

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



Messiah Lutheran Church
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To our Guests: Welcome!

Worship Patterns in Pandemic Days

God be praised for every person here this morning and for all who are with us in spirit as they watch and pray at home. God strengthen us all through his word and promise in our Lord Jesus Christ.

The continued threat of coronavirus infection requires us to change our habits during the time we spend together. Please follow these rules to keep each other safe:

On entering—

- Masks are required. Please be sure to wear one.
- Sit only in pews marked with a bow.
- Keep the spacing rod between you and your family and the person or family at the other end.
- Greet each from a distance.

During the service—

- Refrain from singing. Instead, listen to the singers in the balcony and follow the words in the bulletin.
- When we share the Peace, do not hug or shake hands except with members of your own family. Wave or bow to the people around you.
- Offering plates will not be passed. If you missed the basket on your way in, place it there when you leave.

During communion—

- Keep a safe distance from the person in front of you as you approach.
- Hold out your cupped hands for the host. The pastor will not place this in your mouth or extended fingers.
- For the wine, take a cup from the basket, remove it from its bag, and hold it steady as the pastor fills it. Deposit the cup and bag in the receptacle as you return to your place.

As you leave—

- Unless you need the elevator, exit through front doors only.
- Feel free to gather on the front lawn for conversation, keeping safe distances.

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July 19, 8:30 & 10 am

*The congregation is invited to participate at the places marked with **bold** type*

Prelude “When Morning Gilds the Skies,” David Christiansen

Confession and Forgiveness *Remain seated*

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

C Amen.

P Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us call on the Lord in humble repentance, confessing our sin.

From the singers as we listen and reflect—



Gathering Song

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Prerecorded by Saturday Band

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before,
O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love ,and You're slow to anger;
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Chorus*

And on that day when my strength is failing;
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore *Chorus*

Stand as you are able

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

You may be seated

live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth,”

#510 stanza 1

Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ingrain from heav'n de-scend - ing;
 touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love un - en - ding.
 Word al-migh - ty, we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

At the announcement of the Gospel:

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated

Sermon

Pastor Bridger

Stand as you are able

Song of the Day

“Come Ye Thankful People Come,” #693



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;
 4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.



All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.
 wheat and tares to-geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;
 Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.
 give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner to a-bide.



Come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
 Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.
 Come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord in your mercy. . . . **Hear our prayer.**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Greet those around you with these or similar words, after which you may be seated in prayerful silence as the altar is prepared. Stand again as you are able at the pastor's invitation

Presentation of the Offering

A Let us pray. Holy Spirit, Giver of Life, you bring us from denial to faith, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to your service, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for the saving love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The Lord's Supper

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

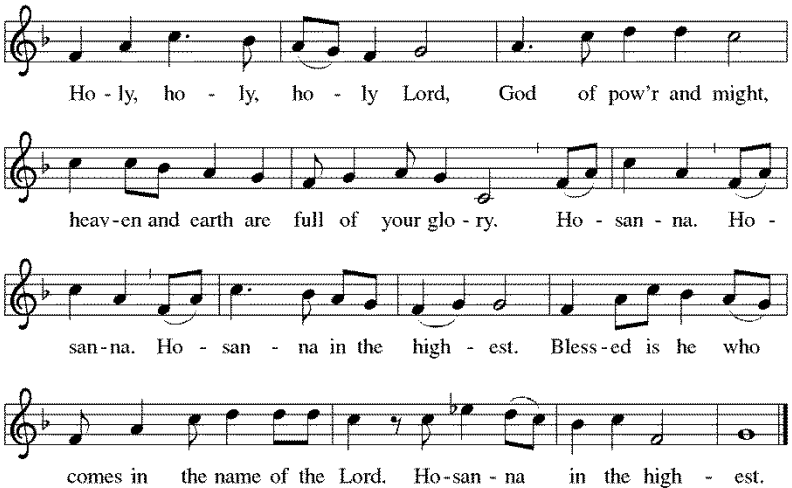
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

By the singers—



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

P Blessed are you, O Lord our God...as he comes to us in this Holy Supper.

C Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

P In the night in which he was betrayed....

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

You may be seated

Communion

By the singers—

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

When all have communed, stand as you are able

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

A Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C Amen.

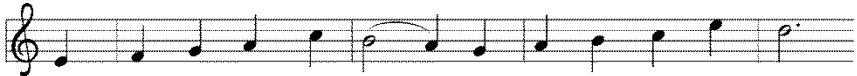
Sending

Blessing

P Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit keep you now and forever.

C Amen.

Sending Song “When Morning Gilds the Skies,” #853 stanzas 1-3



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
than “Je - sus Christ be praised!” There to the e - ter - nal Word



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
has none that can com - pare with “Je - sus Christ be praised!”
the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Reprise on “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

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Serving Today

Preaching Minister -- Pastor Bridger

Presiding Minister – Pastor Burce

Assisting Minister/Lector – Carl Herhuth, Linda Herhuth (8:30);

James QuMike Allan (10)

Acolytes – Gavin Jennings (8:30);

Adam Digney (10)

Welcoming Team – Joe & Ruth King
Singers – Dale Mortensen, Nigel Copeland (8:30);
Brad Paton, Bethany Kresnye (10)
Violinist – Signe Mortensen
Organist – Connie Triplett
Deacons – Cathie Janke, Bob Trapp(8:30); Amy & Hunger (10)

In our Prayers

- ❖ Our mission and ministry in the greater community
- ❖ Our Vacation Bible School, that Compassion Camp may bless families
- ❖ The need for justice and peace in our country
- ❖ Ongoing efforts to contain the pandemic, and for those serving in the medical field and those working on a vaccine to the virus
- ❖ School administrators, school board members, teachers and staff that they may be sustained and feel supported in the midst of the summer season
- ❖ In need of care and healing: Ruth Gahl, Jodi Hoffman, Tom Shaffer, Rita-Ann Shaffer, Brian Quigley (friend of David Lamar), Amy Lamar, Louise Vertal and for the family and friends of Dorothy Lewis and Chuck Raquet as each family gathers to give thanks for their lives.

Altar Flowers Are Given

by Nancy & Richard Cause in loving memory
of Richard's parents Howard & Mildred Cause

This Week's Commemorations

July 22—ST. MARY MAGDALENE, friend of our Lord and first witness of the resurrection.

July 23—BIRGITTA, d. 1373, a Swedish laywoman famous for her works of devotion and charity.

God's Word for Next Week

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 3:5-12, Psalm 119:129-136, Romans 8:26-39,
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

We encourage you to read the lessons as part of your preparation for divine services.