

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 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

Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

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

Prelude

I Feel the Winds of God Today Robert Cundick & John Longhurst

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 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

ELW 645

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, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Sit.

Word

First Reading

2 Samuel 11:1-15

¹In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

²It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. ³David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." ⁴So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. ⁵The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

⁶So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. ⁷When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. ⁸Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. ⁹But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. ¹⁰When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" ¹¹Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." ¹²Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, ¹³David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

¹⁴In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. ¹⁵In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalms 23

*Cantor sings Refrain; Assembly repeats and sings **bold** verses.*



The LORD is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.



¹The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall | fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they | comfort me. Refrain**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. Refrain**

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹ Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.

¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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.

Cantor: My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. (John 10:27)

Gospel

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 6th chapter.

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

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.

⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit.

Sermon

Rev. Jim Kulma

Silence for Reflection; Stand.

Hymn of the Day

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

ELW 611

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:

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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Issac Watts

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
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 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 a single treble clef. The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,'. The second staff continues with 'Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are'. The third staff continues with 'full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The fourth staff continues with 'Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the'. The fifth staff concludes with 'Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' and ends with a double bar line. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some triplets in the second and fifth staves.

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.

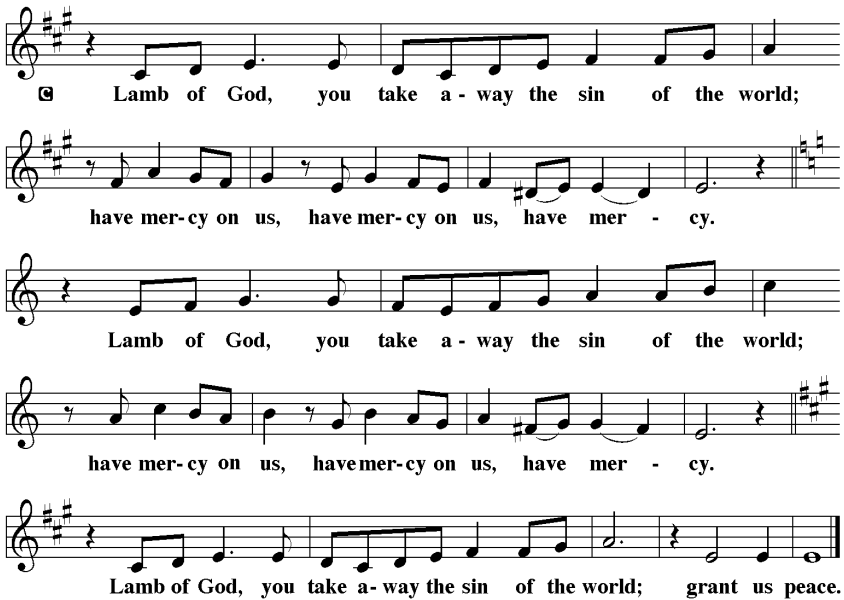
Communion

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 O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate ELW 722
 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us ELW 789

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 All People That on Earth Do Dwell ELW 883
Stanza 3 high voices, Stanza 4 low voices.

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude All People That on Earth Do Dwell David Cherwien

Serving Today

Preaching & Presiding Minister – Rev. Jim Kulma

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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.
- We rejoice that Rev. William C. Weidenbach, Jr. has accepted the call to Messiah Lutheran Church.
- For all those who travel, that they may experience safe passage and meaningful experiences.
- For those with health concerns: Alta Rinard, Sue Nerlinger, Andrew Boraggina, Ray Durban, Maddie Polenz, Debbie FlorioCarol 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 22—ST. MARY MAGDALENE, friend of our Lord and first witness of the resurrection.

July 23—BIRGITTA, d. 1373, a Swedish laywoman famous for her works of devotion and charity.

July 25—ST. JAMES THE ELDER, the son of Zebedee and brother of John, and the first of the apostles to be martyred (Acts 12:1-2).

God's Word for Next Week **10th Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 11: 26-12: 13a; Psalm 145: 10-19; Ephesians 3: 14-21
John 6: 1-21

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

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To the glory of God, through the strength of the Spirit.