

# 18th Sunday after Pentecost



Messiah Lutheran Church  
October 9, 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.

### **Introduction to the Day**

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

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October 9 8:30 & 11 am

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

Prelude

“Golden Breaks the Dawn,” J. Wayne Kerr (8:30)  
“Golden Breaks the Dawn,” arr. Robert Hobby (11) Choir

## Entrance

Confession and Forgiveness (8:30 only)

*Stand*

P In the name of the Father, and of 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.

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

P Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,” #858 (8:30)  
“Baptized in Water,” #456 (11)

# 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.

# Holy Baptism (11)

## Kyrie (8:30 only)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



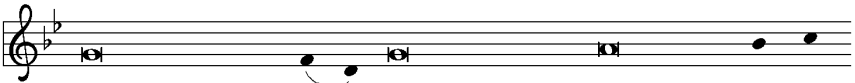
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



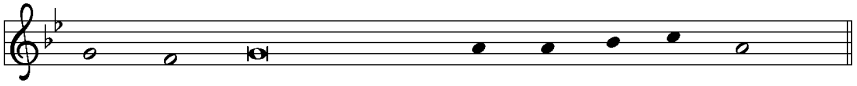
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

*sit*

## The Word of God

### First Reading

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

<sup>1</sup>Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. <sup>2</sup>Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." <sup>7</sup>When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup>But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.” <sup>9</sup>So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. <sup>10</sup>Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.” <sup>11</sup>But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! <sup>12</sup>Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup>But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean?’” <sup>14</sup>So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

<sup>15a-c</sup>Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 111

*Cantor sings refrain, all repeat refrain.*

I will give thanks, I will give thanks to the  
LORD with my whole heart.

*Cantor/Choir chants regular print – All chant Bold print*

**Hallelujah!** I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>Great are your | works, O LORD,  
pondered by all who de- | light in them. *Refrain*

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

<sup>4</sup>**You cause your wonders to | be remembered;**  
**you are gracious and full | of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>You give food to | those who fear you,  
remembering forev- | er your covenant.

<sup>6</sup>**You have shown your people the power | of your works**  
**in giving them the lands | of the nations. *Refrain***

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice;  
all of your pre- | cepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup>**They stand fast forev- | er and ever,**  
**because they are done in | truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever;  
holy and awesome | is your name.

<sup>10</sup>**The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;**  
**all who practice this have a good understanding.**  
**God's praise en- | dures forever. *Refrain***

## Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-15

<sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; <sup>12</sup>if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; <sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup>Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup>Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

Gospel Acclamation -- *All; Cantor/Choir sings Verse*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Verse: Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*  
*(1 Thess. 5:18)*

*All repeat Alleluia*

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

*At the announcement of the Gospel:*

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

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? <sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

Sermon

Chris Neumann

*Silence for Reflection*

Hymn of the Day (*stand*)

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing,” #886



## Apostles Creed *(8:30 only)*

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:*

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*

*Sit*

## Stewardship Talk

### Offertory

“Amazing Grace,” arr. Anna Laura Page (8:30) Joyringers  
“All Glory Be to God on High,” Walther (11)

*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



bles - 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](http://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.**

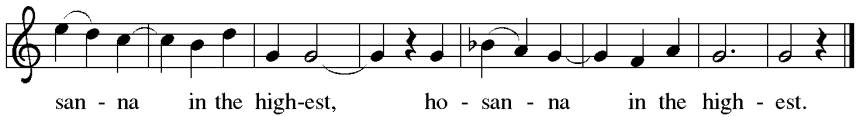
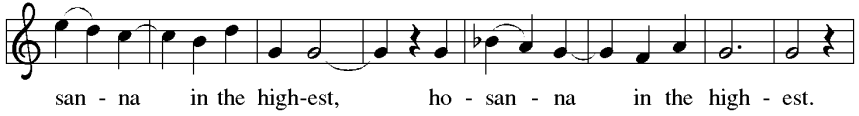
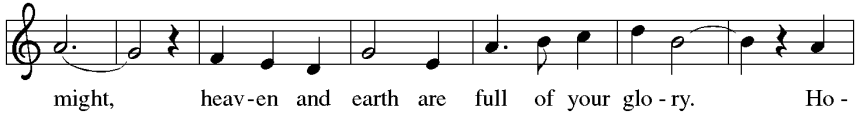
P Lift up your hearts.

**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:

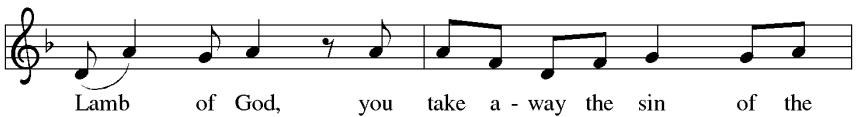


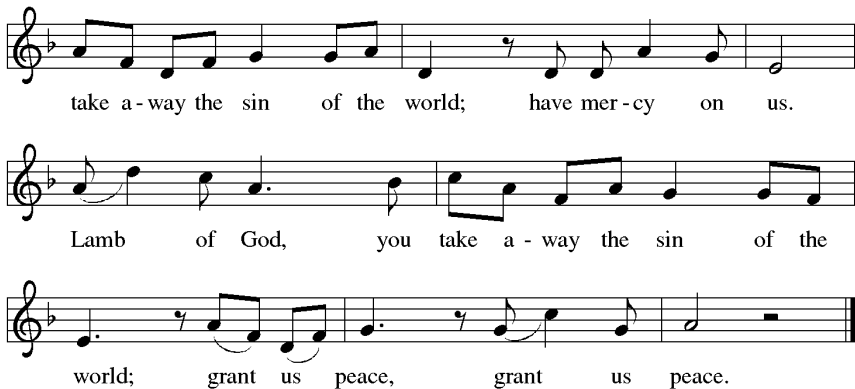
P Holy, mighty and merciful Lord. . .now and forever. **Amen.**

**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.**

*Sit*

### Communion





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.

## Distribution

“It Is Well with My Soul,” arr. Victor Labenske (11)

– Ruth Mortensen

“Come, Let Us Eat,” #491

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken,” #494

**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** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise!” #848

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

“Trumpet Tune,” Telemann

## Serving Today

Preaching Minister – Christopher Neumann  
Presiding Minister – Pastor Bridger  
Assisting Ministers – Carl & Linda Herhuth (8:30); Mike Thiel (11)  
Acolytes – Paige Neumann (8:30); Nikolas Skliros (11)  
Joyringers (8:30) – Directed by Ruth King  
Cantor (8:30) – Clair Connelly  
Messiah Choir (11) – Directed by Deacon Linda Kempke  
Pianist (11) – Ruth Mortensen  
Organist – Deacon Linda Kempke  
Deacons – Michael Eckert (8:30); Frank Beodray (11)  
*Usher* – Joe King (8:30)  
Altar Guild – Ruth Mortensen, Diane Paton

## In our Prayers

- For the mission and ministry of Messiah. May it impact lives near and far in the name of Christ
- For those living with housing and food insecurity
- In celebration and thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism with Peyton Ruth Royster, Kamari Poku, and Ezra Poku. Grant each of these your loving mercy and a servant heart. Bless the Godparents of each of these young people as well in the years to come
- For the Heidmann family as they mourn the death of Lynn Heidmann Christian
- For the ill and hospitalized: Andrew Boraggina, Marc Heidmann, Jane Hunger, Sue Nerlinger, Bill Russell, Geri Schuett, Marilyn Sheerer

## God's Word for Next Week

### 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8  
*We encourage you to read the lessons as part of your preparation for divine services.*





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