

## **20th Sunday after Pentecost**

October 6, 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**

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

## **A word about the music this morning...**

The choral piece "Antiphonal Jubilate Deo" (Rejoice in God) sung by the Choir is by Greg Gilpin, a contemporary and award-winning American composer and arranger. The melody is passed back and forth in alternation between voices.

"To You, Jehovah, Will I Sing Praises" is from a collection of sacred songs by Johann Sebastian Bach from the Schemelli Singing Book" and is among Bach's most charming music, speaking of his profound religious faith.

"O Taste and See" is a short motet based on Psalm 34, which the British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams composed for Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation in Westminster Abbey in 1953.

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

Prelude

“Though I May Speak”

Dale Wood

## 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.**

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.  
Sovereign God, you have created us to live in  
loving community with one another. Form  
us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust  
like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Word**

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken.”

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

A The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 8

*Choir/Cantor sings Refrain. All repeat refrain.*  
*Choir/Cantor sings regular print. All sing **bold print**.*



- <sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
- <sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**
- <sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- <sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them? Refrain**
- <sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor or you crown them.
- <sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**
- <sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,
- <sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**
- <sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth! **Refrain**

Second Reading

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

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels.

<sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere,  
“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?”

<sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

<sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,<sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason, Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

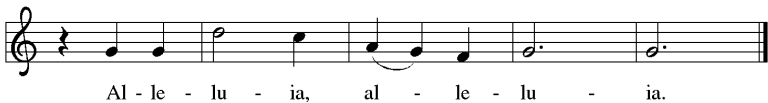
**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Gospel Acclamation

*All sing Alleluia.*



*Choir/Cantor: If we love one another, God<sup>l</sup> lives in us\* and God's love is perfect-<sup>l</sup> ed in us.*

*All repeat Alleluia.*

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

Sermon

Rev. William Weidenbach, Jr.

*Silence for reflection. Please stand as you are able.*

Hymn of the Day

“Our Father, by Whose Name”

ELW 640

Baptisms

Piper Rose Koza & Penelope Rose Koza (11:00)

*ELW page 227*

**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 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

"Antiphonal Jubilate Deo" G. Gilpin (Choir 8:30)  
"To You, Jehovah, Will I Sing Praises" J. S. Bach (Solo 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](http://tinyurl.com/giveMLC)*

*Please stand as you are able.*

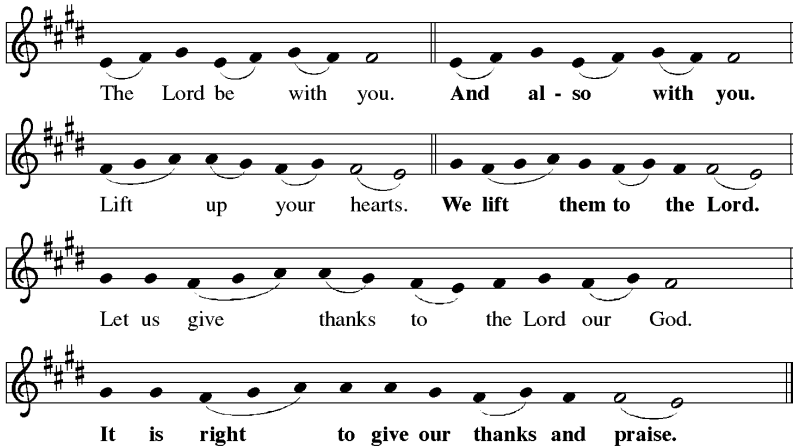
Offertory "Now Thank We All Our God" ELW 840, Stanza 2



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

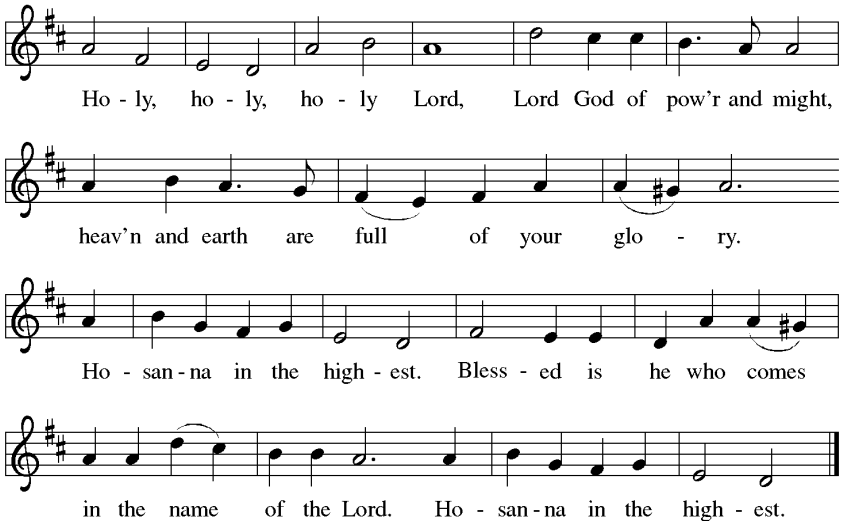
### Great Thanksgiving



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.**

### Invitation to the Lord's Supper

P God invites you to this table of love. Come, for the banquet is ready.

