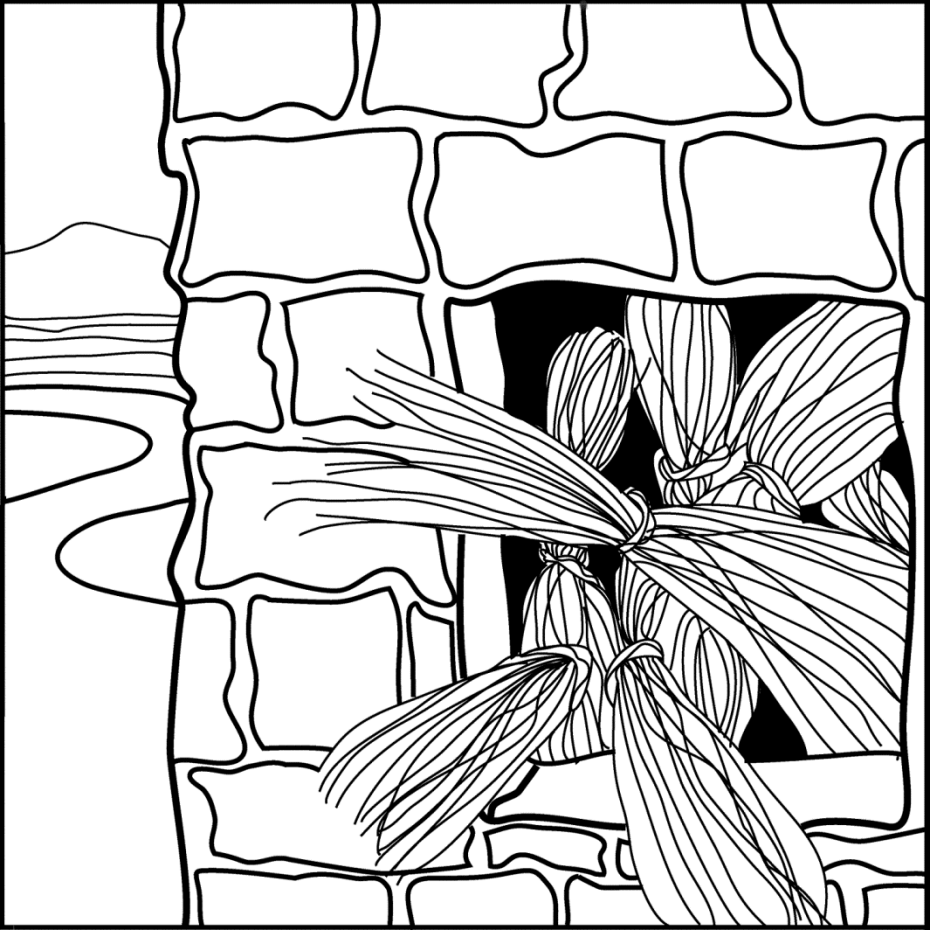


*8th Sunday after
Pentecost*



Messiah Lutheran Church
Sunday, August 4, 2019, 8:30 & 10 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.



8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 4, 8:30 & 10 A.M.

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

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S GIFTS...

Music and Quiet “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good,” John Behnke

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.

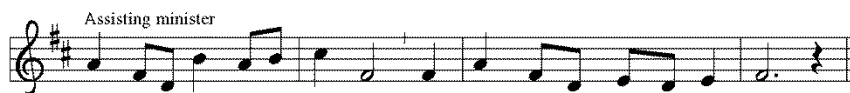
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the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

Opening Hymn

"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending," #678

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,



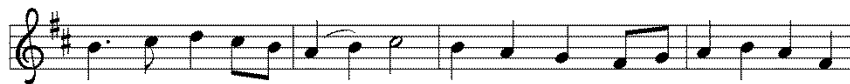
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



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. Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit

From the Old Testament

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

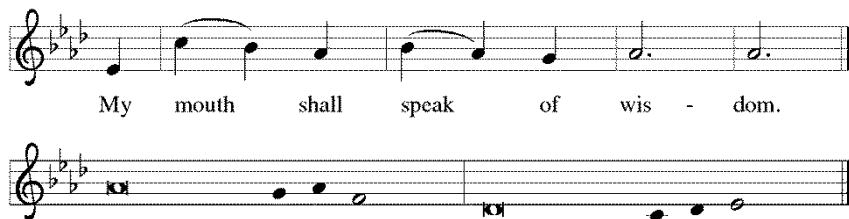
¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Cantor sings refrain; All sing refrain



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

³My mouth shall | speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.

⁴**I will incline my ear | to a proverb
and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp. Refrain**

⁵Why should I be afraid in | evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,

⁶**the wickedness of those who put their trust in | their own prowess,
and boast of | their great riches?**

⁷One can never re- | deem another,
or give to God the ransom for an- | other's life;

⁸**for the ransom of a life | is so great
that there would never be e- | nough to pay it,**

⁹in order to live forev- | er and ever
and never | see the grave.

