

19th Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 8:30 am & 11:00 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.

Introduction to The Day

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

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

Prelude Prelude on "Lasst Uns erfreuen" Lani Smith

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
 who forgives all our sin,
 whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin and come to God for holiness and healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

P God promises to forgive our iniquity
 and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“All Creatures, Worship God Most High!” ELW 835 Stanzas 1-3

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.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Word

First Reading

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?’ ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and

have them take their place there with you.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 19:7-14

Cantor sings Refrain. All repeat refrain.

*Cantor sings regular print. All sing **bold print.***



The com-mand-ment of the LORD gives light to the eyes.



The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | lives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the
simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to
the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine
gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the
comb.**

Refrain

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.** **Refrain**

Second Reading

James 5: 13-20

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

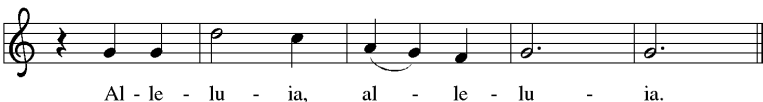
A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

All sing Alleluia.



*Cantor: Your word, O Lord, is truth; sanctify us in the truth.
All repeat Alleluia.*

Gospel

Mark 9: 38-50

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 9th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Rev. Seth Bridger

Silence for reflection. Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

ELW 719

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:

A Lord in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Greet those around you with these or similar words.

You may be seated.

Music at the Offering

“Guide My Feet” African American Spiritual (Choir 8:30)

“O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts” David Cherwien (11:00)

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

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory

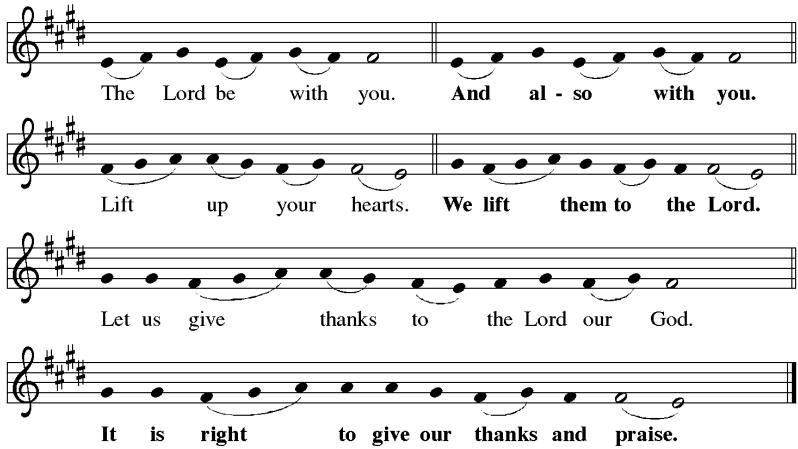
“God Extends an Invitation”

ELW 486

A Blessed are you, O God,
C source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The Lord's Supper

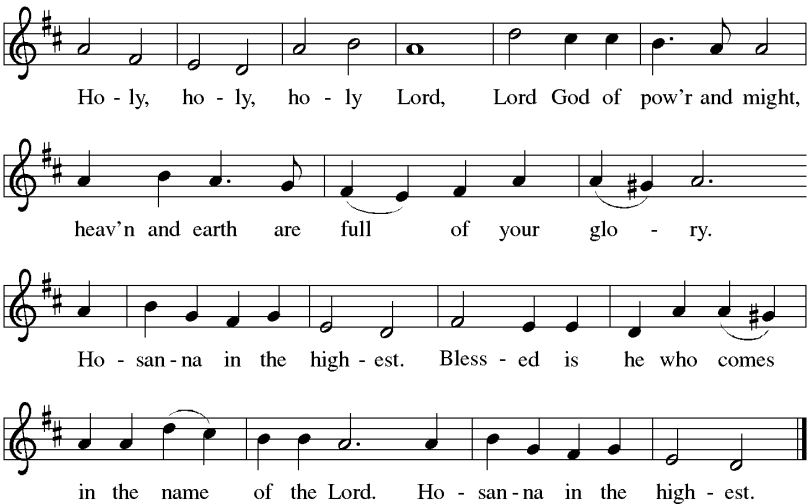
Great Thanksgiving



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.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, 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'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.

