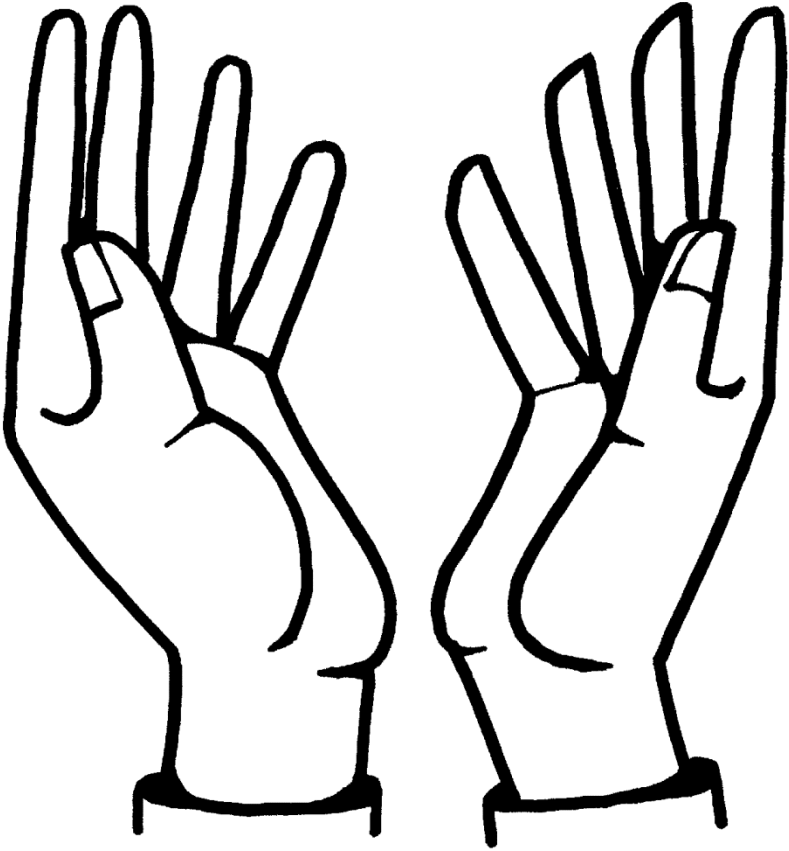


God's Contagious Generosity



A Fall Celebration

**Messiah Lutheran Church
26th Sunday after Pentecost
November 18, 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.



26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 18, 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

"Jesus, Still Lead On," John Blackburn

Asking God's Forgiveness

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

Opening Hymn

"Jesus, Still Lead On," #624

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. Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Sit

From the Old Testament

Daniel 12:1-3

¹"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

From the Book of Psalms

16

Cantor sings refrain; All sing refrain

My heart is glad and my spir - it re-joic - es; my
bod - y shall rest in hope.

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

My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my
body shall rest in hope.

⁵O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup;
it is you who up- | hold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night | after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken. Refrain**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;
my body also shall | rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me | to the grave,
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the | path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are
pleasures for- | evermore. *Refrain*

From a New Testament letter

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

¹¹Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

From one of the four Gospels

Mark 13:1-8

Gospel Acclamation

“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending,”

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.

When the Gospel is announced:

Glory to you, O Lord

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ²Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

God’s Word for Today

Pr. Bridger

Stand

Hymn for Today

“Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow,” #327

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

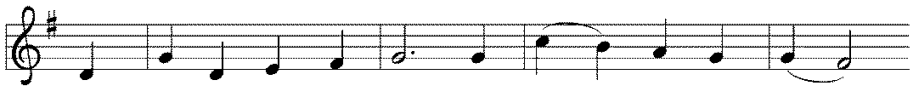
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Offering Our Commitments to the Lord's Work

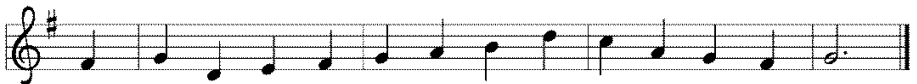
Gathering Gifts "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near," Jeffrey Blersch

Stand

The Gifts are Presented "We Give Thee but Thine Own, #686
stanzas 1, 2



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



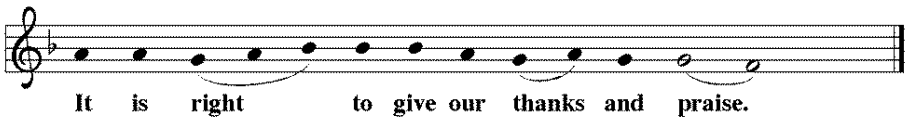
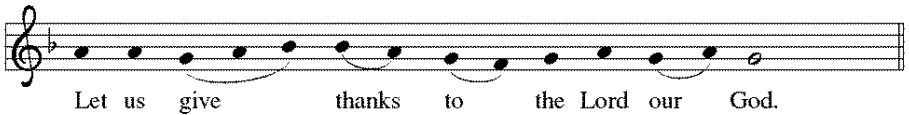
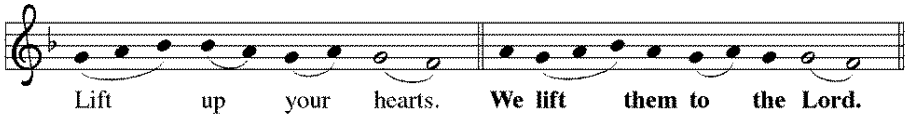
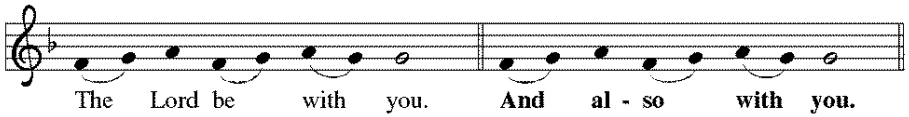
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

