

Day of Pentecost
May 19, 8:30 & 11:00 am

Messiah Lutheran Church

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Welcome to worship! We are delighted you are here and have chosen to worship today. We believe the Holy Spirit of God gathers us together as one. May you be strengthened through his word and the promise in our Lord Jesus Christ.

The mission statement of Messiah Church is: ***Drawing in to Christ, Building up in Christ, Sending out for Christ.*** Our aim is to love each other as Christ has loved us all. We continue to encourage sensible social distancing. If you wish to wear a mask, please do so. If you are feeling ill, please take precautions and consider worshipping via the livestream ministry of Messiah. Online services can be found at ***MessiahFairview.org***; click "***watch services***" ***online.***

Holy Communion is shared at every worship service. The sacrament of holy communion is central to our worship life. If you are a first-time worshipper here, know that you are invited to receive and partake in the sharing of holy communion.

Introduction to The Day

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

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

Prelude We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit Dietrich Buxtehude

Gathering

Stand and turn to face the cross of Christ at the Entrance to the Sanctuary

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God, the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

C Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn Come Down, O Love Divine

ELW 804

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

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men.


Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray,
Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Sit

Word

First Reading

Acts 2: 1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.



²⁴How manifold are your | works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number, living things both | small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships | to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

²⁷**All of them | look to you to give them their food | in due season. R**

²⁸You give it to them; they | gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, | they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created; and so you renew the face | of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever; O LORD, rejoice in | all your works. R**

³²You look at the earth | and it trembles; you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live; I will praise my God while I | have my being.**

³⁴May these words of | mine please God. I will rejoice | in the LORD.

³⁵**Bless the LORD, | O my soul. Hal- | lelujah! R**

Second Reading

Romans 8: 22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

ELW 395

Stanza 1



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, with all your
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, now cause the
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, grant us the



grac - es now out - poured on each be - liev - er's
word of life to shine. Teach us to know our
will your work to do and in your ser - vice



mind and heart; your fer - vent love to them im - part.
God a - right as lov - ing Fa - ther, our de - light.
to a - bide; let tri - als turn us not a - side.



Lord, by the bright - ness of your light in ho - ly
From ev - 'ry er - ror keep us free; let none but
Lord, by your pow'r pre - pare each heart and to our



faith your church u - nite; from ev - 'ry land and
Christ our teach - er be, that we in liv - ing
weak - ness strength im - part, that brave - ly here we



ev - 'ry tongue, this to your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:
faith a - bide, in him, our Lord, with all our might con - fide.
may con - tend, through life and death to you, our Lord, as - cend.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

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.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord
(see page 8)

ELW 395
Stanza 3

Sit

Sermon

Rev. Seth Bridger

Silence for Reflection; Stand

Hymn of the Day

O Day Full of Grace

ELW 627

The Rite of Confirmation
An Affirmation of Holy Baptism and the Faith of the Church
(See yellow page insert in today's bulletin)

Confirmands 2024:
Matthew Biacsi, Zachary Bridger, EJ Grauel, Bryson Parrott,
Emily Prusak, Collin Pajer, Kaila Reynolds

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.

The Lord's Supper

Music at the Offering

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| Choir | If Ye Love Me | Thomas Tallis (8:30) |
| Joy Ringers | Breathe on Me, Breath of God | (11:00) |