P You are indeed holy...as often as we eat of this bread and drink from the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command...be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.**

Please be seated.

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. 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

“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing” ELW 531

“Come, Let Us Eat” ELW 491

Please stand as you are able.

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

C **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

A Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

P God all mighty,
God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you
And give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“All Creatures, Worship God Most High!” ELW 835 *Stanzas 4-6*

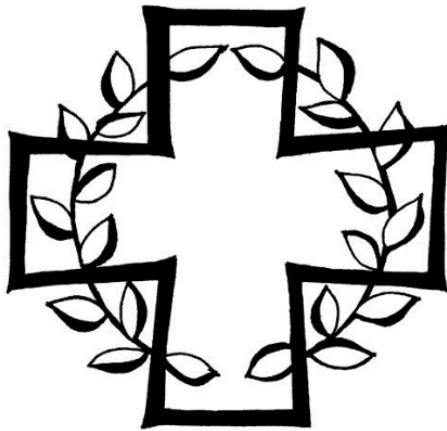
A Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Love Lifted Me

James Pethel



Serving Today

Preaching Minister – Rev. Seth Bridger

Presiding Minister -- Rev. William Weidenbach, Jr.

Acolyte/Communion Assistant – Needed

Assisting Minister – Needed

Deacon/Usher – Bob Trapp (8:30) Terrie Leske (11:00)

Choir Director & Coordinator of Music Ministry—Deborah Zudell-Dickey

Principal Organist – Michael Cherup

Altar Guild – Debbie Luekens, Diane Paton, Linn Peters

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In Our Prayers

- For people all over the world, especially in places like the Ukraine, Russia, Syria, Lebanon, and Israel, and places like Springfield, Ohio..
- For Pastor William Weidenbach, Messiah's newly called Senior Pastor, and his wife Linda as they begin their ministry and life alongside Messiah Lutheran Church & School.
- For our congregation as we meet for the congregation's annual meeting.
- For those with health concerns: Bill Russell, Gloria Costo, Carol Markus, Alta Renard, Linda Helmick, Jackie Kaska, Sue Nerlinger, Nina Long, Andrew Boraggina, Ray Durban, Cliff Preuss, Rev. Gerry Miller (former Pastor with Messiah Lutheran), Michael Miller, Liz Dimmock, Evelyn and Churchill Ward, Marc Heidmann, Officer Nickolas, Baby Miles, Carla, those quietly receiving medical treatments, those seeking employment, and those living with addictions.

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Altar Flowers

Are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of Jane Morgan
by Pastor Ron Morgan.

This Week's Commemorations

Sept. 29—ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

Sept. 30—JEROME, d. 420, translator of the Vulgate, the Latin Bible used in churches for over 1500 years.

Oct. 4—FRANCIS OF ASSISI, d. 1226, example for the ages of Christ-like commitment to “the least of these.” THEODORE FLIEDNER, d. 1864, a German pastor who revived the ministry of Lutheran deaconesses.

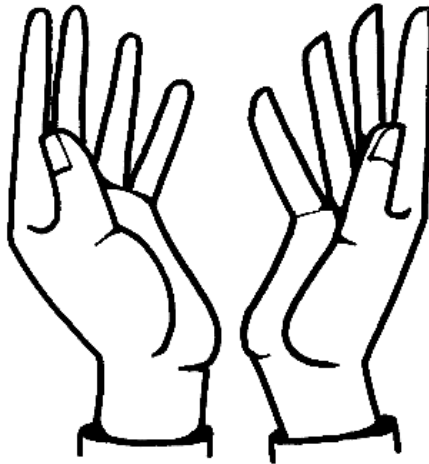
God's Word for Next Week 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 2: 18-24, Psalm 8

Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12

Mark 10: 2-16

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



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