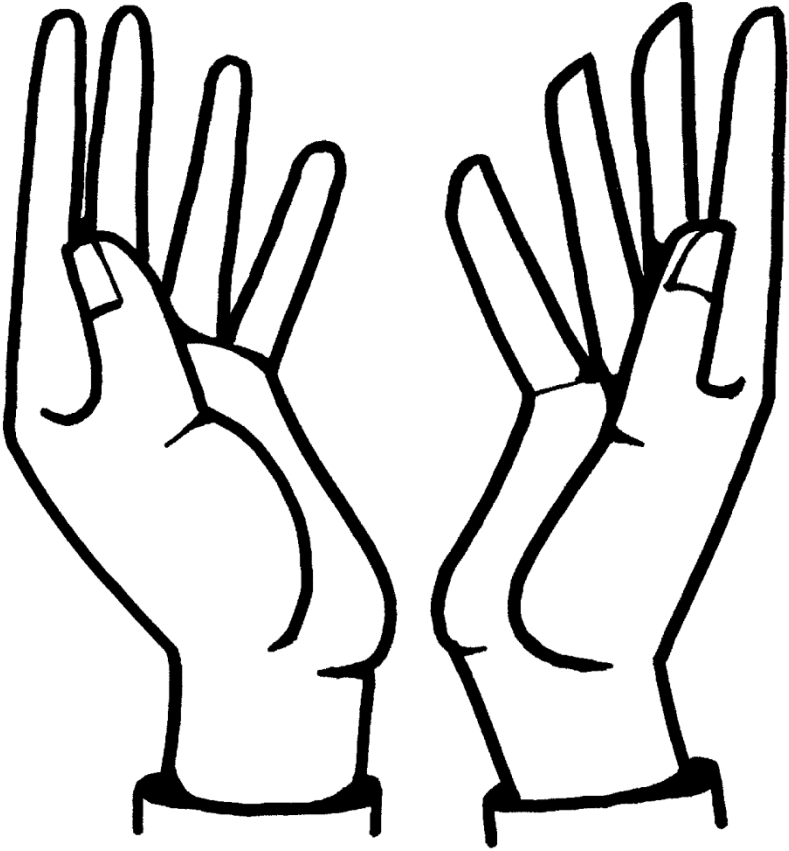


God's Contagious Generosity



A Fall Celebration

**Messiah Lutheran Church
20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 7, 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

- ***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.
- ***Restless children?*** Nursery care is available during the late 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.



20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 6, 8:30 & 11 AM

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

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S GIFTS...

Music and Quiet

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now,"

Georg Teleman (8:30)

"For the Beauty of the Earth," arr. by Robert Groth &

Kevin McChesney (11:00)

Asking God's Forgiveness (11:00 only)

Stand

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

Amen

Our Lord Jesus says, "The harvest is plentiful, the workers few. Therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest." Let us pray.

Almighty God, great is your goodness, and great is our sin. You give us work to do, and we refuse it; talents to use, and we bury them; mercy to share, and we hold it for ourselves. We have not been faithful servants; our love for you is small. Look on us now in your own great love. For Jesus' sake, forgive us; and restore us by the power of the Holy Spirit to joyful service in his name.

Our Lord Jesus Christ says, "Feed my sheep." As a called and ordained minister of his Church, 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

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Opening Hymn

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now," #527

Holy Baptism (8:30 only)

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.**

GOD'S WORD

Today's Prayer

Let us pray. Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

God's Contagious Generosity: A Reflection

Sit

From the Old Testament

Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

From the Book of Psalms

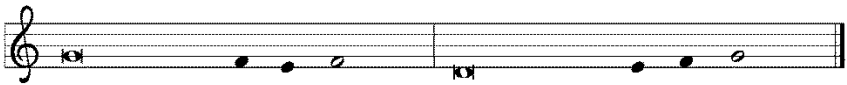
8:1-6, 9

Cantor sings refrain; all sing refrain



You crown us with glo - ry and hon - or.

