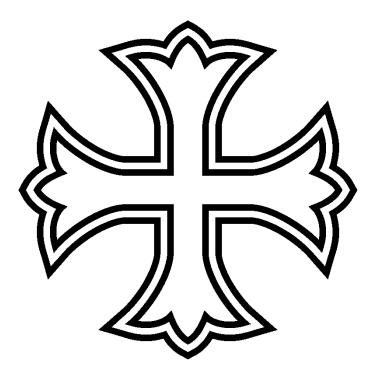
# God's Enduring Love: A Fall Celebration



"O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadast love endures forever." – Psalm 136

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## Messiah Lutheran Church 1929-2019

Sunday, November 10, 2019, 8:30 & 11 am MessiahChurchFairview.org (440) 331-2405

## 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.

## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### NOVEMBER 10, 8:30 & 11 A.M.

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

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

Music and Quiet "I Know that My Redeemer Lives," David Christiansen

## Asking God's Forgiveness

Stand

Joined to Christ Jesus in the waters of Holy Baptism, we are clothed with God's promise of forgiveness and life. Let us put this gift to use and prepare to meet our Lord. We pray.

We give you thanks, O God.

In the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters.

By your Word you created the world.

You called forth life in which you took delight.

Forgive us, merciful Lord.

We have failed to delight you. Our sinful habits injure the world. We neglect your Word and dishonor your Spirit. We fail to thank you as we should, with heart, soul, strength, and mind. Forgive us, merciful Lord.

As water is poured into the font –

We praise you, O God. You delivered Noah and his family through the waters of the flood.

#### You led Israel through the sea, from slavery to freedom.

To redeem the world, your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

#### You have made us your children in Christ through Word and water.

Restore us, gracious Father. Fill us in this hour with the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we will sing your praise, trust your Word, receive our Savior

Christ with glad and cheerful hearts, and walk with him by faith through the days which lie ahead.

#### Restore us, gracious Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As a pastor of the church and at Christ's command, I tell you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### Opening Hymn

"O Day Full of Grace," #627

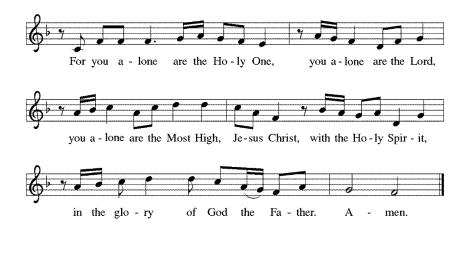
#### Greeting

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.

#### Gloria





GOD'S WORD

#### Today's Prayer

Let us pray. O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### Sit

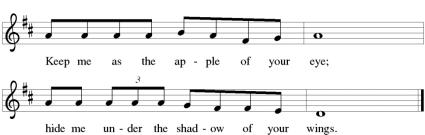
#### From the Old Testament

Job 19:23-27a

<sup>23</sup>"O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! <sup>24</sup>O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! <sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; <sup>26</sup>and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27a</sup>whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

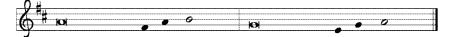
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### From the Book of Psalms



Cantor/Choir sings refrain; All sing refrain

Cantor/Choir sings verses in regular print; All sing verses in bold print



<sup>5</sup>My footsteps hold fast to your | well-worn path; and my feet | do not slip.

<sup>6</sup>I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me; incline your ear to me and | hear my words. *Refrain* 

<sup>7</sup>Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,

O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who | rise against them.

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<sup>8</sup>Keep me as the apple | of your eye;
hide me under the shadow | of your wings,
<sup>9</sup>from the wicked | who assault me,
from my deadly enemies | who surround me. Refrain
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#### From a New Testament letter 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

<sup>1</sup>As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup>not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup>He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup>But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup>comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Thanking God for the Word of Christ (#244, stanza 4)

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; Arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere. With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see The day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

#### From one of the four Gospels

Luke 20:27-38

The Holy Gospel is recorded in the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

<sup>27</sup>Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] <sup>28</sup>and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup>Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; <sup>30</sup>then the second <sup>31</sup>and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup>Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

<sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; <sup>35</sup>but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup>Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of

Jacob. <sup>38</sup>Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

The Gospel of the Lord.

 Praise to you, O Christ.

 Sit

 God's Word for Today

 Stand

Hymn for Today

"Rise Shine You People," #665

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 always. And also with you.