**C Thanks be to God! Amen!**

*Please be seated.*

## Communion

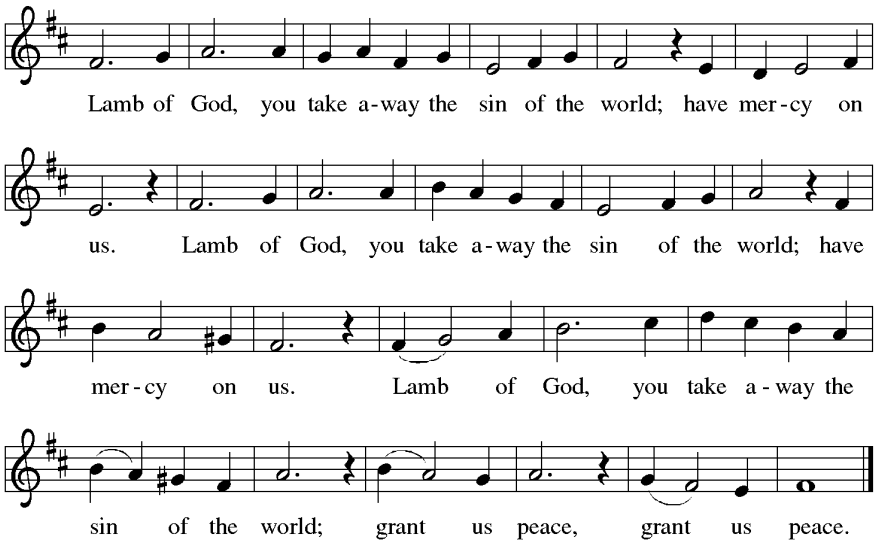
*Concerning the sacrament — Holy Communion is Christ's gift to his Church, his true body and blood given with bread and wine for us to eat and drink. Here Christ confirms in us the benefits of his death and resurrection. He forgives our sins, refreshes our lives, and promises our salvation.*

*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

(8:30 only)



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.

### Music During Communion

(11:00)

“O Taste and See” R. Vaughan Williams



1 In sa - cred man - ner may we walk up -  
 2 In sa - cred man - ner may we see the  
 3 In sa - cred man - ner may we touch the  
 4 In sa - cred man - ner may we hear the



on the fair and lov - ing earth, in beau - ty move, in  
 lu - mi - nous and lov - ing stars, with won - der and with  
 sus - pir - ant and lov - ing green, give hon - or and give  
 pound - ing waves, the sear - ing fire, the rush - ing wind, the



beau - ty love the liv - ing round that brought us birth. We  
 awe be - hold their ev - er - new cre - a - tive pow'rs. The  
 grat - i - tude for shade, for bloom, for gift un - seen. The  
 sing - ing night, the for - est hymn, the lov - ing choir. The



stand on ho - ly ground. We stand on ho - ly ground.  
 heav - ens show us God. The heav - ens show us God.  
 trees shall shout for joy. The trees shall shout for joy.  
 morn - ing stars shall sing. The morn - ing stars shall sing.

“Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue” ELW 644

*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.**

## Blessing of the Eucharistic Ministers

### **Sending**

#### Blessing

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

**C Amen.**

#### Sending Hymn

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

ELW 656

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

#### Postlude

“Ricercar”

Johann Pachelbel

### **Serving Today**

Preaching & Presiding Minister -- Rev. William Weidenbach, Jr.

Acolyte – Annalies Anderson (8:30) Needed (11:00)

Assisting Minister – Nancy Richter (8:30) Christopher Peters (11:00)

Communion Assistant – Eric Anderson (8:30) Needed (11:00)

Deacon/Usher – Needed (8:30) Amy & Mark Hunger (11:00)

Cantor/Soloist – Claire Connelly

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

Principal Organist – Michael Cherup

Altar Guild – Martha Trapp, Marilyn Edwards, Sharon Foote

## Prayers of the Congregation for this Week – 10/06/24

- For Piper Rose and Penelope Rose Koza whom we welcome as fellow members of the body of Christ through Baptism at our late service today. Water connected to God's Word, of saving promise in Christ, unites us as one body of Christ, the church.
- For people the world over who are living in the midst of war and its tumult: Ukraine, Russia, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and Israel.
- For safe travels for Pastors Seth and Shelly as they travel in the footsteps of the Apostles Paul and John.
- For the people and animals hurt by the effects of Hurricane Helene, may they receive God's healing presence and comforting care. And for the families of those who lost their life, may they rest in and be assured in the hope and promise of eternal life.
- For our immigrant siblings in the Springfield area experiencing hatred expressed against them; for the schools, hospitals and first responders being challenged by interferences to their work; and for all people subjected to violence and rumors.
- For those with health concerns: Yvonne, Wendy Vortruba, Nancy, Eleanor, Petey, Grayson, Alta Renard, Jackie Kaska, Carol Markus, 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, And all those quietly receiving medical treatments.

### **This Week's Commemorations**

*Oct. 6*—WILLIAM TYNDALE, d. 1536, burned at the stake for translating the Bible into English.

*Oct. 7*—HENRY MELCHIOR MUHLENBERG, d. 1747, missionary and organizer of the first Lutheran synod in America.

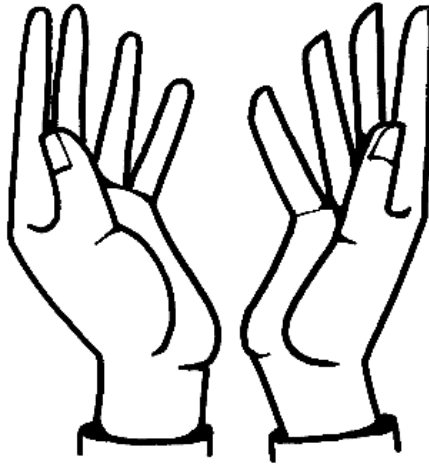
## God's Word for Next Week 21th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15, Psalm 90: 12-17

Hebrews 4: 12-16

Mark 10: 17-31

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



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