

14th Sunday after Pentecost



Messiah Lutheran Church
September 11, 2022

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To our Guests: Welcome!

God be praised for every person here this morning and for all who are participating remotely in this worship service. The Holy Spirit of God gathers us together as one. May each of us be strengthened through his word and promise in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Current Worship Protocols at Messiah

The worst of the Covid-19 pandemic seems to be behind us. Even so the virus lingers on. Some of us feel more threatened by it than others do. With this in mind, please note these protocols for our time together--

- We continue to encourage to sensible social distancing.
- 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.
- 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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September 11 8:30 & 11 am

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

Prelude “If You But Trust in God to Guide You,” Michael Costello

Entrance

Confession and Forgiveness

Stand

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

P Gracious 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 God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

“Lift High the Cross,” #660

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.**

Canticle of Praise

Refrain

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

1 Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain

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

2 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.

Refrain

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

3 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, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
A - men, a - men.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

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The Word of God

First Reading

Exodus 32:7-14

⁷The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” ⁹The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?’ Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-10

Sung in alternation by Lectern (Regular print) and Pulpit (Bold print)



- ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.
- ²**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,**
and cleanse me | from my sin.
- ³For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.
- ⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;**
so you are justified when you speak
and right | in your judgment.
- ⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.
- ⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,**
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.
- ⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.
- ⁸**Let me hear | joy and gladness;**
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.
- ⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.
- ¹⁰**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,**
and renew a right spir- | it within me.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

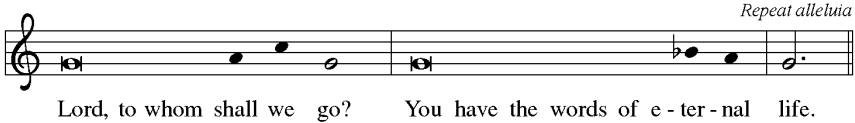
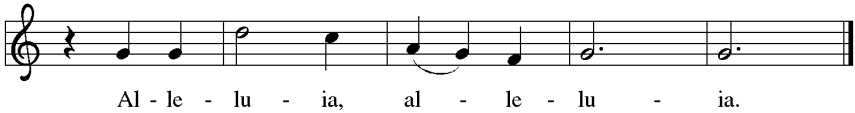
¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation -- All



Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

At the announcement of the Gospel:

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with

me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

Pastor Krebill

Stand

Hymn of the Day

“O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True,” #675

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

New Members Received

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayers:

A Merciful God. . .

C . . . receive our prayer

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Greet those around you with these or similar words

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Offertory

“Let the Vineyards,” arr. David Cherwien

Stand as offerings are brought forward

Offering

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

sung by All



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.

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. Holy God,

C gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

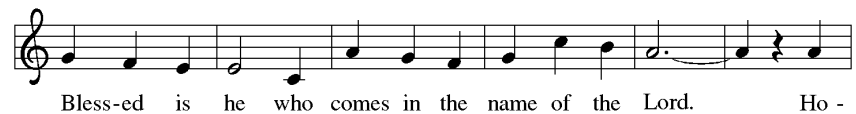
P Lift up your hearts.

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:

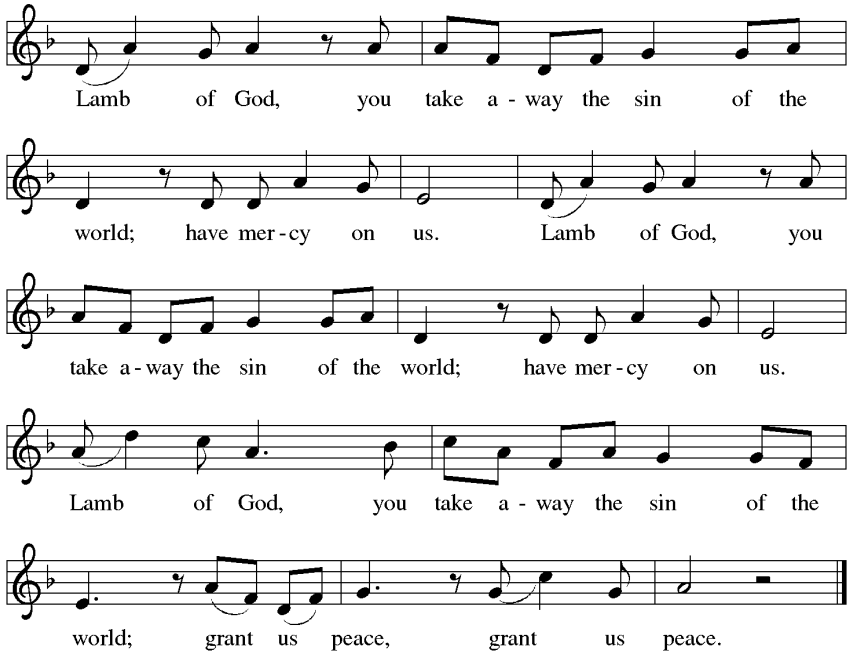


P Holy, mighty and merciful Lord. . . now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

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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.

Hymn

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound,” #779

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is,” #502

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. In your mercy, 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 Hymn

“Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing,” #544

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Gavotte,” Matthew Camidge

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Serving Today

Presiding Minister – Pastor Bridger

Preaching Minister – Pastor Krebill

Assisting Ministers – Nancy Richter (8:30); Lindsey Baker (11)

Acolytes – Annalies Anderson (8:30); Cohen Thomas (11)

Organist – Deacon Linda Kempke

Deacons – Ray Durban (8:30); Frank Beodray (11)

Ushers – Ed Kus (8:30); Ken Novack (11)

Altar Guild – Maria Geier, Debbie Luckens

Messiah Choir

The upcoming season for Messiah Choir will begin on Thursday, September 15 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the nave balcony. Membership is open to those in the 9th grade through age? This is a time for all those interested to come and experience and explore what it means to be a choir member, to lead the assembly in worship, and to enjoy fellowship in singing together. There is no audition involved and I will not ask you to sing a solo unless you are willing to do so. The choir schedule alternates between the early and late service and sings all festivals.

Come! As Augustine says: *The one who sings – prays twice!*

AND - Messiah bell choir is looking for new members. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

I checked – there is no commandment or law that states that one cannot participate in both groups!

Linda Kempke, Interim Director of Music

NOTE: Due to prior commitments there is NO choir rehearsal on Thursday, Sept 22!

New Members Received

Shannon Brinkman

Colleen Crowley

Sharon Foote

Lisa Kolecky with Peter and Elena

The Rev. Steven M. Krebill

Nina Long

Danielle Palm

Amanda Ribic with Andrew

Rita-Ann Shaffer

Melissa Steele-Steeber with Ben and Grace

Jack & Christine Stock

Allison Younger

In our Prayers

- For the Church living out the mission of *God's Work, Our Hands*
- For new members as they are received into the congregation and becomes partners in the mission of Christ
- In celebration of the Baptism of Helaina Renee Mines, current Fifth grade student in Messiah School
- In celebration of the birth of Naomi Ryan Anyaegbunam born Thursday September 1. Naomi is the daughter of Nicole Swanson and David Anyaegnuman and granddaughter of Lynn and Steven Swanson
- In remembrance of the lives lost on September 11, 2001
- With thanksgiving to God for the life of Rev. Dan Rossbach
The ill: Trudy Bell, Jim Breckel, Andrew Boraggina, Marc Heidmann, Sue Nerlinger

This Week's Commemorations

Sept 13—JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, d. 407, the ancient Greek church's most famous preacher.

Sept. 16—CYPRIAN OF CARTHAGE, d. 258, a bishop and martyr renowned for his care of the church under persecution.

God's Word for Next Week

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 113, 1 Timoth7y 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13

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

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Minister of Youth – Adonai Henderson

Technology Manager – Jared Waugaman

Building Manager – Jason Reynolds

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