

7th Sunday after
Pentecost



Messiah Lutheran Church
Sunday, July 28, 2019, 8:30 am

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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.



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JULY 28, 8:30 A.M.

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

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S GIFTS...

Music and Quiet “Children of the Heavenly Father,” Benjamin Culli

Asking God's Forgiveness

Stand

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

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for self-examination.

Most merciful God

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

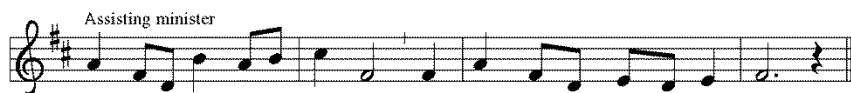
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty,” #533

Greeting

Singing God's praise



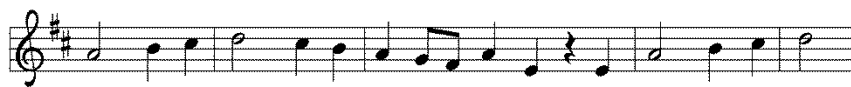
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



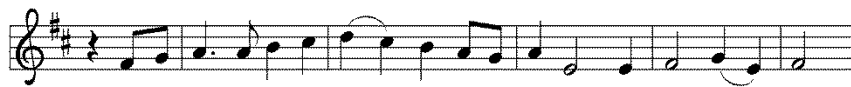
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



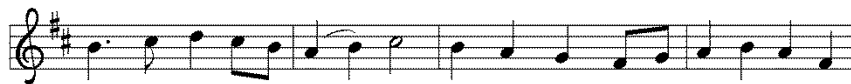
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



GOD'S WORD

Today's Prayer

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit

From the Old Testament

Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will

not destroy it.” ³²Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

From the Book of Psalms

Cantor sings refrain; All sing refrain

Your stead - fast love en - dures for - ev - er;
do not a - ban - don the works of your hands.

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

- ¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;
before the gods I will | sing your praise.
- ²**I will bow down toward your | holy temple**
and praise your name, because of your steadfast | love and faithfulness;
for you have glori-|fied your name
and your word a- | bove all things. *Refrain*
- ³When I called, you | answered me;
you increased my | strength within me.
- ⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,**
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.
- ⁵They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,
that great is the glory | of the LORD.
- ⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly,**
perceiving the haughty | from afar. Refrain

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your
right | hand shall save me.

⁸**You will make good your pur- | pose for me;**

**O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the
works | of your hands. Refrain**

From a New Testament letter

Colossians 2:6-15

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live
your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just
as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty
deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the
universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity
dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of
every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual
circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of
Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised
with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the
dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of
your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our
trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands.
He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and
authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink
or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow
of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone
disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on
visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not
holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held
together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Thanking God for the Word of Christ

Sing praise to God, the highest good,
The author of creation!
O God of love, you understood
Our need for your salvation.
With healing balm our souls you fill;
All our lament with peace you still.
To God all praise and glory!

From one of the four Gospels

Luke 11:1-13

The Holy Gospel is recorded in the 11th chapter of St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."
²He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

God's Word for Today

Pr. Bridger

Stand

Hymn for Today

"Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray" #743

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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Gathering Gifts

"Jesus Loves Me," Shirley Brendlinger

Stand

The Gifts are Presented

“Have No Fear, Little Flock,” #764

stanzas 3 & 4

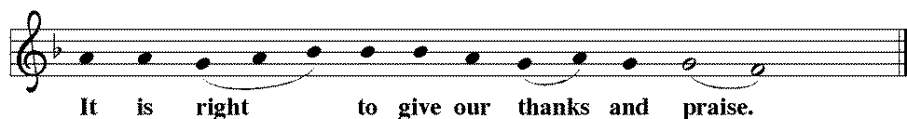
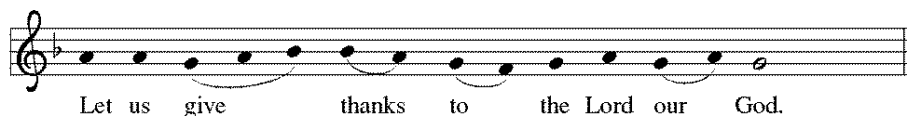
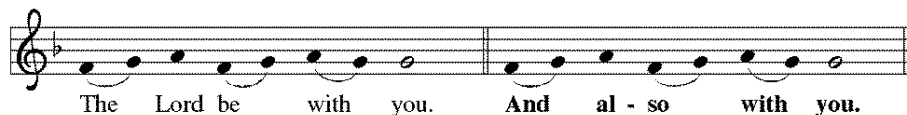
Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above,
For he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God,
For he stays close beside you, in all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!

