

St. Luke, Evangelist
October 22, 8:30 & 11 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 we celebrate Luke, the Evangelist. Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

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

Prelude

God of Grace

Robert A Hobby

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

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW 705

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,
Almighty God, you inspired your servant Luke to reveal in his gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Give your church the same love and power to heal, and to proclaim your salvation among the nations to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our healer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Baptism

Clara June Mitchell (8:30)

Olsen Theodore Bing (11:00)

Cradling Children in His Arm Knudsen/Horn (Cantor/Choir)

Cradling children in his arm, Jesus gave his blessing. To our babes a welcome warm he is yet addressing. Take them, Lord, give life anew in the living waters! Keep them always near to you as your sons and daughters!

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 35:5-8

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
⁸A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147

¹Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

²**The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

³He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

⁴**He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.**

⁵Great is our LORD, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

⁶**The LORD lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.**

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.

⁸**He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.**

⁹He gives to the animals their food,
and to the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁰**His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;**

¹¹but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

¹²**Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!**

¹³For he strengthens the bars of your gates;
he blesses your children within you.

¹⁴**He grants peace within your borders;
he fills you with the finest of wheat.**

¹⁵He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.

¹⁶**He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.**

¹⁷He hurls down hail like crumbs—who can stand before his cold?

¹⁸**He sends out his word, and melts them;
he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.**

¹⁹He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

²⁰**He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his ordinances. Praise the LORD!**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:5-11

⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

⁹Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

All sing refrain

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

Choir/ Cantor: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation. (Isaiah 52:7)*

All repeat refrain

Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 1:1-4

¹Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, ²just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴[Before he ascended, Jesus said to the disciples and their companions:] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

Pastor Keith Forni

Silence for Reflection; Stand

Hymn of the Day

By All Your Saints

ELW 421

Stanza 1, Stanza 21, Stanza 2

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 Lord in your mercy . . .

C Hear our prayer.

Ministry Moment

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

Offering is Received

Music at the Offering

Joy Ringers (8:30)

Hope for Tomorrow

Sandra Eithur

Offertory

Stand as the Offerings are brought forward

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 583

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.

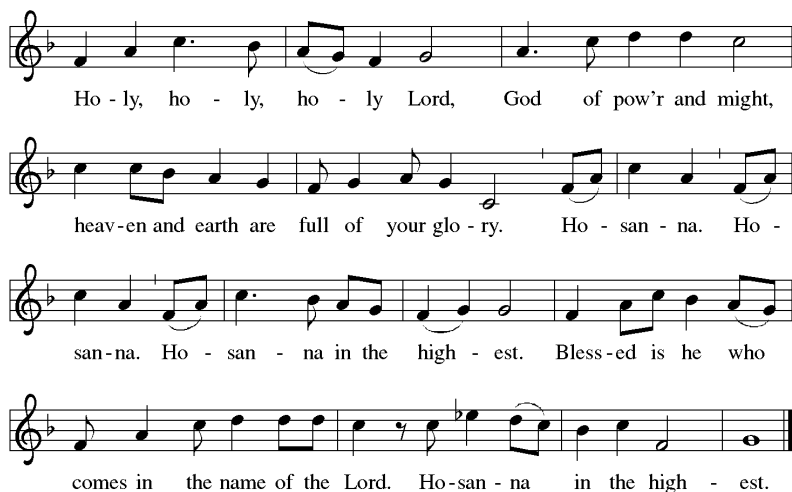
Lift up your hearts.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. 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 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

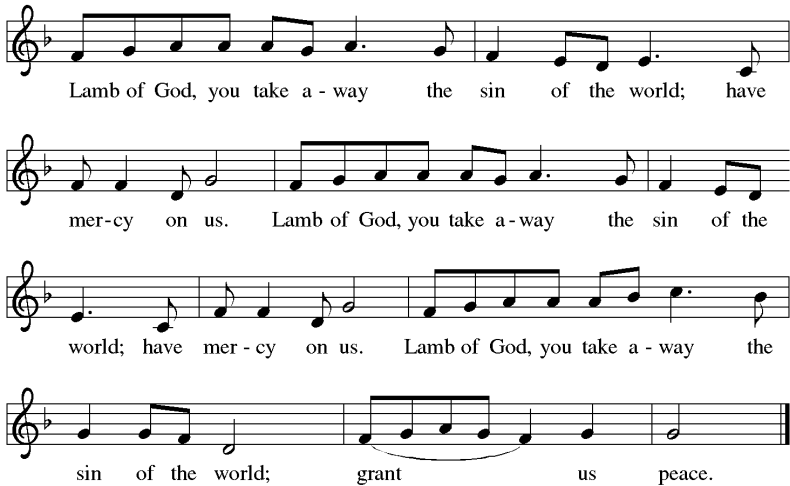
Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

Sit

Communion

Lamb of God

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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.

Music at Communion

Choir(11:00)

Washed Anew

Thomas Keesecker

Washed anew with life-giving water, bathed and cleansed, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison! (Lord, have mercy.)

Thirsting for knowledge, thirsting for truth, Jesus, you have set us free.

Like gentle rainfall, like morning dew, clear and clean our hearts will be. Washed anew...

Cast off all weakness, cast off all sin, with his death we've been reborn. A mighty ocean, a quiet stream, rising, greet a glorious morn.

Come sing God's praises, come to the feast, Christ is risen from the grave.

A flooding river, a raging sea, trembling, stand among the saved. Washed anew...

Communion Hymns

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

ELW 492

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

ELW 494

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

We All Are One in Mission

ELW 576

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Toccata in A Minor

Jan Peter Sweelinck

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Preaching Today – Rev. Keith Forni

Presiding Today– Rev. Seth Bridger

Assisting Ministers - Nancy Richter (8:30), Mike Thiel (11:00)

Acolyte – Noah Bridger

Cantor – John Hayduk

Joy Ringers – Ruth King

Interim Music Director – Deborah Zudell-Dickey

Altar Guild –Debbie Luekens, Trudy Gustke

Altar Flowers

Are given in loving memory of Reinhold and Eleanor Leske
by Terrie Leske.

In Our Prayers

- In solidarity with all in harms way due to violence and warfare; for the loss of life, the displaced, and the children and young people most closely impacted by conflict.
- In celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism with Clara June Mitchell and Olsen Theodore Bing. May the gift of new life in Christ sustain each of them throughout the living of their days.
- 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: Finley Paton, Claire Connelly, Linda Stoddard, Carl Ekebrecht, Liz Dimmock, Delores Schaffer, Nina Long, Nick Dobrinich (husband of Deaconess Judy Hoshek), Brianna Kaska (niece of Jacqueline Kaska & granddaughter of Nancy Kaska), Evelyn and Churchill Ward, Officer Nickolas, Baby Miles, Carla (friend of Rita-Ann Shaffer), Dan Feuerstein, Andrew Boraggina, Marc Heidmann and those recovering from injuries, those awaiting surgeries and those quietly receiving medical care.

This Week's Commemorations

Oct 18---Luke, Evangelist. Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

Oct. 23—JAMES, brother of our Lord and leader of the church in Jerusalem (see Acts 15).

Oct. 26—PHILLIP NICOLAI, d. 1608, JOHANN HERMANN, d. 1647, and PAUL GERHARDT, d. 1676, perhaps the greatest of all Lutheran hymnwriters.

God's Word for Next Week **Reformation Sunday**

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28,
John 8:31-36

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

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