

Seventh Sunday of Easter



Messiah Lutheran Church
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To our Guests: Welcome!

God be praised for every person here this morning and for all who are with us in spirit as they watch and pray at home. God strengthen us all through his word and promise in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Current Worship Protocols at Messiah

The Lord in his goodness has granted remarkable relief from the pandemic over the past three months. This past Christmas COVID-19 infection rates in Greater Cleveland were at an all-time. Today numbers of local infections remain low.

With thanks to God for these gifts, we have revised our pandemic protocols at Messiah. As of today—

- Masks are optional. Wear one or not as you prefer.
- All pews are available for seating. Please be sensitive to the comfort levels of the people near you.
- Singing is permitted.
- At the sharing of the Peace feel free to greet each other with handshakes, though again with sensitivity to any who would prefer to wave or nod.
- We continue to encourage to sensible social distancing.
- At communion we will continue to use the pouring chalice and individual cups. The pastors and servers will make sure to sanitize their hands before distributing the sacrament.
- In all that we do, let's make it our aim to love each other as Christ has loved us all.

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May 29 8:30 & 10 am

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

Prelude “Crown Him with Many Crowns,” arr. John A. Behnke

Entrance

Confession and Forgiveness

Stand as you are able

Stand

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 have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

“Crown Him with Many Crowns,” #855

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your own will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

You may be seated

The Word of God

First Reading

Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.”²¹ ⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an

earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

97:1-4, 9-12

Cantor sings refrain; All sing refrain

Re - joyce in the LORD, you righ - teous.

Cantor sings verses in regular print; All sing verses in bold print and refrain

The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

¹The LORD reigns; let the | earth rejoice;

let the multitude of the | isles be glad.

²**Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD,**

righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God’s throne.

³Fire goes be- | fore the LORD,

burning up enemies on | every side.

⁴**Lightnings light | up the world;**

the earth | sees and trembles. Refrain

⁹For you are the LORD, most high over | all the earth;

you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

10You who love the | LORD, hate evil!
God guards the lives of the saints
and rescues them from the hand | of the wicked.

11Light dawns | for the righteous,
and joy for the hon- | est of heart.

12Rejoice in the | LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's | holy name. *Refrain*

Second Reading

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

12“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. **13**I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

14Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

16“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” **17**The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. **20**The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

21The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

At the announcement of the Gospel:

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated

Sermon

Pastor Burce

Stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day

“Son of God, Eternal Savior,” #655

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand

of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Prayer of the Church

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.

C And also with you.

Greet those around you with these or similar words

You may be seated

Offering

“Give Me Jesus,” arr. Rachel Trelstad Porter

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 Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Lord’s Supper

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

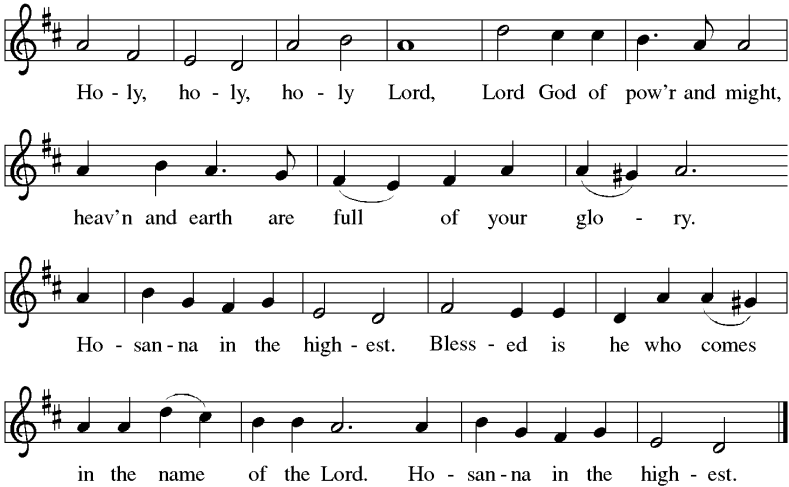
P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . .we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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 Holy, mighty and merciful Lord. . .now and forever. **Amen.**

C 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.

You may be seated

Communion



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.

Communion “Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed,” #463

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

C Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Sending

Blessing

P Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Sending Song “Thine the Amen,” #826 *stanzas 1, 2, 5*

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude “From God Can Nothing Move Me,” arr. Sandra Eithun

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Serving Today

Preaching Minister – Christopher Neumann

Presiding Minister – Pastor Burce

Assisting Ministers – Chris Neumann (8:30); Mike Thiel (10)

Acolyte – Emily Quayle (8:30); (10)

Cantors – Ruth King (8:30); Allison Paton (10)

Organist – Connie Triplett

Deacons – Trish Kvasnicka (8:30); Terrie Leske (10)

Welcome Team – Joyce Budaker

Altar Guild – Elenor Davis, Maria Geier

In our Prayers

- The Church's unity
- Our country's leaders as they address the great challenges of this year
- All who have lost their lives in service to our country
- Men and women preparing for ministry as pastors or consecrated deacons
- Pastors and volunteers who work in prison ministry
- People traveling this weekend
- In need of healing: Andrew Boraggina, Jim Breckel, Audrey Cottrell (Laura Uhle's mother), Ed Kirst, Sue Nerlinger

This Week's Commemorations

May 29—JIRI TRANOVSKY, d. 1637, sometimes called “the Luther of the Slavs” and the father of Slovak hymnody (for examples see LBW 96, 150).

May 31—THE VISITATION, a remembrance of the Virgin Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth, when she sang the Magnificat (Luke 1:39-56).

June 1—JUSTIN MARTYR, d. 165, a Christian convert and writer whose account of early Christian worship shapes the Church to this day.

God's Word for Next Week

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17 [25-27]

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

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