Let us pray. Merciful Father,

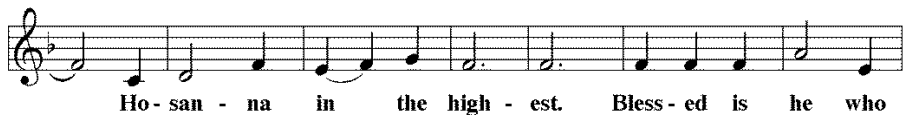
We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHRIST, OUR FOOD AND DRINK

Preparing our hearts



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

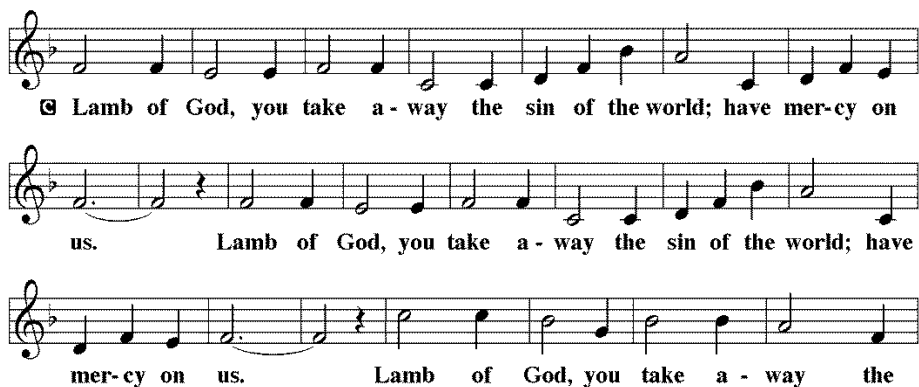
Blessed are you, O Lord our God. . . . now and forever.

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.
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



“Around You, O Lord Jesus”

#468

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

#767

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

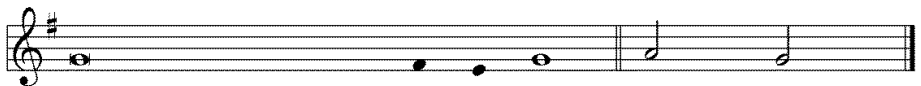
Retail Employees

A Song

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

#805

A Mission



Music as we leave

“Through the Night of Dark and Sorrow,”
 Healey Willan

SERVING TODAY

Preaching Minister – Pr. Bridger

Presiding Minister – Pr. Burce

Assisting Ministers – Ron Coulter (8:30); Tim Rosenberger (11:00)

Lectors – Gavin Waugaman (8:30); Rachel Roeder (11:00)

Communion Assistants – Allison Benson, Joe King, Lee Vysoky (8:30);
Mike Allan, Melissa Hollander, Rachel Roeder (11:00)

Acolytes – Danielle Biddle (8:30);
Bella Epperson, Tim Hollander (11:00)

Organist – Connie Triplett

Deacons – Ray Durban, Raffee Johns (8:30);
Terrie Leske, Sue Zubin (11:00)

Greeters—Wil & Geri Schuett (8:30); Tom Chalfant (11:00)

Ushers – Ken Novack, Greg Paton, Gregory Prohaska, Greg Prohaska (8:30);
Jenna Cvijovic, Tom Cvijovic, Carolyn Flanagan, Larry Flanagan (11:00)

Trustee – Joshua Koza

Altar Guild – Laura Gaydos, Maria Geier

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

- ✦ Those who have lost property, livelihoods and, above all, loved ones in the California fires
- ✦ The Church's witness to God's judgment and God's redemption
- ✦ All who travel this Thansgiving
- ✦ People spending holidays alone and far from home
- ✦ Those who work this Thursday to serve and protect
- ✦ The ill: Emerson Buskirk (granddaughter of Dave and Darlene Waugh), Eleanor Huetter, Jim Huetter, Dorothy Juergens, Edith Kundtz, Dorothy Lewis, Marti Metevelis

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In loving memory of Bill Ratvasky by his family

THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS

Nov. 17—ELIZABETH OF THURINGIA, d. 1231, a Hungarian princess who , as the teenaged bride of a German prince, established hospitals and led other efforts to provide for the desperately poor. She died at age 24, having set an enduring example of saintliness and Christian charity.

Nov. 23—CLEMENT, Bishop of Rome around 100 A.D. and author, like St. Paul, of several letters to Christian congregations. ISAAC WATTS, d. 1748, a great and influential hymnwriter who helped to establish the habit of hymn singing in the English church. Thirteen of his texts can be found in the *Lutheran Book of Worship*.

GOD'S WORD FOR NEXT WEEK

Christ the King

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Psalm 93, Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37

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

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Youth Director – Peggy Schauer

Interim Pastoral Assistant – Ruth Mortensen

Music Director – Connie Triplett

Messiah School Principal – Helen Casselberry

Administrator – Darlene Waugh

Pierstorff Memorial Fund Director – Martin Uhle

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