Greet those around you with these or similar words

## Offering our Commitments to the Lord's Work

Gathering Gifts

"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers," Jeffrey Blersch

Stand

#### The Gifts are Presented

"Jesus Shall Reign," #434 stanzas 1,5

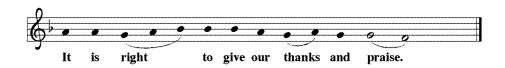
Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does its successive journeys run; His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Peculiar honors to our king; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen.

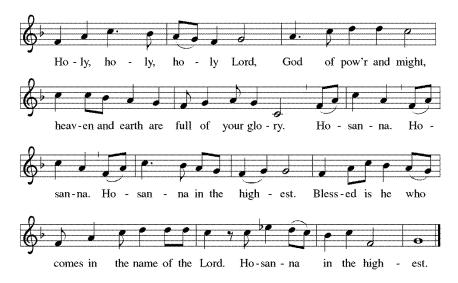
Let us pray. God of mercy and grace,

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.





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



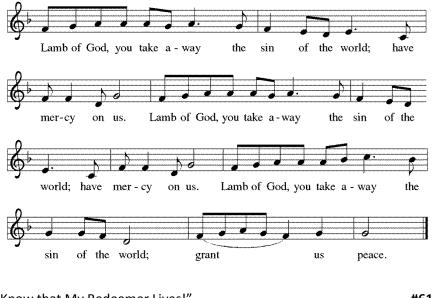
#### Prayer of Consecration

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 cover.

#### Communion Hymns



"I Know that My Redeemer Lives!" "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" #619 #362

Stand

#### Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

We thank you, Almighty God, for knitting us together in the one body of Jesus Christ, your Son. By the power of the Holy Spirit, fill us with such faith that our thanks will blossom in steadfast service to our neighbors and joyful witness to the world: through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 



#### A Final Word and Promise



#### A Hymn

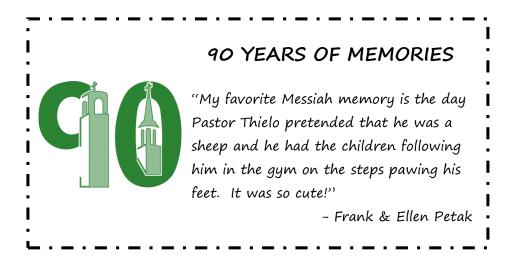
#### A Mission

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Music as we leave

"Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense," Johann Walther

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## SERVING TODAY

*Preaching & Presiding Minister –* Pastor Burce

Assisting Ministers – Carl Herhuth (8:30); Janice Snyder (11)

Lectors – Ruth King (8:30); Brandon Piteo (11)

*Communion Assistants* – Alan Parrott, Kent Skurkey, Christa Turnbull, Linda Herhuth(8:30); Ray Ling, Wendy Ling, James Quayle, Mike Allan (11)

Stewardship Leaders – Chris Neumann (8:30); Mike Allan (11)

Acolytes – Gavin Jennings (8:30); Kaitlyn Carlin, Gus Golden (11)

Cantor – Brad Paton (8:30)

Organist – Connie Triplett

Greeters – Kathy & Pat Gallagher (11)

Deacons – Joe Frantz (8:30); Sid Gator, Katie Norman (11)

*Ushers* – Joe King, Greg Prohaska, Gregory Prohaska (8:30); Sam Hessler, Luke Howes, Ariana Laurie, Ken Pillivant (11)

Nursery – Jenna Cvijovic, Lori Cvijovic (11)

Altar Guild – Debbie Luekens, Allison Paton, Diane Paton

Trustee – Josh Koza

## IN OUR PRAYERS

- + Christian people everywhere as they struggle to believe the Gospel
- + The church's witness to the reign of Christ
- + Our nation's veterans
- + Our country in its struggle to identify the common good and work for it together
- + The stewards of Christ at Messiah as we plan for another year in our Lord's service
- Seeking healing and hope: Carla Barrett, Jim Carlin,Lou Celesky, Becky Eicher, Judy Gahl, David Gring (Ellerbruch's brother-in-law), Dorothy Lewis
- + In mourning: the families of Allan McDowell and Don Schlunt

## ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In memory of Eleanor and Reinhold Leske by Terrie Leske

## THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS

November 11—MARTIN, BISHOP OF TOURS, d. 397, ex-soldier and adult convert who defended the Gallic church against Arianism; also SOREN KIERKEGAARD, d. 1856, a Danish theologian and philosopher who challenged the complacency of the Church in his day.

## GOD'S WORD FOR NEXT WEEK

#### 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-2a, Psalm 98, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19 We encourage you to read the lessons as part of your preparation for divine services.

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