

# 19th Sunday after Pentecost



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 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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October 16 8:30 & 11 am

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

Prelude

“Greet the Rising Sun,” Robert Hobby; Choir (8:30)

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure,” David Cherwien (11)

## Entrance

Confession and Forgiveness

*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

“O Word of God Incarnate,” #514

## 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



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 - mighty God and Fa-ther, we



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



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

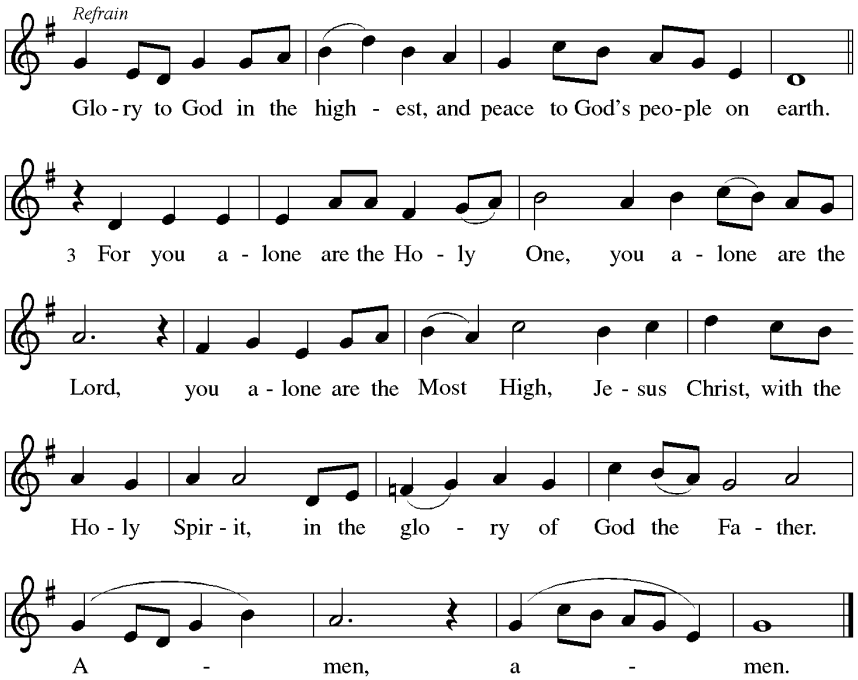


God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



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 Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

*sit*

## The Word of God

### First Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

<sup>22</sup>The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with

humans, and have prevailed.”<sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him.<sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.”<sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Penueel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

*Cantor sings refrain, all repeat refrain.*



My help comes from the LORD, the mak-er of heav-en and earth.

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



- <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes | to the hills;  
from where is my | help to come?
- <sup>2</sup>**My help comes | from the LORD,  
the maker of heav- | en and earth.**
- <sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your | foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
- <sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keep- | er of Israel  
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep; *Refrain***
- <sup>5</sup>the LORD watches | over you;  
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;
- <sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike | you by day,  
nor the | moon by night.**
- <sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you | from all evil  
and will | keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,  
from this time forth for- | evermore. *Refrain***

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4:1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Gospel Acclamation -- All**

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

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

*Verse: The word of God is living and active, able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

*(Heb. 4:12)*

*All repeat Alleluia*

*At the announcement of the Gospel:*

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

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

Sermon

Pastor Bridger

*Silence for Reflection*

Hymn of the Day (*stand*)

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure,” #775

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**



# 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 Moment

Christa Turnbull

## Offertory

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure,” Walther (8:30)

“Amazing Grace,” arr. Anna Laura Page; Joyringers (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



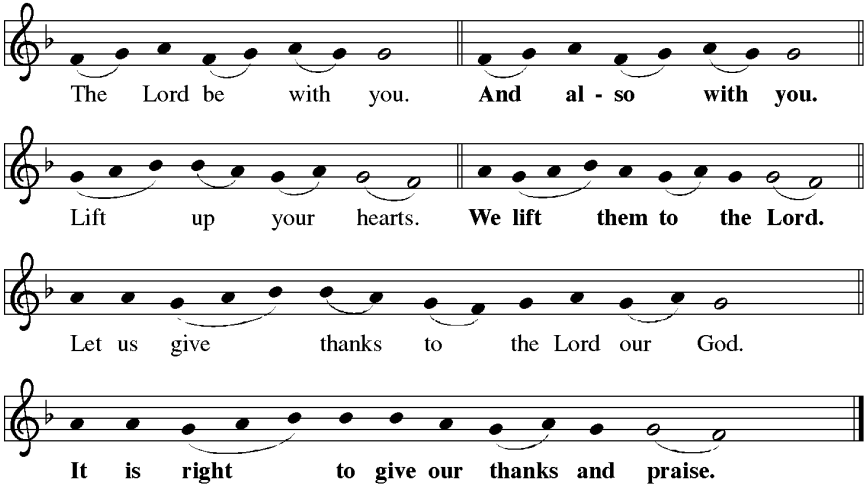
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*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.

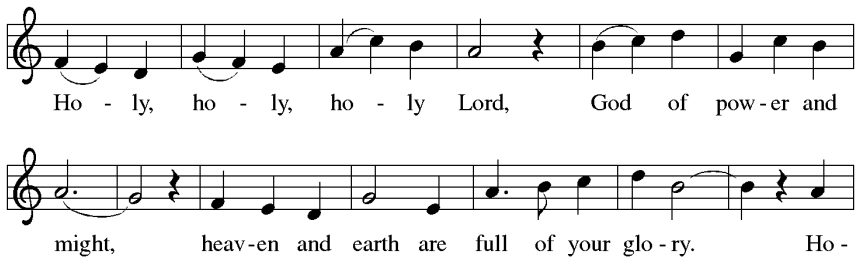
## The Lord's Supper

### Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

- 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, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est, 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, 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.**

*Sit*  
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

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus,” #742  
“If You But Trust in God to Guide You,” #769

**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

“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name,” #534

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

“Allegro,” Flor Peeters

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## Serving Today

Preaching Minister – Pastor Bridger

Presiding Minister – Pastor Krebill

Assisting Ministers – Ron Coulter (8:30); Lindsay Baker (11)

Messiah Church Choir (8:30) – Directed by Deacon Linda Kempke

Joyringers (11) – Directed by Ruth King

Organist – Deacon Linda Kempke

Deacons – Trish Kvasnicka (8:30); Amy & Mark Hunger (11)

Usher – Brad Paton (8:30)

Altar Guild – Marilyn Edwards, Debbie Luekens

## In our Prayers

- For Christ to be known in our lives through Word and deed
- For the congregation and the work of the Church Council
- For communities and people recovering from strong storms: Puerto Rico, the Caribbean, Florida, and South Carolina
- For places which are without reliable access to fresh water
- For those living with health concerns: Andrew Boraggina, Jim Breckel, Emerson Buskirk, Marc Heidmann, Sue Nerlinger, Bill Russell, Geri Schuett, Marilyn Sheerer

## Altar Flowers Are Given

by Steve and Christa Turnbull in memory of Steve's parents  
Margaret and Bill Turnbull

## This Week's Commemorations

Oct. 17—IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, d. 115, a bishop and martyr famous for encouraging unity and sound doctrine in the young churches of his day.

Oct. 18—ST. LUKE, physician, companion of the apostle Paul, and author of both the gospel that bears his name and the Acts of the Apostles.

## God's Word for Next Week

### 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22, Psalm 84:107;

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

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





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