

Fourth 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

We have experienced remarkable relief from the pandemic over the past several months. The Lord in his goodness has granted such relief. Even with the lower level of infection rate, the virus continues to be of great concern to some within the church community. Here are our current protocols during worship at Messiah:

- 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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July 3 8:30 & 10 am

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

Prelude

“All Glory Be to God on High,” J.S. Bach

Entrance

Confession and Forgiveness

Stand as you are able

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

C Amen.

P Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C And renew a right spirit within me

P Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that I have sinned against you this week. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may come before you in peace and find joy in your goodness, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P By the command of my Lord Jesus Christ who died and rose that you may live, I 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.

Almighty God keep you in eternal life, now and forever.

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“In Christ Called to Baptize,” #575

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.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray, O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life’s journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen.**

The Word of God

First Reading

Isaiah 66:10-14

¹⁰Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—¹¹that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

¹²For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. ¹³As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

66:1-9

Cantor sings refrain; All sing refrain



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



¹Be joyful in God, | all you lands;
be joyful, | all the earth.

²**Sing the glory | of God's name;**
sing the glory | of God's praise.

³Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!
Because of your great strength your enemies | cringe before you.

⁴**All the earth bows | down before you,**
sings to you, sings | out your name." Refrain

⁵Come now and see the | works of God,
how awesome are God's deeds | toward all people.

⁶**God turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the wa- | ter on foot,
and there we re- | joiced in God.**

⁷Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch o- | ver the nations;
let no rebels ex- | alt themselves.

⁸**Bless our | God, you peoples;
let the sound of | praise be heard.**

⁹Our God has kept us a- | mong the living
and has not allowed our | feet to slip. *Refrain*

Second Reading

Galatians 6:7-16

⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

At the announcement of the Gospel:

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’”

¹⁶“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” ¹⁸He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated

Sermon

Pastor Bridger

Stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day

“Spread, Oh Spread, Almighty Word,” #663

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 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

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song (ELW 808),
David Cherwien

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 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.

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, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed 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

“Bread of Life from Heaven,” #474

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. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life 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

“Go to the World!”



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 “Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!”



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Toccata in e minor,” Pachelbel

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Serving Today

Preaching & Presiding Minister – Pastor Bridger

Assisting Ministers – Carl & Linda Herhuth (8:30); Christopher Peters (10)

Cantors – Bethany Ruessman (8:30); John Hayduk (10)

Organist – Linda Kempke

Deacons – Ray Durban (8:30); Michael Eckert (10)

Welcome Team – Joyce Budaker

Altar Guild – Elenor Davis, Maria Geier

In our Prayers

- For the wider Church, especially our Northeastern Ohio Synod staff and Bishop Laura Barbins, and for the Church's witness in the world
- For local leaders, including firefighters, law enforcement, and first responders working this holiday weekend providing public safety
- For the people of Ukraine, and other places around the world caught in the clutches of conflict
- For those who travel, and those without a home
- For the ill: including Jim, Andrew, Sue, Shannon, Jason, Bernard, Rita, and several who are quietly receiving treatments

This Week's Commemorations

July 6—JAN HUS, d. 1415, a Bohemian priest and professor who was burned at the stake for preaching against indulgences and the practice of withholding the communion cup from the laity. He died 102 years before Luther posted his 95 theses against the same abuses. Hus's followers eventually became the Moravian Church.

God's Word for Next Week

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Deuteronomy 30:9-14, Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:24-37

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

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