptural teachings. This is why we are called a Creational Church.]*

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 T of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Kids' Time

918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

- 1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.**

- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.**

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
 Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
 I will ever give to Thee;
 I will ever give to Thee.

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Sermon *What Exactly Is The Kingdom of Heaven Like?*

Stand

Offering

Offertory [Psalm 51:10-12]

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C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit
 from me.
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy
 free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church [1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Lord's Prayer [Matthew 6:9-13]

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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 Conclusion for the Lord's Prayer is not in Matthew or Luke. The Conclusion is from 1Chronicles 29:10-11, King David's prayer in the assembly.]

Salutation

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction [Latin for God's "Good Speak" to you]*LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

[Aaronic Benediction Numbers 6:24-26]

Hymn to Depart

Leaning On the Everlasting Arms: See Insert

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PRAYER REQUESTS– *“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”*
Prayer requests for you, family with permission, or by a pastor, may be sent to
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Messiah's Prayer List

Continued health and healing: Chris Ballard, Ralph Bickel, Mary Ann Bradshaw, Peter Chaney, Darlene & Darrel Clark, Lucy Clemmer, *John Feliciano, Carol Haller*, Stephen Hildebrand, Doug Johnson, Jimmie Kenner and family, Emogene Kukuk, Carrie Lamgo, *Tom Moore*, Illona Rennels, Bob Rennick, Dorothy Roberts, Esther Schlauger, Karen Skoog, Shane Walz, Romaine Webb, Jeff Vagneur, *Gary*.

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Continue to fight cancer: Ralph Bickel, Karen Caldwell, Tyler, Rhonda Covington, James Hamleton, Les Hawkins, Leslie Hendricks, Barbara Huff, Mike Jerome, *Arthur Kluegel*, Chuck Magner, Marshall Mead, Walter Netzke, Lela Ottman, Amy Poulin, *Rick Reimers*, Loretta Siilata, Skogen, *Nickie Wilke*.

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Mavericks of Messiah: *Continue to pray for the college students.*

Missionaries: Rev. Tim Norton to the Navajo Nation and **Rev Dr. Karl Heimer**, Ysleta, El Paso Texas.

Celebrating Birthdays:

Aug. 4- Brian Bruns, Joyce Feliciano,

Aug. 5- Arliss Bridgett

Aug 6- Robert Grindel, Jonas Ashcraft

Aug. 7- Emily Dowling

Aug. 8- Darrel Clark, Anita Hibberd

Aug 8- Kelsey Ehlert

Wedding Anniversaries:

Dean & Kathy Hollatz (45)

Eric & Karen Skoog (40)

Jeremy & Letha Skoog (2)

Glen & Becky McAvory (23)

CALENDAR FOR THE Week of August 4, 2024

Sunday 9:00am **Worship, Communion, Facebook Live**
 10:30am **Fellowship, Coffee, Bible Study**

Monday

Tuesday 9:00am **Quilt ladies- FH**
 9:00am **Office Staff Meeting**
 5:00pm **National Night Out**
 7:00pm **Compassionate Friends- FH**
 7:00pm **Elders Meeting- Library**

Wednesday 1:00pm **Safety Meeting- Library**
6:00pm **Church**

Thursday 6:00pm **Pre-K Open House**

Friday

Saturday

Sunday 9:00am **Worship, Communion, Facebook Live**
 10:30am **Fellowship, Coffee, Bible Study**
 10:30am **Rally Day**
 4:00pm **Family Night/Opening Chapel**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF August 4, 2024

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: July 24th thru July 31st

Weekly Donations \$14,180.01 Month to Date \$73,416.98

Weekly Need \$23,540.00 Monthly Need \$94,160.00

Campus Cleanup – Tomorrow, August 5th, from 4 – 6pm to help with some extra cleaning in the school areas. We want our students to return to a clean and cheerful space where they can concentrate on their studies. **Bring your buckets and sponges and help us make our school shine!**

National Night Out- Please join us this Tuesday, **August 6th** from **5-7pm** for the National Night Out event! This event aims to provide support for our **city's law enforcement** and provide a welcome to the neighborhood that the church is part of. The event is open to **all church members, school members, and Messiah's neighbors**. There will be **food, games, and fellowship**. Last year, many law enforcement members stopped by to engage with our community. **Supplies needed:** hamburgers, buns, condiments, ice cream, and toppings. **Volunteers needed:** We'll be canvassing the neighborhood to invite everyone. Please join us on Friday, **August 2nd**. Contact **Jenna Lampe** with what you are willing to bring and if you are willing to help promote.

