

# 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



Messiah Lutheran Church  
Sunday, August 12, 2018

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## TO OUR GUESTS: WELCOME!

May the God who led you here today refresh you with his grace and peace in Christ Jesus as you spend this hour with us. We're glad you're here.

### *Some helpful things to know*



- ***Restless children?*** Nursery care is available during Sunday morning services. We also have a room where parents can tend to little ones while watching and listening to the service. Ask an usher for directions.
- ***Large print bulletins and personal audio receivers*** are available at Sunday services for any who may find them helpful. Don't hesitate to ask an usher.
- ***May you commune at Messiah?*** Yes, if you're a baptized communicant elsewhere and are able to respond with joyful confidence when Christ invites you to meet him in the sacrament here. As he says of the bread, "This is my body," and of the cup, "This is my blood"; and of both he says, "given and shed *for you.*"
- ***Our communion procedures:*** the sacrament is distributed at the head of the aisle. Come forward as the usher directs. For receiving the wine, two cups are available, one to drink from and a second to dip the host in. Follow your preference. If you choose not to commune but would like even so to receive a blessing, approach the pastor or assisting minister with your arms crossed. For a gluten-free host, quietly ask the pastor.
- ***Let us know that you were here.*** You'll find a visitor's card in the pew rack that you can fill out and either hand to an usher or drop in the offering plate.

# 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 12, 8:30 & 10 AM

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

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## WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S GIFTS...

*Music and Quiet*

Elegy in F minor, Guilmant

### *Asking God's Forgiveness*

*Stand*

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

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ Jesus in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's promise of mercy and forgiveness. Let us therefore turn to God in trust and hope as we make confession of our sins.

*Silence is kept for self-examination.*

Let us pray. Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**and renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from your presence.

**And take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

Give me the joy of your saving help again,

**And sustain me with your bountiful spirit.** (Psalm 51:10-12)

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:

**Have mercy and hear us. We humbly confess that we keep sinning against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we do, and by what we leave undone. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us; by the power of the Holy Spirit, rescue and restore us: that we may come before you in peace, find joy in your goodness, and serve you all our days in faith, hope and love, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God proves his love for us in this, that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 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.

**Amen.**

## *Opening Hymn*

“As We Gather at Your Table,” #522

## *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.**

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# *GOD'S WORD*

## *Today's Prayer*

Let us pray. Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Sit*

## *From the Old Testament*

1 Kings 19:4-8

<sup>4</sup>[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."<sup>5</sup>Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."<sup>6</sup>He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."<sup>8</sup>He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Cantor sings refrain; all sing refrain*



*Cantor sings verses; congregation sing verses in bold*



<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;  
let us exalt God's | name together.

<sup>4</sup>**I sought the LORD, who | answered me  
and delivered me from | all my terrors. Refrain**

<sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD | and be radiant,  
and let not your faces | be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>**I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me  
and saved me from | all my troubles.**

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD  
and de- | livers them.

<sup>8</sup>**Taste and see that the | LORD is good;  
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God! Refrain**

*From a New Testament letter*

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

<sup>25</sup>So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup>Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5:1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and

live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

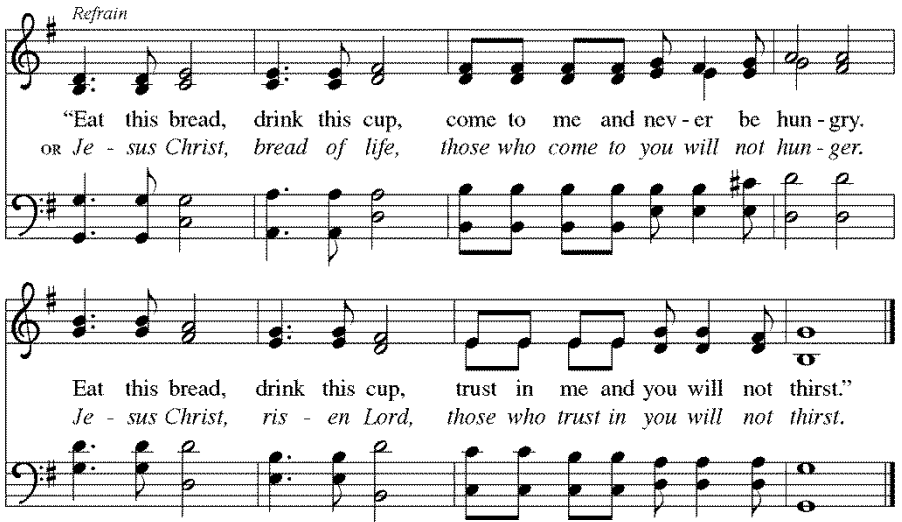
*From one of the four Gospels*

John 6:35, 41-51

*Gospel Acclamation*

*Congregation sings refrain*

*Refrain*



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”  
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

*Cantor sings verse:*

Eat his flesh and drink his blood,  
and this is the bread come down from heaven.

