

6th Sunday after
Pentecost



Messiah Lutheran Church
Sunday, July 21, 2019

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TO OUR GUESTS: WELCOME!

May the God who led you here today refresh you with his grace and peace in Christ Jesus as you spend this hour with us. We're glad you're here.

Some helpful things to know



- ***Let us know that you were here.*** You'll find a visitor's card in the pew rack that you can fill out and either hand to an usher or drop in the offering plate.
- ***Restless children?*** Nursery care is available during the late Sunday morning services. We also have a room where parents can tend to little ones while watching and listening to the service. Ask an usher for directions.
- ***Large print bulletins and personal audio receivers*** are available at Sunday services for any who may find them helpful. Don't hesitate to ask an usher.
- ***May you commune at Messiah?*** Yes, if you're a baptized communicant elsewhere and are able to respond with joyful confidence when Christ invites you to meet him in the sacrament here. As he says of the bread, "This is my body," and of the cup, "This is my blood"; and of both he says, "given and shed for you."
- ***Our communion procedures:*** the sacrament is distributed at the head of the aisle. Come forward as the usher directs. For receiving the wine, two cups are available, one to drink from and a second to dip the host in. Follow your preference. If you choose not to commune but would like even so to receive a blessing, approach the pastor or assisting minister with your arms crossed. For a gluten-free host, quietly ask the pastor.

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 21, 8:30 & 10 A.M.

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

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S GIFTS...

Music and Quiet

"One Thing's Needful," Stephen Weber

Asking God's Forgiveness (8:30 only)

Stand

In the name of the Father, and the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for self-examination.

Most merciful God

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God," #458

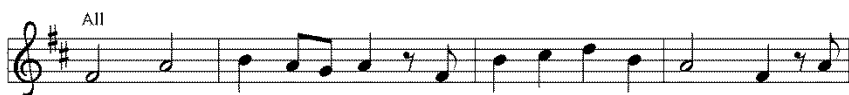
Baptism (10)

Greeting

Singing God's praise (8:30 only)



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



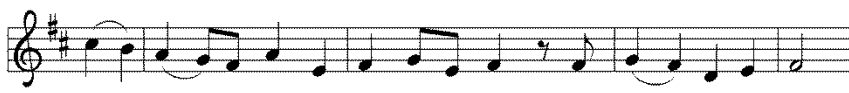
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



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



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



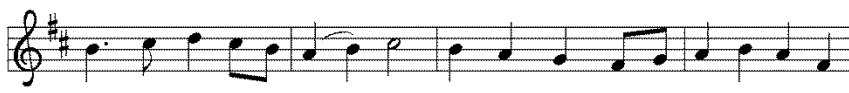
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



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,



GOD'S WORD

Today's Prayer

Let us pray. Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit

From the Old Testament

Genesis 18:1-10a

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a}Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Cantor sings refrain; All sing refrain

LORD, who may a - bide up - on your ho - ly hill?

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

¹LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,
who speak the truth | from their heart; Refrain**

³They do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those who | fear the LORD.**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes a- | gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown. **Refrain**

From a New Testament letter

Colossians 1:15-28

¹⁵[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Thanking God for the Word of Christ

Sing praise to God, the highest good,
The author of creation!
O God of love, you understood
Our need for your salvation.
With healing balm our souls you fill;
All our lament with peace you still.
To God all praise and glory!

From one of the four Gospels

Luke 10:38-42

The Holy Gospel is recorded in the 10th chapter of St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her,

“Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

God's Word for Today

Pr. Burce

Stand

Hymn for Today

“One Thing’s Needful,”



1 One thing's need - ful; Lord, this trea - sure Teach me high - ly
 2 How were Mar - y's thoughts de - vot - ed Her e - ter - nal
 3 Wis - dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, is re -
 4 Noth - ing have I, Christ, to of - fer, You a - lone, my
 5 There - fore You a - lone, my Sav - ior, Shall be all in



to re - gard. All else, though it first give plea - sure,
 joy to find As in - tent each word she not - ed,
 vealed in You. Let me find in You my plea - sure,
 high - est good. Noth - ing have I, Lord, to prof - fer
 all to me; Search my heart and my be - hav - ior,



