

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 9:00 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.

July Worship

During the remainder of the month of July there will be **one worship service at 9:00 a.m.**, in-person and live-streamed, followed by Lemonade on the Lawn at 10:00 a.m. Come to worship as one!

Introduction to The Day

We continue the June "mini-sermon series" from 1 Samuel, and contemplate both the wisdom of God and the ways God uses the lives of people like Eli, Samuel, Saul, David, and now Nathan to accomplish the purposes of God.

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

Prelude

Prelude on Thaxted

Charles Callahan

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, **✝** one God, the God of manna,
the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C Amen.

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our provider,

C help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, **✝** the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing ELW 807

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.

Kyrie

A In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the

C Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a-bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - being of the

C Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their

C Lord, have mer - cy.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Sit.

Word

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89: 20-29



- ²⁰ I have found Da- | vid my servant;
with my holy oil have I a- | nointed him.
- ²¹ **My hand will | hold him fast
and my arm will | make him strong.**
- ²² No enemy | shall deceive him,
nor shall the wicked | bring him down.
- ²³ **I will crush his | foes before him
and strike down | those who hate him.** **Refrain**
- ²⁴ My faithfulness and steadfast | love are with him,
and he shall be victorious | through my name.
- ²⁵ **I will set his hand | on the sea,
and his right hand | on the rivers.**
- ²⁶ He will say to me, 'You | are my father,
my God, and the rock of | my salvation.'
- ²⁷ **I will make | him my firstborn
and higher than the kings | of the earth.** **Refrain**
- ²⁸ I will keep my love for | him forever,
and my covenant will stand | firm for him.
- ²⁹ **I will establish his | line forever
and his throne as the | days of heaven.** **Refrain**

Second Reading

Ephesians 1: 3-14²

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand.

Gospel Acclamation

All sing together, and repeat Hallelujah following verse.

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. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Cantor: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know the hope to which God has called us. (Ephesians 1: 17-18)

Gospel

Mark 7: 31-37

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 7th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Silence for Reflection; Stand.

Hymn of the Day

I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
2. I love to tell the story; the story changes things;
It challenges the powers; it whispers, thunders, sings!
It births the holy presence in moments of surprise;
It heals, empow'rs and strengthens, and opens ears and eyes.
I love to tell the story of Jesus and his glory,
Because it is God's story of justice, peace and love.
3. I love to tell the story of God's amazing grace.
The Gospel gives us courage for all the tasks we face:
To bind the broken hearted, to give hope to the poor,
To free all those held captive, to help the weak endure.
I love to tell the story; it is our crowning glory
To live and tell the story---the Word of God alive!

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.

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayers:

P In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Greet those around you with these or similar words. You may be seated.

The Lord's Supper

Music at the Offering

How Great Thou Art Carl Boberg/Stuart K. Hine

Stand as the Offerings are brought forward.

Offertory

ELW 184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. 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 dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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

A Jesus, Bread of life,
 C you have set this table with your very self,
 and called us to the feast of plenty.
 Gather what has been sown among us,
 and strengthen us in this meal.
 Make us to be what we receive here,
 your body for the life of the world.
 Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical score is written on five staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer and Healer . . . all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

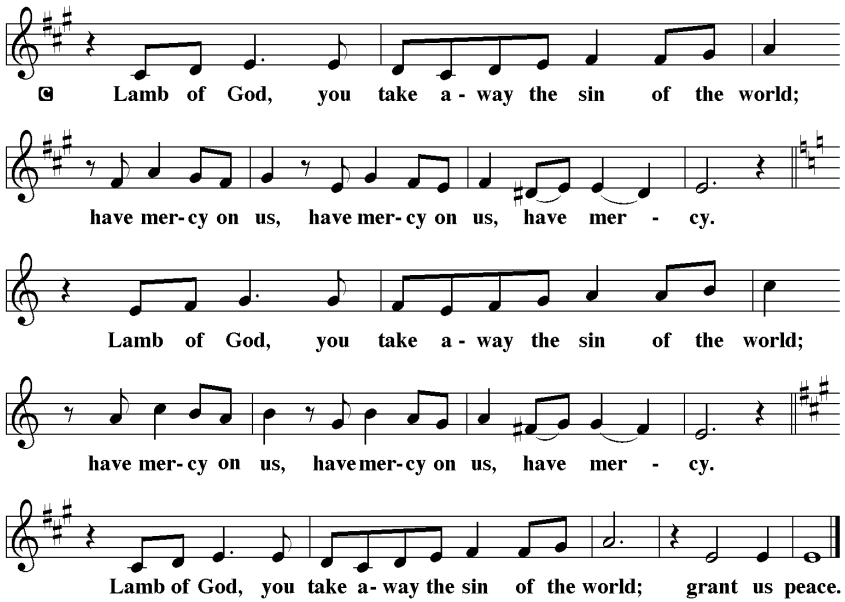
Communion

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, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns

I Am the Bread of Life	ELW 485
Now We Join in Celebration	ELW 462

Stand after all have communed.

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

C **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

A Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world as you did with your own life.
In your name we pray.

C **Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

P The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn Let Streams of Living Justice ELW 710

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Trumpet Dance Patricia Lou Harris

Serving Today

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In Our Prayers

- In thanksgiving for the faculty, staff, students, and families of Messiah School, and for all educators who invest their lives in the lives of children and young people.
- In thanksgiving for the birth of twins, Piper Rose & Penelope Rose Koza, born July 5, 2024 to Ashley & Joshua Koza.
- For all those who travel, that they may experience safe passage and meaningful experiences.
- For the family & friends of John Huetter, who was called to his heavenly home on July 7, 2024
- For those with health concerns: Sue Nerlinger, Andrew Boraggina, Ray Durban, Maddie Polenz, Debbie Florio, Carol Markus, Chip DiFiore, Cliff Preuss, Kristy Younger, Rev. Gerry Miller (former Pastor with Messiah Lutheran) and his adult son Michael, Liz Dimmock, Nina Long, Evelyn and Churchill Ward, Marc Heidmann, Officer Nickolas, Baby Miles, Carla (friend of Rita-Ann Shaffer), and those quietly receiving medical treatment, and those living with addictions.

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This Week's Commemorations

July 15—OLGA, d. 969, the first member of the Russian ruling family to become a Christian, and her grandson VLADIMIR, d. 1015, Russia's first Christian ruler.

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.

God's Word for Next Week **9th Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 11: 1-15; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2: 11-22
Mark 6: 30-34,53-36

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

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