

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 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. Instructions for communion distribution can be found in the worship bulletin at the time of 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

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

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

Prelude

Partita on "Le P'ing" setting: J. Wayne Kerr (text at ELW 852)

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

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

ELW 533

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, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word.
By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it,
and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

“Faithful Stories”

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65:1-13

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

Your paths o - ver - flow with plen - ty, O God, your
paths o - ver - flow with plen - ty.
paths o - ver - flow with plen - ty.

¹You are to be praised, O | God, in Zion;
to you shall vows | be fulfilled.

²**To you, the one | who answers prayer,
to you all | flesh shall come.**

³Our sins are strong- | er than we are,
but you blot out | our transgressions.

⁴**Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your | courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness | of your temple. R**

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of | our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans | far away.

⁶**You make firm the mountains | by your power;
you are girded a- | bout with might.**

⁷You still the roaring | of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.

⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble
at your | marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy. R**

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is | full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide | for the earth.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year | with your goodness,
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.

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

Your paths o - ver - flow with plen - ty, O God, your
paths o - ver - flow with plen - ty.

**¹²May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,
and the hills be | clothed with joy.**

**¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak them- | selves with grain;
let them shout for | joy and sing. R**

Second Reading

Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

All sing refrain

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

*Cantor: The word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart.
(Deuteronomy 30:14)*

All repeat refrain

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.

²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

Pastor Krebill

Silence for Reflection; Stand

Hymn of the Day

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

ELW 516

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 Lord, in your mercy. . .

C Hear our prayer

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

Music at the Offering

Father, we Thank You – setting Jeffery Blersch

Offertory

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 182

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 the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. 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 word 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.

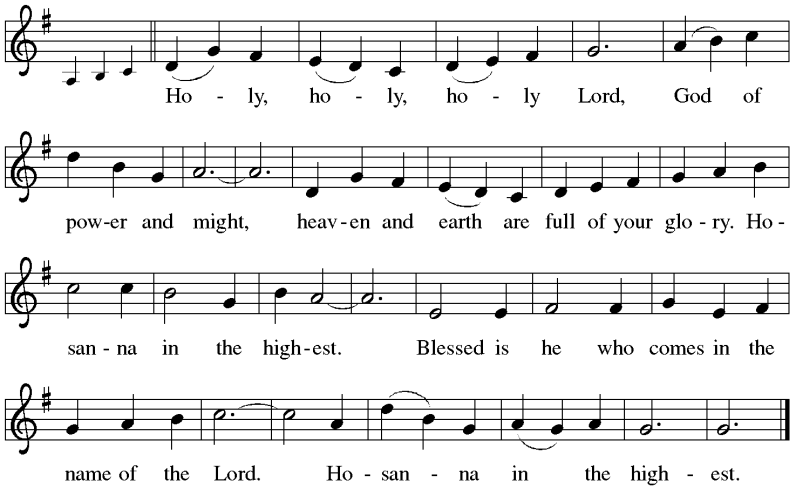
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW page 108



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. Blessed 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.

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 112

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

For the Fruit of All Creation
Father, We Thank You

ELW 679
 ELW 478

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

On What Has Now Been Sown

ELW 550

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso Flor Peeters

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Serving Today

Preaching Minister– Pastor Krebill

Presiding Minister – Pastor Bridger

Assisting Ministers – Carl & Linda Herhuth (8:30) Lindsay Baker (10)

Acolyte – Aliciana Medina (8:30) Nikolas Skliros (10)

Organist – Deacon Linda Kempke

Cantor – Ruth King

Deacons – Ray Durban (8:30) Terrie Leske (10)

Usher – Ed Kus (8:30)

Altar Guild – Debbie Luekens, Diane Paton

In Our Prayers

- For this week's Vacation Bible School Day Camp at Messiah. For the campers, the volunteer staff, and the Counselors from Hopewood Outdoors (Taylor, Katy, and Reagan). May all go well and may faith be formed.
- 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, Rachel Roeder, and Allison Younger-Waugaman.
- In celebration of the birth of Murphee Lynn, newborn daughter to Katie (Campogni) and Scott Lumbatis this past week. May their new life as family begin well.
- For those with health concerns: Jim Hoffman, Joan Schlupe, Barb Slovak, Phyllis Helms, 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), Audrey Ruetzger, Elizabeth Dimmock, Dan Feuerstein, Susy Tershak (cousin of Christopher Peters), Andrew Boraggina, Marc Heidmann, Jane Hegg, and all who are currently hospitalized or awaiting test results.
- 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

July 17—BARTOLOME DE LAS CASAS, d. 1566, a priest and missionary noted for his efforts to defend native peoples from the brutalities of European colonizers in the Caribbean and Central America.

July 22—ST. MARY MAGDALENE, friend of our Lord and first witness of the resurrection.

God's Word for Next Week

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Isaiah 44:6-8, Psalm 86:11-17, Romans 8:12-25,
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

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