Stand as the Offerings are brought forward

Offertory

Hymn We Have Seen the Lord ELW 869

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 Risen One,

C you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

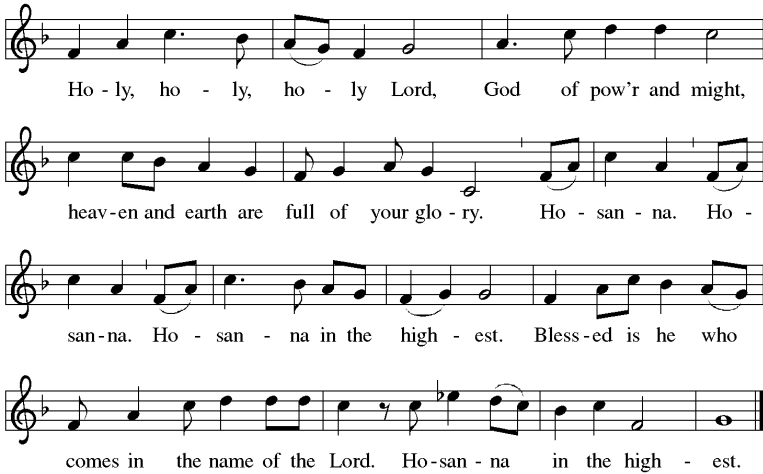
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

P Holy , mighty, and merciful Lord ... (the prayer continues) ...
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory,
now and forever.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Concerning the sacrament — Holy Communion is Christ's gift to his Church, his true body and blood given with bread and wine for us to eat and drink. Here Christ confirms in us the benefits of his death and resurrection. He forgives our sins, refreshes our lives, and promises our salvation.

We welcome to the Lord's table all baptized and communing Christians who share this faith. In receiving, please follow the lead of the people around you. Gluten-free hosts are available for those who need them. Quietly ask the Pastor for the Gluten-free host.

If coming forward not to commune but to receive a blessing, approach the Pastor with your arms crossed. If you are physically unable to come forward, simply let an usher or deacon know you would like to receive communion at your seat.

Distribution Hymns

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| Choir | If Ye Love Me | Thomas Tallis (11:00) |
| | Spirit of Gentleness | ELW 396 |
| | Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove | ELW 578 |
| Choir will chant stanzas 1, 3, 5, 7; Assembly sings even stanzas | | |

Stand after all have communed

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

Sending

Blessing

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope

✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

ELW 400

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Postlude on an Original Antiphon

Christopher Uehlein

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This Week's Commemorations

May 19—Dunstan, d. 988, Archbishop of Canterbury and renewer of the English church.

May 21—John Eliot, d. 1690, one of the first missionaries to the American Indians.

May 23—LUDWIG NOMMENSEN, d. 1918, a German Lutheran and pioneer missionary to the Batak people of Sumatra.

May 24—the scientists NIKOLAUS COPERNICUS, d. 1543, and LEONHARD EULER, d. 1783, who advanced human understanding of God's creation.

Serving Today

Preaching & Presiding Minister – Rev. Seth Bridger

Assisting Minister – Christopher Peters (11:00)

Acolyte – Nikolas Skliros (11:00)

Deacons – Robert Trapp (8:30) Terrie Leske (11:00)

Choir Director & Coordinator of Music Ministry – Deborah Zudell-Dickey

Joy Ringers – Ruth King

Principal Organist – Michael Cherup

Altar Guild – Maria Geier, Diane Paton

In Our Prayers

- For our newest confirmation students as they "affirm their baptisms" this weekend: Matthew Biacsi, Zachary Bridger, EJ Grauel, Bryson Parrott, Emily Prusak, Collin Pajer, Kaila Reynolds.
- For the Senior Pastor Call process, that the Holy Spirit guide the discernment of candidates and those serving on the Pastoral Call Committee: Sam Gmetro, John Hayduk, Jay Machado, Kathy Neumann, Allison Younger-Waugaman, and Karen Wolf.
- For those with health concerns: Carol Markus, Chip Difiore, Cliff Preuss, Ray Durban, Andrew Boraggina, Sue Nerlinger, Maddie Polenz, Kristy Younger, Rev. Gerry Miller (former Pastor with Messiah Lutheran) and his adult son Michael, Liz Dimmock, Nina Long, Evelyn and Churchill Ward, Marc Heidmann, Officer Nickolas, Baby Miles, Carla (friend of Rita-Ann Shaffer), and those quietly receiving medical treatments and those living with addictions.

God's Word for Next Week

1st Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 6: 1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8: 12-17, John 3: 1-17

We encourage you to read the lessons as part of your preparation for worship next week.

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To the glory of God, through the strength of the Spirit.