The Holy Trinity

Messiah Lutheran Church
Sunday, June 16, 2019

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TO OUR GUESTS: WELCOME!

May the God who led you here today refresh you with his grace and peace in Christ Jesus as you spend this hour with us. We’re glad you’re here.

Some helpful things to know

• Let us know that you were here. You’ll find a visitor’s card in the pew rack that you can fill out and either hand to an usher or drop in the offering plate.

• Restless children? Nursery care is available during the late Sunday morning services. We also have a room where parents can tend to little ones while watching and listening to the service. Ask an usher for directions.

• Large print bulletins and personal audio receivers are available at Sunday services for any who may find them helpful. Don’t hesitate to ask an usher.

• May you commune at Messiah? Yes, if you’re a baptized communicant elsewhere and are able to respond with joyful confidence when Christ invites you to meet him in the sacrament here. As he says of the bread, “This is my body,” and of the cup, “This is my blood”; and of both he says, “given and shed for you.”

• Our communion procedures: the sacrament is distributed at the head of the aisle. Come forward as the usher directs. For receiving the wine, two cups are available, one to drink from and a second to dip the host in. Follow your preference. If you choose not to commune but would like even so to receive a blessing, approach the pastor or assisting minister with your arms crossed. For a gluten-free host, quietly ask the pastor.
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June 16, 8:30 & 10 A.M.

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

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**We Prepare for God’s Gifts...**

**Music and Quiet**

**Asking God’s Forgiveness (8:30 only)**

*Stand*

In the name of the Father, and the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  

_Amen._

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.  

_Amen._

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for self-examination.*

Most merciful God

**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.**

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.  

_Amen._
Opening Hymn
“Come, Thou Almighty King,” #408

Baptism (10 only)

Greeting

Singing God’s praise (8:30 only)

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God’s peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us;
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
Today’s Prayer

Let us pray. Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sit

From the Old Testament

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

1Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? 2On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; 3beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: 4"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. 22The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. 23Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. 24When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. 25Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth — 26when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world’s first bits of soil. 27When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, 28when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, 29when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, 30then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, 31rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
From the Book of Psalms

Cantor sings refrain; All sing refrain

Your glory is chanted above the heavens.

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

1 O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

2 you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of
fants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the
foe | and avenger. Refrain

3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

4 what are mere mortals that you should be mind-ful of them,
human beings that you should care for them? Refrain

5 Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor or you crown them.

6 You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:

7 all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,

8 the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

9 O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth! Refrain
From a New Testament letter Romans 5:1-5

1Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 3And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

From one of the four Gospels John 16:12-15

To you, the Comforter, we cry;  
To you the gift of God most high,  
True fount of life, the fire of love,  
The soul’s anointing from above.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And you, of both, to be but one;  
That through the ages all along  
Your praise may be our endless song.

Holy Gospel is recorded in the 16th chapter of St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] 12“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

God’s Word for Today Pr. Bridger
Confessing our Faith (8:30)

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 worshiped 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. Amen

Offering our Prayers

After each portion of the prayers

Holy Spirit, giver of life. . .
. . . have mercy and hear us.

Sharing Christ’s peace

The peace of the Lord be with you
And also with you.

Greet those around you with these or similar words

Sit
Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing—
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
And o’er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the pow’r of human telling;
No soul can guess Love’s grace till it become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Let us pray. Merciful Father

You bring us from denial to faith, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to your service, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for the saving love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**CHRIST, OUR FOOD AND DRINK**

**Preparing our hearts**

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

**Prayer of Consecration**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God...now and forever. 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; To learn how we distribute communion, see the inside cover._

**Communion Songs**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have
“Children of the Heavenly Father”
“Father Most Holy”

Stand

Post Communion Prayer

ON OUR WAY

A Final Word and Promise

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

A Song

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

A Mission

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Music as we leave

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**SERVING TODAY**

*Preaching Minister* – Pastor Bridger

*Presiding Minister* – Pastor Burce

*Assisting Minister* – Kathy Neumann (8:30); (10)

*Lector* – Ruth King (8:30); Don Braun (10)

*Communion Assistants* – Eric Anderson, Lee Vysoky, Scott Straffen (8:30); Bob Stoddard, Linda Stoddard (10)

*Acolytes* – Bryce Neumann (8:30);
Kaitlyn Carlin, Adam Digney, Tyler Vance (10)

*Organist* – Rob Pedersen

*Cantor* – Brad Paton (8:30); Helen Casselberry (10)

*Deacons* – Raffee Johns, Terrie Leske

*Greeters* – Frank & Ellen Petak (8:30); Pat & Kathy Gallagher (10)

*Ushers* – Joe King, Tim Roman (8:30);
Padraig Donohow, Reilly Kinter, Tyler Seagro, George Skliros (10)

*Altar Guild* – Marilyn Edwards, Laura Gaydos

*Nursery (10)* – Jennifer Helmink, Haley Tome

*Trustee* – David Fretthold
IN OUR PRAYERS

❖ For the newly Baptized, including Ivy Janice Kyre. Bless her and her parents, Ryan and Katie, as they rejoice in the new life which is hers

❖ For the Vacation Bible School team as they prepare to lead VBS in July

❖ For those hospitalized or in need of healing, including John Zupan, Angel Medina, Colton Michael Smith in the NICU, Sue Nerlinger, Dorothy Lewis, Dottie Juergens Robin Vacha, Rosemary Nunweiler, Rod Kaska

❖ For the ministry of the Northeast Ohio Synod of the ELCA, our Synod, and our work together especially during this weekend of our annual assembly in Akron. Thanks for the opportunity to serve and witness together in the name of Jesus.

❖ For those who travel and those who are far from home

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In Memory of Rev. John & Norma Hinsch by their daughter Priscilla

To the glory of God and in honor of all our fathers
by The Rev. & Mrs. Bruce Hathaway

God’s Word for Next Week
Second Sunday after Pentecost


We encourage you to read the lessons as part of your preparation for divine services.
Servants and Missionaries – All MLC members
Senior Pastor – Jerome Burce
Associate Pastor – Seth Bridger
Youth Director – Peggy Schauer
Pastoral Assistant – Ruth Mortensen
Music Director – Connie Triplett
Messiah School Principal – Helen Casselberry
Administrator – Darlene Waugh
Pierstorf Memorial Fund Director – Martin Uhle