

## **11th Sunday after Pentecost**

August 13, 8:30 & 10 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.

During the summer months (weather permitting), in between services, we invite you outside on the front lawn of the Church to enjoy "Lemonade on the Lawn." Again, welcome to worship! We hope you experience something meaningful here in this place.

## Introduction to The Day

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

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

## Prelude

*Evening and Morning* – setting by John Eggert, Kevin Hildebrand, David DeSilva

## Gathering

### Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P 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.

**C Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for self-examination.*

P Most merciful God

**C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P 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.

**C Amen.**

### Gathering Hymn

*Evening and Morning*

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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.**

## Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray,

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

## “Faithful Stories”

### Word

#### First Reading

1 Kings 19:9-18

<sup>9</sup>At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

<sup>11</sup>He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill.

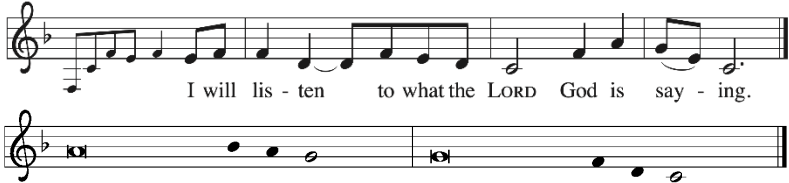
<sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:8-13

*Cantor sings refrain; All sing refrain; Cantor sings verses; Refrain sung by all.*



<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD! God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn  
their | hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell | in our land. R**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;  
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,  
and our land will | yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD  
and shall prepare for | God a pathway. R**

## Second Reading

Romans 10:5-15

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

“The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

<sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

A The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### Gospel Acclamation

ELW page 198

*All sing refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Cantor: I wait for / you, O LORD,\* in your word / is my hope. (Psalm 130:5)*

*All repeat refrain*

### Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.<sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear.

<sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup>He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

*Sit*

Sermon

Pastor Krebill

*Silence for Reflection; Stand*

Hymn of the Day

*Lord of Our Life*

ELW 766

Apostles' Creed

*ELW page 105*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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 Intercession

*After each portion of the prayers:*

A Hear us, O God, . . .

**C Your mercy is great.**

## Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Greet those around you with these or similar words*

*Sit*

## The Lord's Supper

*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](http://tinyurl.com/giveMLC)*

## Offering is Received

## Music at the Offering

*My Life Flows On in Endless Song. Setting Tom Keesecker*

## Offertory

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

*ELW 184*

*Stand as the Offerings are brought forward*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble





with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

A Let us pray, God of field and forest, sea and sky,

**C you are the giver of all good things.**

**Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your  
graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**P** Holy , mighty, and merciful Lord ... (the prayer continues) ...  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory,  
now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**The 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

*Lamb of God*

*ELW page 201*

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.

## Distribution Hymns

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

ELW 773

*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

ELW 763

*Stand after all have communed*

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

**C Amen.**

A Let us pray:

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment  
we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread  
your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our  
dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

## Sending

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Voluntary in C* – Henry Heron

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# **Serving Today**

Preaching & Presiding Today – Pastor Krebill

Assisting Ministers – Ron Coulter (8:30) Janice Synder (10)

Acolyte –Maddie Kandrach, Aliciana Medina(8:30) Nigel Copeland (10)

Organist – Deacon Linda Kempke

Cantor – Nigel Copeland (8:30) Claire Connelly (10)

Deacons – Michael Eckert (8:30)

Usher – Ed Kus (8:30)

Altar Guild – Debbie Luekens, Trudy Gustke

## In Our Prayers

- For the Pastoral Call process and for those serving on the Pastoral Call Committee as Messiah seeks to call a 2nd Pastor: Sam Gmetro, John Hayduk, Jay Machado, Kathy Neumann, Karen Wolf, and Allison Younger-Waugaman.
- In remembrance & thanksgiving of life for Joan Schluep. May her family be comforted.
- For those with health concerns Trudy Gustke, Doug and Nancy Mickan, Jim Hoffman, Bev (the aunt of Mike Synder), Evelyn and Churchill Ward, Officer Nickolas, Carla (friend of Rita-Ann Shaffer), Kevin Kubovcik (son of Bob & Carol Kubovcik), Liz Dimmock, Dan Feuerstein, An (the brother in law of Jim Quayle, Susy Tershak (cousin of Christopher Peters), Andrew Boraggina, Marc Heidmann, Jane Hegg, Pastor Mulba.
- For the Holy Spirit to give the "holy nudge" to those who will be sharing their "faithful stories" this summer during worship services.

## **This Week's Commemorations**

*Aug. 13*—FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, d. 1910, the great pioneer of the nursing profession, and CLARA MAASS, d. 1901, an American nurse who lost her life in the effort to find the source of yellow fever.

*Aug. 14*—MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, d. 1941, a Franciscan priest who sheltered Polish Jews and died in Auschwitz, and KAJ MUNK, d. 1944, a Danish Lutheran pastor executed for his outspoken critique of the Nazi occupation.

*Aug. 15*—MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD, the all-time model believer of whom the angel said “All nations will call you blessed.”

## **God's Word for Next Week**

### **12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Psalm 67, Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32,  
Matthew 15:10-28

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

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