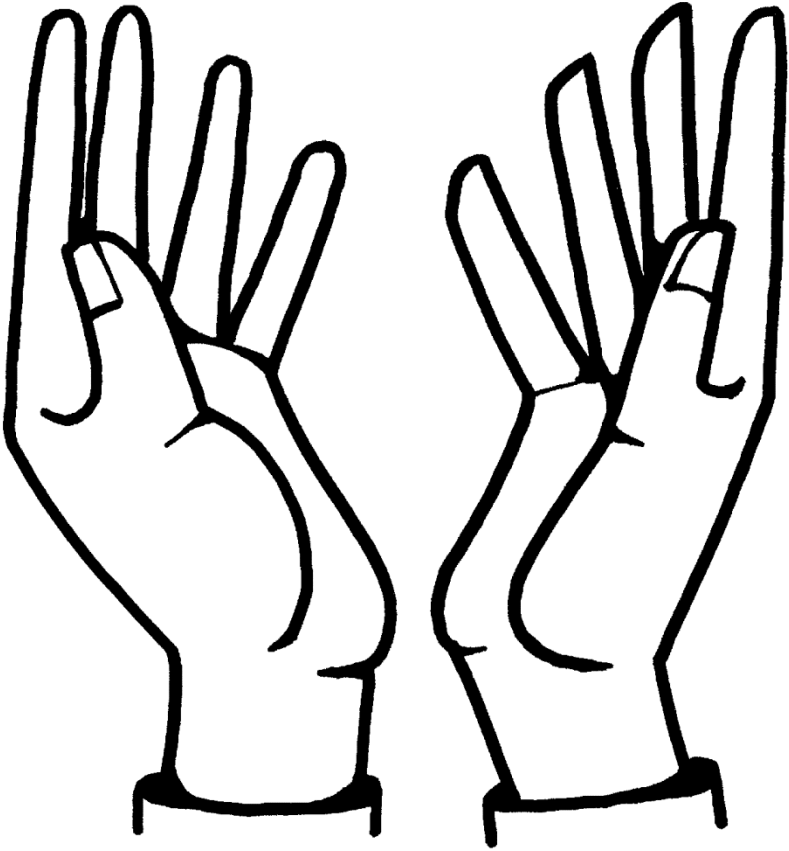


God's Contagious Generosity



A Fall Celebration

**Messiah Lutheran Church
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 21, 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.



22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 21, 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

"All Who Believe and Are Baptized,"
Christopher Loemker

Asking God's Forgiveness (8:30 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

"All Who Believe and Are Baptized," #442

Holy Baptism (11:00 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 turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

God's Contagious Generosity: A Reflection

Tim Rosenberger

Sit

From the Old Testament

Isaiah 53:4-12

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the

spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

From the Book of Psalms

91:9-16

Hymn Version: "On Eagle's Wings," #787, stanzas 1, 4

Stanzas sung by cantor; **Refrain sung by all**

From a New Testament letter

Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

From one of the four Gospels

Mark 10:35-45

Gospel Acclamation

“Rejoice in the Lord Always”

Cantor sings refrain; Congregation sings refrain

1. Re - joice in the Lord al - ways, a - gain I say, re-joyce! Re -

2. joyce in the Lord al - ways, a - gain I say, re-joyce! Re-joyce! Re-joyce! A -

gain I say, re-joyce! Re - joyce! Re-joyce! A - gain I say, re-joyce!

Last time

Text: Traditional

Tune: Traditional; acc. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942. © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

Sung once by cantor/children's choir; then once by congregation

When the Gospel is announced:

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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 Light, O Radiance True,” #675

Confessing our Faith (8:30 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

“Evening and Morning,” Jacob Weber (8:30)

“What a Beautiful Name,”

Messiah School Grades 4-8 Choir (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.

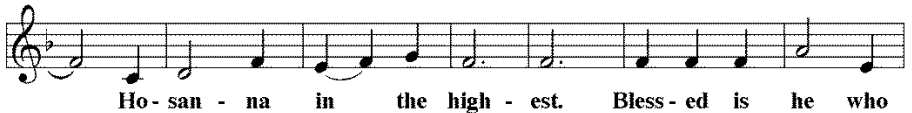
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . .we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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. 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.
Come forward as the ushers invite you. For those wishing to commune, there are two cups; a silver one to drink from and a ceramic one to dip the host in. Gluten-free hosts are available for those who need them. Quietly ask the pastor. If you choose not to commune but would like a blessing, approach the pastor with arms crossed.

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.

“What Feast of Love” **#487**

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken” **#494**

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 Vocational Blessing

Engineers and Scientists

A Song

"You Servants of God"

#825, stanzas 1, 3, 4

A Mission

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music as we leave

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SERVING TODAY

Preaching Minister – Pr. Burce

Presiding Minister – Pr. Bridger

Assisting Ministers – Tim Rosenburger

Lectors – Marty Uhle (8:30);

Janice Snyder (11:00)

Communion Assistants – Kate Durban, Priscilla Hinsch, Joe King (8:30);

Mike Allan, Nancy Mickan, Linda Stoddard (11:00)

Acolytes – Kaitlyn Carlin, Kevin McLeeson (8:30);

Bella Epperson, Jason Epperson (11:00)

Organist – Connie Triplett

Cantor – Claire Connelly (8:30)

Messiah School Grades 4-8 Choir (11:30) – Directed by Kate Ilg

Deacons – Ray Durban, Raffee Johns (8:30);

Bob Trapp, Sue Zubin (11:00)

Greeters—Wil & Geri Schuett (8:30);

Ushers – Craig Jernigan, Steve Swanson (8:30);

Grace Hessler, Sam Hessler, Ariana Laurie, Ken Pillivant (11:00)

Trustee – Greg Prohaska

Altar Guild – Tiffany Advani, Laura Gaydos

Nursery – Jodi Norris, Kaylie Norris (11:00)

IN OUR PRAYERS

- ✦ The Church as it serves the least and the lost
- ✦ Our readiness at Messiah to channel God's generosity in word and deed
- ✦ People hurt and ruined by Hurricane Michael
- ✦ The Church's pastors and leaders in their calling to reflect the spirit of Christ
- ✦ Christian parents as they lead their children to trust and honor God
- ✦ Maeve Charlotte Roman-Henderson baptized today
- ✦ The ill: Emerson Buskirk (granddaughter of Dave and Darlene Waugh), Steve Guenther, Dorothy Juergens, Anita (mother of Heather Laurie), Dorothy Lewis, Marti Metevelis, Ellen Warger

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In loving memory of Eleanor and Reinhold Leske by Terrie Leske

THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS

October 23—JAMES, brother of our Lord and leader of the church in Jerusalem (see Acts 15).

October 26—PHILLIP NICOLAI, d. 1608, JOHANN HEERMANN, d. 1647, and PAUL GERHARDT, d. 1676, perhaps the greatest of all Lutheran hymnwriters.

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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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