Did You Graduate From High School- If so, then you are qualified to help out as a **substitute in our school**. We would love to have a long list of folks who are willing to help when needed. We will **provide clear instructions** and be here to **support you** the whole time. You can specify which days and times you are available, and which grades you are comfortable working with. We can use **substitutes during the school day** and for **extended day care from 3-6 PM**. Let the **office** know that you are interested, and **Mrs. Eberhard** will get in touch to talk about the details.

One More School Recruiting Opportunity to Grow Messiah- Volunteers are needed to promote our **SCHOOL** at the following event: **Dyslexia Foundation** is sponsoring a Back-to-School Bash on **August 10**. **5 to 8** people are needed. You may call the office or go **volunteersignup.org/39FMJ** to sign up. **Thank you** to those who have already volunteered your time to help fill God's house with his children at Farmers Market & Mesa County Fair.

Principal Sue Eberhard's Installation- is scheduled for Sunday, **Aug. 11th** at our 9am service with a brunch potluck to follow. Plan on joining us!

Principal Sue Eberhard and her husband Keith- are settling into their new home. In her call documents, Messiah pledged to cover up to **\$10,000** for their moving expenses. To date, we have **\$2,320**. Please mark on your envelopes or in the description on the Online Giving Portal.

Big Daddy Weave - Praise Him Ministries is excited to present Big Daddy Weave at **Grace Community Church in Montrose on August 8th!** You can purchase your tickets at **PHMTICKETS.COM**. \$20/person.

Kids Connection- Will resume on **August 18th** with **RALLY DAY!!!** We'll have a **Block Party Trailer** with lots of games, some snacks and information about ALL the upcoming Bible studies: Kids Connection, Battle Ready, Men's Bible studies, Women's Bible studies, Sipping and Searching, Bible studies throughout the week, online, in person. Come join us **after worship on August 18th** to find out which Bible study you might like to join.

Meat the Freshmen- Thursday, **August 22nd** from **5pm to 7pm** on the **CMU campus**. Meat the Freshmen is a free dinner for all CMU students. If you are a CMU student or know a CMU student, please spread the word. All are invited! **CHURCH MEMBERS** volunteers are needed to help serve. Around 1000 steaks and many side dishes will be served. Most of the food has been coordinated already, however, you can make a donation to help offset other costs. Please contact **DCE Jonathan dce@mlgi.org** with donation money or to volunteer.

Messiah's Annual Family Camp- Calling all adventures!! Come join us at **Twin Peaks Bible Camp** on the **Grand Mesa** outside of Collbran. This year we have a later weekend, **Aug. 23-25**. You can sign up for a cabin or use your own tent or trailer. So if you are a family of one or ten and your idea of an adventure is to curl up under a tree with a good book, go on a hike, or play games, then you need to join us! **Other activities include** archery, fishing, volleyball, tetherball, mini golf, visiting, puzzles, and more! A **sign-up sheet** is near the west doors. It costs **\$40/person** for the weekend, which includes all meals. Questions? Call **Karen Skoog @ (970) 242-2986** and leave a message.

Battle Ready- Will resume on **September 9th for 7th/8th** grade and **September 10th for 910th** grade. This year's 9th graders are still going to meet on Sunday mornings. (As we get Battle Ready up and running and on schedule, we still need some flexibility to make sure everyone gets through all the material.) Keep up on your Bible readings every day until we get together again. For each chapter you read, write a sentence or question you have. **5th/6th graders**, keep up with your memory work. **This year's 7th graders** need to have memory work finished to start **7th grade modules**. Battle Ready students and families, keep watch for an **email from DCE Jonathan** with a "progress report". This will help you know what make-up work needs to be done and what projects are coming up.

Thrivent- We need **names of people** willing to use their **Thrivent accounts** to apply for start-up money for a variety of events at the **church and school**. The money we receive comes from Thrivent, not your account. The office will assist you with this process. Thank you.

LCMS Foundation Gift Planning- Working through the Gift Planning process offers a solution for today's snapshot in time but creates a partnership for adjusting your plan as time changes. If there are ten, twenty or thirty more years until you expect to be with Jesus, you can expect that the gift plan within your estate plan will need to change, as life changes. Additional family members, the passing of some family members, and the changing of ministries with which you are connected are all examples of how your plan will need to remain flexible and change as life changes. Working with a Messiah Gift Planning Counselor creates a partner with whom you can review your plan every 5 to 7 years. They will provide you with reminders for these opportunities to review. Contact **Jason Jones** at **Jason.Jones@lfnd.org** or call him directly at **(970) 988-0305**.

Messiah's Radio Ministry-Sunday mornings at **8:30am – 9:00am** on radio station **1100AM/KNZZ**. It is followed by The Lutheran Hour at **9:00am**