

10th Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 9:00 am

Messiah Lutheran Church

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Welcome to worship! We are delighted you are here and have chosen to worship today. We believe the Holy Spirit of God gathers us together as one. May you be strengthened through his word and the promise in our Lord Jesus Christ.

The mission statement of Messiah Church is: ***Drawing in to Christ, Building up in Christ, Sending out for Christ.*** Our aim is to love each other as Christ has loved us all. We continue to encourage sensible social distancing. If you wish to wear a mask, please do so. If you are feeling ill, please take precautions and consider worshipping via the livestream ministry of Messiah. Online services can be found at ***MessiahFairview.org; click "watch services" online.***

Holy Communion is shared at every worship service. The sacrament of holy communion is central to our worship life. If you are a first-time worshipper here, know that you are invited to receive and partake in the sharing of holy communion.

July Worship

During the remainder of the month of July there will be **one worship service at 9:00 a.m.**, in-person and live-streamed, followed by Lemonade on the Lawn at 10:00 a.m. Come to worship as one!

Introduction to The Day

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

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

Prelude Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Ross Anderson

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, **✝** one God, the God of manna,
the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C Amen.

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our provider,

C help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, **✝** the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness ELW 843

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Kyrie

A In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the

C Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a-bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - being of the

C Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their

C Lord, have mer - cy.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Sit.

Word

First Reading

2 Samuel 11: 26—12: 13a

Chapter 11

²⁶When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. ²⁷When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD,

Chapter 12

¹and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had very many flocks and herds; ³but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." ⁵Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; ⁶he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

⁷Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; ⁸I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. ⁹Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. ¹¹Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun.

¹²For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." ¹³David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan said to David, "Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145: 10-19 *Cantor sings Refrain; Assembly repeats and sings **bold** verses.*



- ¹⁰ All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.
- ¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,**
- ¹² that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.
- ¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures
through- | out all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words,
and loving in | all your works. Refrain**
- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,
and you give them their food | in due season.**
- ¹⁶ You open | wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.
- ¹⁷ **You are righteous in | all your ways
and loving in | all your works.**
- ¹⁸ You are near to all who | call upon you,
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.
- ¹⁹ **You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you;
you hear their | cry and save them. Refrain**

Second Reading

Ephesians 3: 14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand.

Gospel Acclamation

All sing together, and repeat Hallelujah following verse.

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Cantor: A great prophet has risen among us! God has looked favorably on us! (Luke 7: 16)

Gospel

John 6: 1-21

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 6th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?”

⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹ “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit.

Sermon

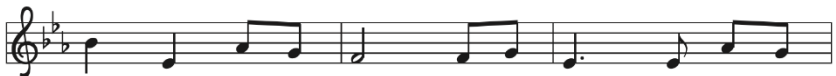
Rev. Seth Bridger

Silence for Reflection; Stand.

Hymn of the Day Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken ACS 966



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



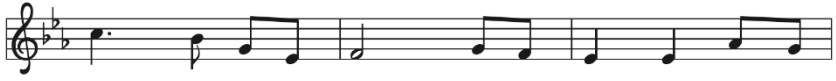
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Apostles Creed

**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.**

Prayers of the Church

After each portion of the prayers:

P In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Greet those around you with these or similar words. You may be seated.

The Lord's Supper

Music at the Offering

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Paul Karvonen

Stand as the Offerings are brought forward.

Offertory

I Come with Joy

ELW 482

Stanzas 1,2



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.

If the Lord so moves you, you can make an offering by text to 855-913-1744 or by visiting our online giving portal at tinyurl.com/giveMLC

A Jesus, Bread of life,
 C you have set this table with your very self,
 and called us to the feast of plenty.
 Gather what has been sown among us,
 and strengthen us in this meal.
 Make us to be what we receive here,
 your body for the life of the world.
 Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.
 C **And also with you.**
 P Lift up your hearts.
 C **We lift them to the Lord.**
 P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
 P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times . . . we praise
 your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer and Healer ... all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.

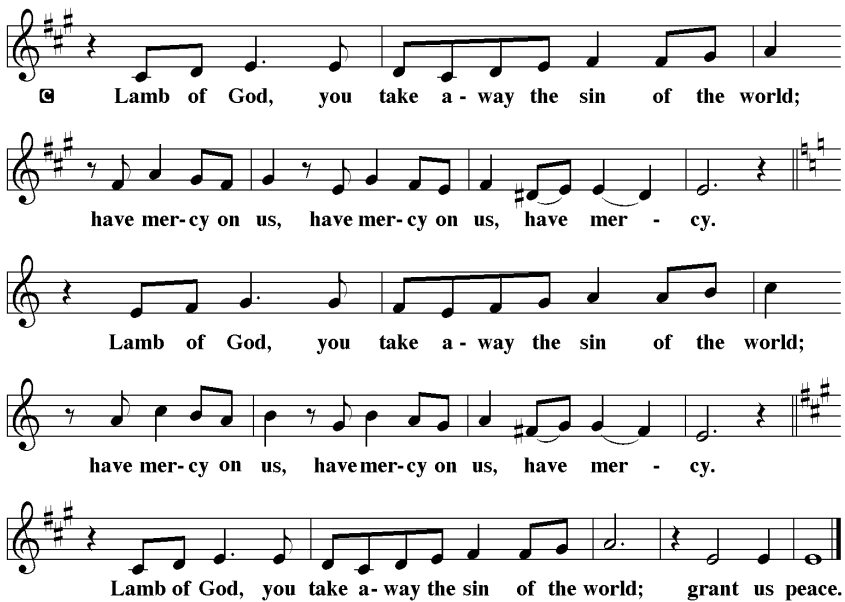
Communion

Concerning the sacrament — Holy Communion is Christ's gift to his Church, his true body and blood given with bread and wine for us to eat and drink. Here Christ confirms in us the benefits of his death and resurrection. He forgives our sins, refreshes our lives, and promises our salvation.

We welcome to the Lord's table all baptized and communing Christians who share this faith. In receiving, please follow the lead of the people around you. Gluten-free hosts are available for those who need them. Quietly ask the Pastor for the Gluten-free host.

If coming forward not to commune but to receive a blessing, approach the Pastor with your arms crossed. If you are physically unable to come forward, simply let an usher or deacon know you would like to receive communion at your seat.

Lamb of God



☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns

Break Now the Bread of Life

ELW 515

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart: Gift of Finest Wheat

ELW 484

Stand after all have communed.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world as you did with your own life.
In your name we pray.

C Amen.

Sending

Blessing

P The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW 689

A Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Fugue in G Major

Felix Mendelssohn

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In Our Prayers

- We rejoice that Rev. William C. Weidenbach, Jr. has accepted the call to Messiah Lutheran Church.
- For all those who travel, that they may experience safe passage and meaningful experiences.
- For those with health concerns: Alta Rinard, Sue Nerlinger, Andrew Boraggina, Ray Durban, Maddie Polenz, Debbie Florio, Carol Markus, Chip DiFiore, Cliff Preuss, Kristy Younger, Rev. Gerry Miller (former Pastor with Messiah Lutheran) and his adult son Michael, Liz Dimmock, Nina Long, Evelyn and Churchill Ward, Marc Heidmann, Officer Nickolas, Baby Miles, Carla (friend of Rita-Ann Shaffer), and those quietly receiving medical treatment, and those living with addictions.

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

God's Word for Next Week

11th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 78: 23-29; Ephesians 4: 1-16
John 6: 24-35

We encourage you to read the lessons as part of your preparation for worship next week.

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