Cantor sings verses; congregation sings refrain



Congregation sing verses in bold

- ¹O | LORD our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—
- ²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in-**
fants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the
foe | and avenger.
- ³When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,
- ⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,**
human beings that you should | care for them? Refrain
- ⁵Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
 with glory and hon- | or you crown them.
- ⁶**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;**
you have put all things un- | der their feet:
- ⁹O | LORD our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in | all the earth! **Refrain**

From a New Testament letter

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet.” Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

From one of the four Gospels

Mark 10: 2-16

Gospel Acclamation

“Jesus Loves Me,” #595, stanzas 1, 2

When the Gospel is announced:

Glory to you, O Lord

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

God's Word for Today

Pr. Burce

Stand

Hymn for Today

"O Christ, Our Hope, #604

Confessing our Faith (11:00 only)

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 “Our Father by Whose Name,” Keith Kolander (8:30)
“Come, Christians, Join to Sing,”
arr. by Linda R. Lamb (11:00)

Stand

The Gifts are Presented “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending,”
#678, stanzas 1, 3

Let us pray. God of mercy and grace

You adorn our lives with neighbors to love, bread to share, and good news to tell. Help us embrace our work with joy, and use what we have gathered to glorify your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

CHRIST, OUR FOOD AND DRINK

Preparing our hearts

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

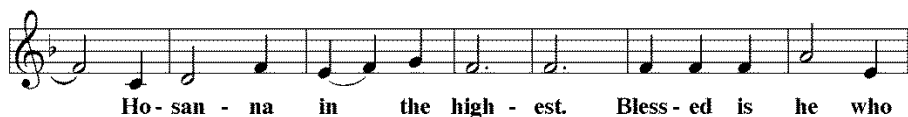
Lift up your hearts.

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:



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.

“Now We Join in Celebration”

#462

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

#879

Stand

Post Communion Prayer and Blessing

Let us pray. For the gift of Christ’s body and blood, given and shed for us,
We thank you, gracious Lord.

That we leave encouraged to trust you; eager to serve you in our neighbors,
and awakened to the presence of your saints in unexpected places,
Hear us, gracious Lord.

Almighty God, Father +Son and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you now and
forever. **Amen**

ON OUR WAY

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

“For the Beauty of the Earth,” Dennis Alexander

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SERVING TODAY

Preaching Minister – Pr. Burce

Presiding Minister – Pr. Bridger

Assisting Ministers – Nancy Richter (8:30); Mike Allan (11:00)

Lectors – Joe King (8:30); James Quayle (11:00)

Communion Assistants – Priscilla Hinsch, Alan Parrott, Lee Vysoky (8:30);
Liz Kitzel, Nancy Mickan, James Quayle (11:00)

Acolytes – Bryce Neumann, Gavin Waugaman (8:30);
Adam Digney, Leah Vandrask (11:00)

Organist – Connie Triplett

Cantor (8:30) – Claire Connelly

Joy Ringers (11:00) – Directed by Ruth King

Deacons – Raffee Johns, Trish Kvasnicka (8:30);
Bob Trapp, Sue Zubin (11:00)

Greeters—Scott & Jill Straffen (8:30);
Marian Carpenter, Marilyn Sheerer (11:00)

Ushers – Joe King, Tim Roman (8:30);
Julia Ellerbruch, Dana Quayle, Craig Stinard (11:00)

Trustee – Craig Stinard

Altar Guild – Tiffany Advani, Debbie Luekens

Nursery – Jennifer Helmink, Haley Tome (11:00)

IN OUR PRAYERS

- ✦ The Church's witness to God's generous love in Christ
- ✦ Victims of the Indonesian earthquake and tsunami
- ✦ Our congregation's mission as a channel of God's grace
- ✦ The need for repentance and mercy in our land
- ✦ Griffin Wasylyshyn baptized today
- ✦ Audrey Ruetzger on the death of her daughter, Beth Zwolsky
- ✦ The ill: Emerson Buskirk (granddaughter of Darlene Waugh), Maddy Golden, Jody Hoffman, Dorothy Juergens, Anita (mother of Heather Laurie), Donna Popp

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In loving memory of Raymond & Marabelle Keine by Richard & Nancy Cause

THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS

Oct. 6—WILLIAM TYNDALE, d. 1536, burned at the stake for translating the Bible into English.

Oct. 7—HENRY MELCHIOR MUHLENBERG, d. 1747, missionary and organizer of the first Lutheran synod in America.

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Senior Pastor– Jerome Burce

Associate Pastor – Seth Bridger

Youth Director – Peggy Schauer

Music Director – Connie Triplett

Messiah School Principal – Helen Casselberry

Administrator – Darlene Waugh

Pierstorff Memorial Fund Director – Martin Uhle

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