*Congregation repeats refrain*

*When the Gospel is announced:*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>41</sup>Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup>They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the

prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

*God's Word for Today*

*Pr. Bridger*

*Stand*

*Hymn for Today*

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer," #618

*Confessing our Faith*

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

*Offering our Prayers*

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Lord, in your mercy. . .  
. . . **hear our prayer.**

*Sharing Christ's peace*

The peace of the Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

*Greet those around you with these or similar words*

Sit

## Gathering Gifts

Reflections on "The Valley of Peace,"  
Albin C. Whitworth

Stand

## The Gifts are Presented

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble  
Service," #712 stanzas 1, 2

Let us pray. Spirit of Life

**You bring us from doubt 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. Amen.**

## CHRIST, OUR FOOD AND DRINK

### Preparing our hearts

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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. . . .we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and



might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Consecration

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. . . now and forever. **Amen.**

**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**

*Sit. To learn how we distribute communion, see the inside front cover.*

### Communion Songs

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, grant us peace.

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

#488

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

#542

*Stand*

### *Post Communion Blessing and Prayer*

## *ON OUR WAY*

### *Recognition of Students Leaving for College*

#### *A Final Word and Promise*

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### *A Song*

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

#543

#### *A Mission*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### *Music as we leave*

Finale on “Wells,” James Southbridge

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## SERVING TODAY

*Preaching Minister* – Pr. Bridger

*Presiding Minister* – Pr. Burce

*Assisting Ministers* – Nancy Richter (8:30); Mike Allan (10:00)

*Lectors* – Joe King (8:30); James Quayle (10:00)

*Communion Assistants* – Allison Benson, Kate Durban, Priscilla Hinsch (8:30);  
James Quayle, Eileen Spicer, Bob Stoddard (10:00)

*Acolytes* – De’Ante Furry, Jared Wuagaman (8:30);  
Brian Kusznir, Joseph Polyak (10:00)

*Cantor* – Claire Connelly (8:30); Trudy Gustke (10:00)

*Organist* – Mark Huffman

*Deacons* – Ray Durban, Trish Kvasnicka (8:30);  
Terrie Leske, Bob Trapp (10:00)

*Greeters*—Scott & Jill Straffen (8:30);  
Tom Chalfant (10:00)

*Ushers* – Joe Frantz, Joe King, Tim Roman (8:30);  
Carleen Ellerbruch, Julia Ellerbruch, Dana Quayle, Craig Stinard (10:00)

*Trustee* – Bruce Wolf

*Altar Guild* – Debbie Luekens, Martha Trapp

*Nursery* – Deanna McLeeson, Sarah McLeeson (10:00)

## IN OUR PRAYERS

- ✦ The Church in its calling to share the Bread of Life
- ✦ People suffering enormous loss from fire in California and earthquake in Indonesia
- ✦ The leaders of our communities and our country
- ✦ All who grow and distribute food for a hungry world
- ✦ Students beginning or resuming classes in coming days; teachers preparing for another school year
- ✦ The ill: Marlyne O'Malley, John Rowland

## THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS

*Aug. 13*—FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, d. 1910, the great pioneer of the nursing profession, and CLARA MAASS, d. 1901, an American nurse who lost her life in the effort to find the source of yellow fever.

*Aug. 14*—MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, d. 1941, a Franciscan priest who sheltered Polish Jews and died in Auschwitz, and KAJ MUNK, d. 1944, a Danish Lutheran pastor executed for his outspoken critique of the Nazi occupation.

*Aug. 15*—MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD, the all-time model believer of whom the angel said "All nations will call you blessed."

## GOD'S WORD FOR NEXT WEEK

### *13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

Proverbs 9:1-6, Psalm 34:9-14, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58

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







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*Servants and Missionaries* – All MLC members

*Senior Pastor* – Jerome Burce

*Associate Pastor* – Seth Bridger

*Music Director* – Connie Triplett

*Messiah School Principal* – Helen Casselberry

*Administrator* – Darlene Waugh

*Pierstorf Memorial Fund Director* – Martin Uhle

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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.*