

## **13th Sunday after Pentecost**

August 27, 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.

## Introduction to The Day

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

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

## Prelude

*Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song*      arr. David Cherwien  
*Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring*              J. S. Bach, arr. Biggs

## 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

*O Holy Spirit, Enter In*

ELW 786

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.**

## Hymn Of Praise

*Soli Deo Gloria*

*ELW878*

## Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray,  
O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the  
rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of  
your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

## “Faithful Stories”

### Word

#### First Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.

6Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
 and look at the earth beneath;  
 for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
 the earth will wear out like a garment,  
 and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
 but my salvation will be forever,  
 and my deliverance will never be ended.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138

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



- 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 glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things.**
- 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. R**
- 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.**
- 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. R**

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

A The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

Gospel Acclamation

ELW page 198

*All sing refrain*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the refrain. The first staff contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The lyrics are written below the notes.

*Cantor: You are / the Messiah,\* the Son of the / living God. (Matthew. 16:16)*

*All repeat refrain*

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

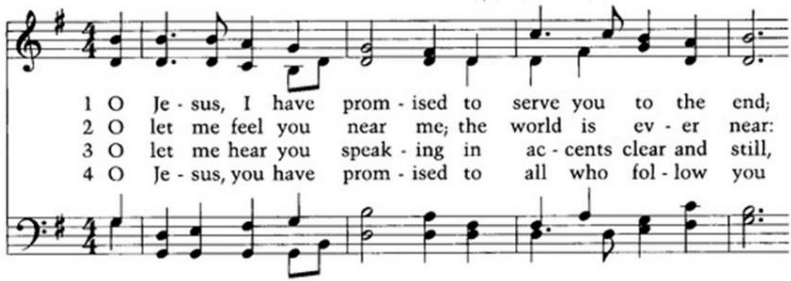
**Sermon**

Pastor Krebill

*Silence for Reflection; Stand*

# Hymn of the Day

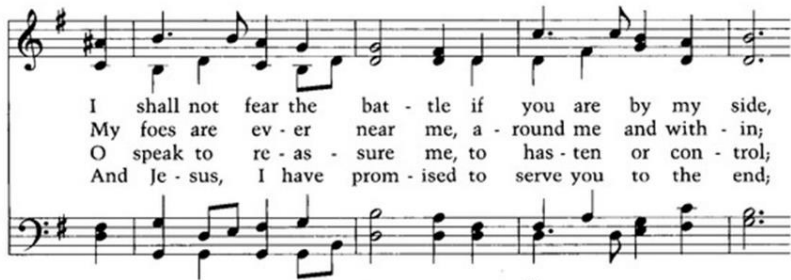
## *O Jesus, I Have Promised*



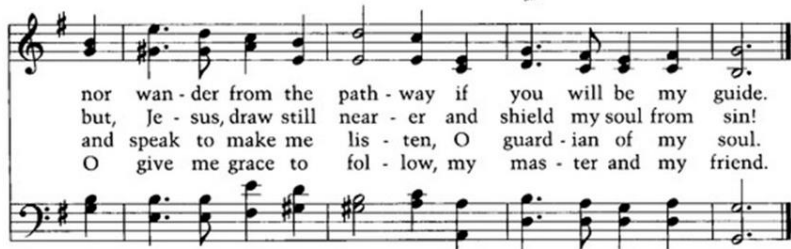
1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
2 O let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near:  
3 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



be now and ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vants shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
but, Je - sus, draw still near - er and shield my soul from sin!  
and speak to make me lis - ten, O guard - ian of my soul.  
O give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Commissioning of the Messiah School Staff

(10 only)



## Apostles' Creed

*ELW page 105  
(8:30 only)*

**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

*Sung by All*

*How Firm a Foundation*

*ELW 796*

## Offertory

*Stand as the Offerings are brought forward*

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 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.**

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



**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

*Built on a Rock*  
*This Little Light of Mine*

ELW 652  
ELW 677

*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.**

# Sending Hymn

## Go to the World

ACS 991



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Dismissal

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

### In Thee Is Gladness

arr. Jon Vieker

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## Serving Today

Preaching Today – Pastor Krebill

Presiding Today – Pastor Bridger

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Cantor – Ruth King

Deacons – Ray Durban (8:30) Bob Trapp (10)

Usher – Brad Paton (8:30)

Altar Guild – Marilyn Edwards, Ruth Mortensen

## In Our Prayers

- In Thanksgiving for Pastor Steve Krebill, and his interim pastoral ministry among the Messiah community over the past 12 months. Bless and keep him as he moves on into new pursuits and newness of life.
- 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, Allison Younger-Waugaman, and Karen Wolf.
- For those with health concerns: Linda Stoddard, Nina Long, 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 here in Cleveland, Pastor Sabine in Texas, Pastor Dana in Michigan, and all ahead of upcoming surgeries or medical appointments.

## This Week's Commemorations

*Aug. 28*—ST. AUGUSTINE, d. 430, bishop of Hippo in North Africa, renowned philosopher, and perhaps the greatest of all theologians in the Western church. MOSES THE BLACK, d. 405, the leader of a gang of bandits who became a desert monk and whose conversion had a great impact on his native Ethiopia.

*Sept. 2*—NIKOLAI F. S. GRUNDTVIG, d. 1872, bishop, theologian, hymnwriter, and reformer of the Danish church.

# God's Word for Next Week

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 15:15-21, Psalm 26:1-8, Romans 12:9-21,  
Matthew 16:21-28

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

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