

# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



# 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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August 30, 8:30 & 10 am

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

Prelude

“Praise and Thanks and Adoration,” Paul Manz

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—*



A Gracious God, we confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P Is this also your prayer? If so, say “Amen.”

**C Amen.**

P Then, as a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

*Stand as you are able*

# Gathering Song

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”#655, stanzas 1, 3



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

## 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. O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

# The Word of God

## First Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. <sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. <sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. <sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. <sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

26:1-8, *Presented by the Singers*



<sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;

I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.

<sup>2</sup>**Test me, O | LORD, and try me;**

**examine my heart | and my mind.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;

I have walked faithful- | ly with you.

<sup>4</sup>**I have not sat | with the worthless,**

**nor do I consort with | the deceitful.**

<sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of | evildoers;

I will not sit down | with the wicked.

<sup>6</sup>**I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,**

**that I may go in procession | round your altar,**

<sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving

and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

**<sup>8</sup>LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell  
and the place where your glo- | ry abides.**

**Second Reading**

Romans 12:9-21

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as you are able*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**#169**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.* *Repeat alleluia*

May the | God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts,  
so that we may know the hope to which | God has called us.  
*(Eph. 1:17, 18)*

*At the announcement of the Gospel:*

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup>“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*You may be seated*

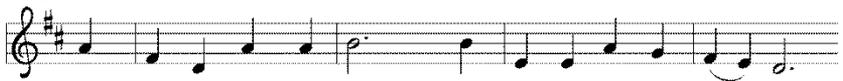
Sermon

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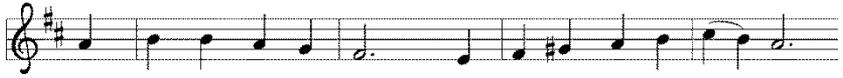
*Stand as you are able*

# Song of the Day

# “O God, My Faithful God,” #806



1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,  
 2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing—  
 3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;  
 4 When dan-gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:  
 what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—  
 guard me, lest i - die speech may from my lips be fall - ing;  
 help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer-less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in  
 to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless  
 but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,  
 help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.  
 what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.  
 then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.  
 and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

## Messiah School Staff Blessing (8:30 only)

### 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 “Prayer for Peace,” David Cherwien (8:30)  
“Take My Life and Let it Be,” Victor Labenske (10)

*O God of love, O King of peace, make wars throughout the world to cease;  
The wrath of nations now restrain. Give peace, O God, give peace again.*

*Remember, Lord, thy works of old, the wonders that thy people told;  
Remember not our sin's dark stain. Give peace, O God, give peace again.*

*Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord? Where rest but on thy faithful word?  
None ever called on thee in vain.” Give peace, O God, give peace again.*

- 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

*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.

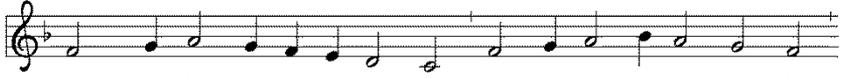
**C Amen.**

### Sending Song

“Praise and Thanks and Adoration, #783



1 Praise and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, Son of God, to you we give,  
 2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing, com - fort me in pain and strife;



for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that sin - ers all might live.  
 through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.



Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day  
 Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new



fol - low where your steps are lead - ing, find ad - ven - ture, joys ex - ceed - ing!  
 in your birth, your life and pas - sion, in your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

“Son of God, Eternal Savior,” Benjamin Culli

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# Serving Today

*Preaching Minister* – Pastor Bridger

*Presiding Minister* -- Pastor Burce

*Assisting Minister/Lector* – Nancy Richter (8:30); Mike Thiel (10)

*Acolytes* – Gavin Jennings (8:30); Adam Digney (10)

*Singers* – Joyn Hayduk, Bethany Kresnye (8:30);  
Priscilla Hinsch, Anthony Reed (10)

*Organist* – Connie Triplett

*Deacons* – Cathie Janke, Terrie Leske (8:30); Amy Hunger, Mark Hunger (10)

*Welcoming Team* – Joe & Ruth King

*Sound Technician* – Jared Waugaman

*Altar Guild* – Diane Paton, Martha Trapp

# Messiah Lutheran School Faculty

## 2020-21

Helen Casselberry, *Principal*  
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## In Our Prayers

- ❖ All educators and those engaged in the vocation of teaching, educating, and supporting school communities
- ❖ For first responders, law enforcement, those who serve protecting the public and providing public safety and our local medical community.
- ❖ People in Iowa and other areas of the Midwest, for the broader agriculture community, and those dealing with fires in the western states
- ❖ Our national, state, and local leaders and elected officials
- ❖ Those with health concerns or recovering from surgeries: Emerson Buskirk, Paul Griffith, Eleanor Huetter, Edna Martin, Anna Rendziak, Tom and Rita-Ann Shaffer, Louise Vertal
- ❖ The newly Baptized, particularly Maddie Polenz and her parents
- ❖ The Courtney family and the passing of Scott's mother Linda

## Altar Flowers Are Given

In Loving Memory of Richard and Essie Lee Hayduk  
by John and Kathy Hayduk.

## This Week's Commemorations

*Sept. 2*—NIKOLAI F. S. GRUNDTVIG, d. 1872, bishop, theologian, hymnwriter, and reformer of the Danish church.

*Sept. 4*—ALBERT SCHWEITZER, d. 1965, the world-class organist and theologian whose later service as a missionary doctor in Africa inspired a generation of European and American Christians.

## God's Word for Next Week Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14; Exodus 12:1-14  
*We encourage you to read the lessons as part of your preparation for divine services.*

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*Administrator & Pierstorff Memorial Fund Director* – Darlene Waugh

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*Drawing in to Christ. Building up in Christ. Sending out for Christ.*

*To the glory of God, through the strength of the Spirit.*