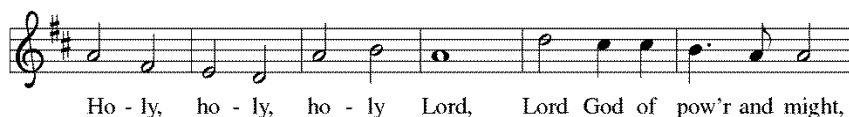
Let us pray. Merciful Father

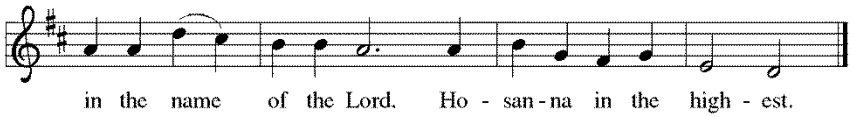
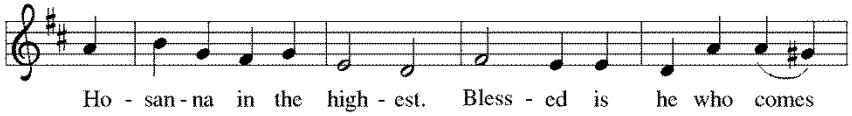
You bring us from denial to faith, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to your service, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for the saving love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHRIST, OUR FOOD AND DRINK



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





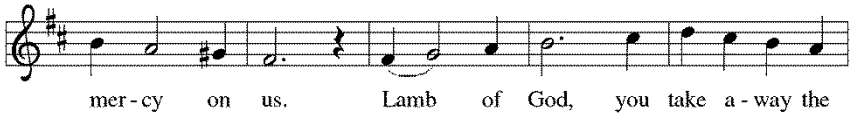
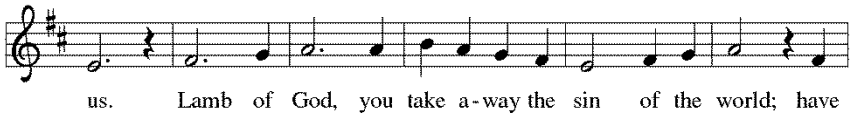
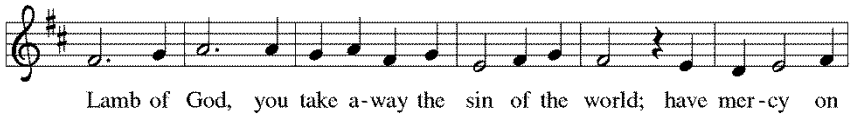
Prayer of Consecration

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 Songs





“Our Father, by Whose Name”

#640

“Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright”

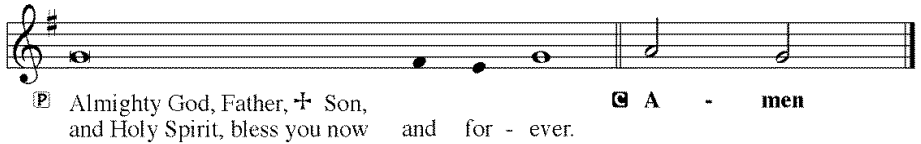
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Stand

Post Communion Prayer

ON OUR WAY

A Final Word and Promise



A Song

“We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus”

#451

A Mission

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music as we leave

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus,” Robert Hobby

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SERVING TODAY

Preaching Minister – Pastor Bridger

Presiding Minister – Pastor Burce

Assisting Minister – Nancy Richter

Lector – Jared Waugaman

Communion Assistants – Alan Parrott, Christa Turnbull, Lee Vysoky

Acolyte – Gavin Jennings

Cantor – Dale Mortensen

Organist – Connie Triplett

Deacons – Raffee Johns, Mark Schauer

Ushers – Ed Kus, Brad Paton

Altar Guild – Maria Geier, Bonnie Price

IN OUR PRAYERS

- ✦ In Thanksgiving for the Vacation Bible School team who ministered this week during the “ROAR” VBS program: Morgan Schauer (Director), Padraig Donohoe, Dana Quayle, Adonai Henderson, Kim Hilden, Helen Casselberry, Emily Quayle, Landon McCarty, Ella McCarty, Sydney Holliday, Noah Bridger, Jenna Stover, Christian Frank, Daniel Tome, Haley Tome, Grant Howes, Gabby Bayness, Shirley Gmetro, Martha Ressler, Peggy Schauer
- ✦ Thanks be to God for Messiah's Music Camp this past week and those who made it possible: Claire Connelly, Connie Triplett, Adonai Henderson, Larry Flanagan, Dorothy Lewis, Priscilla Hinsch, Ben Gmetro, and Sam Gmetro. We pray for the gift of music to take root and grow in the lives of each child who attended music camp this week.
- ✦ For Doug Mickan as he continues to recover after a recent hospitalization; for Martha and George Young; for Rae Szabo after the recent death of her dear friend Terry; for Judy Gahl and her health; for David Gring (Ellerbruch son-in-law) who is struggling with cancer; for Rod Kaska
- ✦ For the people of Good Soil Ministries as they close the Faith Lutheran, Lakewood campus today
- ✦ For our friendships and those served through the monthly Laundry Love ministry
- ✦ For our government on the local, state and national level
- ✦ For those who are immigrants and those seeking a better quality of life

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In memory of Sam Costello and our parents by Beverly Costello and family

THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS

July 28—the great church musicians JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH, d. 1750, HEINRICH SCHUETZ, d. 1672, and GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL, d. 1759.

July 29—MARY, MARTHA, and LAZARUS, Jesus' friends (see esp. Luke 10, John 11). Also OLAF, d. 1030, the Norwegian king who established Christianity as the dominant religion of the realm.

GOD'S WORD FOR NEXT WEEK

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23, Psalm 49:1-12,

Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21

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

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Associate Pastor – Seth Bridger

Youth Director – Peggy Schauer

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