¹⁰**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- | pid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come | after them. Refrain**

From a New Testament letter

Colossians 3:1-11

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways

you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Thanking God for the Word of Christ

#871, stanza 1

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 12:13-21

The Holy Gospel is recorded in the 12th chapter of St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

God's Word for Today

Pr. Bridger

Stand

Hymn for Today

"All Depends on Our Possessing," #589

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

Sit

Gathering Gifts

"In Christ Alone," Sharon Wilson

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

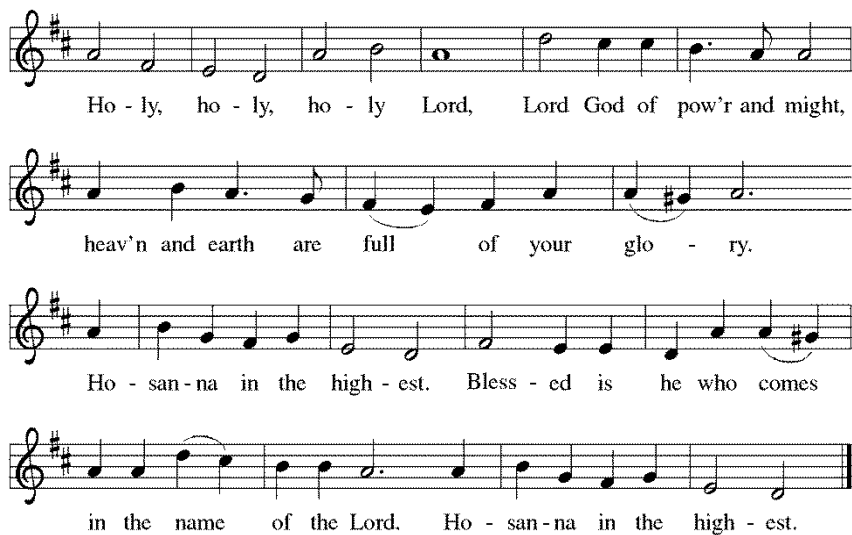
Lift up your hearts.

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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n 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.

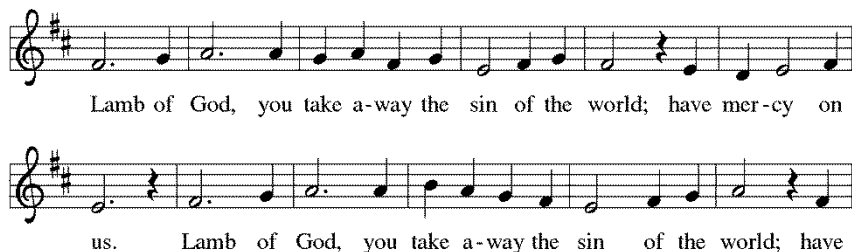
Prayer of Consecration

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

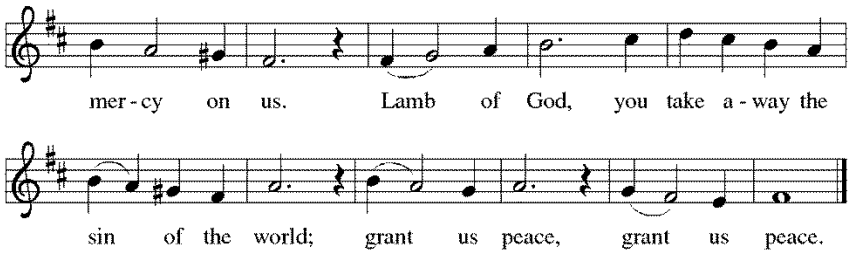
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Sit; To learn how we distribute communion, see the inside cover.

Communion Songs



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.

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

#542

“Father, We Thank You”

#478

Stand

Post Communion Prayer

ON OUR WAY

A Final Word and Promise

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

A Song

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

#539

A Mission

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music as we leave

“All Depends on Our Possessing,” Benjamin Culli

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SERVING TODAY

Preaching & Presiding Minister – Pastor Bridger

Assisting Ministers – Ron Coulter (8:30); Peggy Schauer (10)

Lectors – Joe King (8:30); Cathy Zalac (10)

Communion Assistants – Kate Durban, Alan Parrott, Kent Skurkey (8:30);
Bob Stoddard, Linda Stoddard, Bob Zalac (10)

Acolytes – Gavin Waugaman (8:30); Eleanor Schauer, Tyler Vance (10)

Instrumentalist – Signe Mortensen

Organist – Connie Triplett

Deacons – Amy & Mark Hunger

Ushers – Adam Castro, Ken Novack (8:30);
Carolyn Flanagan, Chase Sherer (10)

Nursery – Alex Rendziak, Carrie Rendziak (10)

Altar Guild – Tiffany Advani, Marilyn Edwards

Trustee – Bruce Wolf

IN OUR PRAYERS

- ❖ For Wayne Coil (grandfather of Elizabeth Dimmock), Judy Gahl, Paul Griffith, and Rodney Kaska
- ❖ For our college students as they prepare for a new school year, especially those who are entering college studies for the first time
- ❖ For Mandi Ressler as she completes her summer on the staff of Lutherwood Bible Camp in Bellingham, Washington.
- ❖ In celebration and thanksgiving for our new Messiah School Second Grade Teacher, Mrs. Castanza Hartel
- ❖ For our local Fairview Park community and leaders as they make decisions

THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS

Aug. 8—ST. DOMINIC, d. 1221, the Spanish priest who founded the Order of Preachers (quickly known as the Dominicans), an organization of itinerant preachers who were committed to living in poverty, studying theology, and defending the church against heretics.

GOD'S WORD FOR NEXT WEEK

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-6, Psalm 33:12-22, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40
We encourage you to read the lessons as part of your preparation for divine services.

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