

# Messiah Lutheran Church

## 13th Sunday after Pentecost

### September 8, 2019 8:45 am

#### Mission Statement

*“At Messiah Lutheran Church, we seek to answer God’s call to love”*

Welcome to all worshipping with us today. Please complete the **Welcome Card** and *place it in the offering plate, during the offering*. **Prayer Petitions** may be included on the back of the Welcome card. Please turn your cell phones to silent during the service. There are activity bags for children to enjoy during worship, which can be found on a rack just outside the worship space. Thank you.

#### Prelude

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Most merciful God,  
**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.**

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. **Amen.**

## **Processional Hymn** **#533 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”**

### **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**Kyrie**                      **p. 120**

**Hymn of Praise “Glory to God”**      **p. 121**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **Reading: Genesis 2:4b-25**

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 104:10-24** *(read responsively)*

You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst.

**By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.**

**From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.**

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.

**The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.**

**In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees.**

The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the conies.

You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.

**You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.**

**The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.**

When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.

People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening.

**O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

## **Gospel Acclamation p. 216 "Alleluia"**

### **Gospel: Mark 1:16-20**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

**#856 "How Great Thou Art"**

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

## **Prayers**

Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

O Lord, we are often more likely to see other people in our lives as a burden, a bother, or a curse, rather than the blessing you created them to be. Soften our hearts toward one another that we might accept both our own imperfections and theirs, enabling us to be vulnerable and compassionate with our fellow human beings. Creating God, **Hear our prayer.**

You made all the creatures of this earth, O God, as companions, helpers, and fellow dwellers of one marvelous planet. Bless all those who share their lives, time, and homes with beloved animals, that all might benefit from the unconditional bonds of love they enable. Creating God, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all grandparents this day, as well as all who mentor, care for, and love children. We thank you for the generosity, assistance and wisdom they provide to the next generation of parents. We also hold in prayer all who are estranged from grandparents or grandchildren, all whose dreams of becoming grandparents were never realized, and those of us who have lost grandparents and miss them. Creating God, **Hear our prayer.**

We were not created to live in isolation, loving God, and yet so many feel the pain of loneliness, separation and division among people and relationships. Heal our rifts and help us lay aside grudges. Move us to reach out

to the lonely and outcast. We pray for those with specific needs, whom we lift up to you, including Frank Summersett & family for the loss of his wife, Jan, Thanh, Grant & Kathy Soltwisch and Grant's sister, Diana, for the loss of their sister Marsha Pasciak, Pine Ridge residents, Karen Johnson, Kristina Asta, Herb Grenke, Sheryl, Pat Frenn, Pat Lelvis, Karla Kunick, Marilyn Voce, Jim Elsenbroek, Nancy & family, Oscar, Vanessa, Laura, Fátima, Flor, Cruz, Alison Cory, Pam, Leah Rodda, Rose Collins, Kathy, Lois, John, Kendal, Sandy, Mike, Don Dreisbach, Gary, Sierra, Charlene Avery, Nai, Cam & his family, Liz Kro. Creating God, **Hear our prayer.**

Even though they are not present with us in body, we are still joined forever to all those who have served you faithfully and gone before us. Bless the memory of your saints and hold a place for us in their heavenly fellowship. Creating God, **Hear our prayer.**

We entrust these things for which we pray to your faithful care and your promise to hear us always. Receive them in Jesus' name, **Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

↳ **Senior Choir Anthem** *Lift High the Cross*

## Offering

### ↳ Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving p. 129

#192 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

## Words of Institution

## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion & Distribution

### ↳ Communion Hymns

#195 "Lamb of God"

#785 "When Peace like a River"

#459 "Wade in the Water"

### ↳ Blessing

## Prayer After Communion

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. **Amen.**

## Benediction

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. **Amen.**

## Choral Benediction

#536 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" vs 1

## Sending

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

# Serving Us Today:

Preacher:	Pr. Andrew Plocher
Liturgist:	Pr. Molly Eversoll
Pianist:	Kathy Strazzinski
Bass:	Tom Bronken
Music/Choir Director:	Dave Dagenais
Acolyte:	
Ushers:	Ray Jarvis, Cathy Seblonka
Reader:	Larry Pagel
Communion Assistants:	Beth Krznarich, Peggy Sager, Kathy Maynard
Greeters:	Penny Streeter, Helen Steinhoff
Assisting Minister:	June Ackroyd
Sound Technician:	Larry Pagel
Nursery Attendant:	Jaime Davis
Flower Delivery:	Michael & Jenny Broadway
Coffee Hour:	

## Welcome

Messiah Lutheran Church seeks to be a welcoming community for all people. This includes people of every race, ability, sexual orientation and identity, ethnic background, economic grouping, religious affiliation, and political persuasion. We do this simply because God created all people in God's own image and Christ Jesus came so all people might have abundant and eternal life. We may not always be as welcoming as we should be, but this is our intention—all are welcome!

## The Means of Grace

As Lutherans, we believe that God comes to us in love through the means of grace: the preaching of the Word and the gift of two Sacraments--Baptism and Communion. Christ Jesus is the host at the Holy Communion table, welcoming all people to be fed. If you haven't been baptized, we also invite you to consider baptism. The pastors would be delighted to speak with you about this.

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