Is a yoke that press - es hard! Be - neath it the
 At her Sav - ior's feet re - clined! How kin - dled her
 And my way - ward will sub - due, Hu - mil - i - ty
 But Your crim - son - col - ored blood. Your death on the
 Root out all hy - poc - ri - sy. Through all my life's



heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, No true, last - ing hap - pi - ness
 heart, how de - vot was its feel - ing, While hear - ing the les - sons that
 there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, In paths of true wis - dom my
 cross has death whol - ly de - feat - ed And there - by my righ - teous - ness
 pil - grim - age, guard and up - hold me, In lov - ing for - give - ness, O



ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is need - ful; all oth - ers are
Christ was re - veal - ing! All earth - ly con - cerns she for - got for her
 steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from Je - sus this knowl - edge di -
 ful - ly com - plet - ed; Sal - va - tion's white rai - ments I there did ob -
 Je - sus, en - fold me. This one thing is need - ful; all oth - ers are



vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain!
Lord And found her con - tent - ment in hear - ing His Word.
 vine, The bless - ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.
 tain, And in them in glo - ry with You I shall reign.
 vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain!

Confessing our Faith (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

Offering our Prayers

After each portion of the prayers

Lord in your mercy. . .
 . . . hear our prayer.

Sharing Christ's peace

The peace of the Lord be with you
And also with you.

Greet those around you with these or similar words

Sit

Gathering Gifts

“Praise and Thanksgiving,” John Behnke

Stand

The Gifts are Presented

“Have No Fear, Little Flock,” #764
stanzas 3 & 4

Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above,
For he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God,
For he stays close beside you, in all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!

Let us pray. Merciful Father

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.

CHRIST, OUR FOOD AND DRINK

Preparing our hearts

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

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



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

Prayer of Consecration

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. . . . now and forever. **Amen.**

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

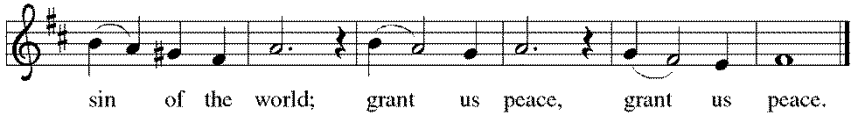
Sit; To learn how we distribute communion, see the inside cover.

Communion Songs

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



“Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”

#492

“Be Thou My Vision”

#793

Stand

Post Communion Prayer

ON OUR WAY

A Final Word and Promise

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.
Amen.

A Song

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

#673

A Mission

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Music as we leave

“God, Whose Almighty Word,” Anna Page

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SERVING TODAY

Preaching Minister – Pr. Burce

Presiding Minister – Pastor Bridger

Assisting Minister – Linda Herhuth (8:30); Mike Allan (10)

Lector – Marty Uhle (8:30); Don Braun (10)

Communion Assistants – Kate Durban, Priscilla Hinsch, Kent Skurkey (8:30);
Melissa Hollander, Eileen Spicer, Jim Quayle(10)

Acolytes – Gavin Waugaman(8:30); Adam Digney, Tim Hollander (10)

Cantor – Brad Paton (8:30)

Organist – Connie Triplett

Deacons – Sid Gator, Terri Leske

Greeters – Scott & Jill Straffen (8:30); Bob & Ann Kreps (10)

Ushers – Craig Jernigan, Steve Swanson (8:30);
Padraig Donohoe, Reilly Kinter, Tyler Seagro (10)

Altar Guild – Diane Paton, Allison Paton, Martha Trapp

Nursery (10) – Christian Frank, Teresa Frank

Trustee – David Fretthold

IN OUR PRAYERS

- ✦ William Theodore Benson, baptized today
- ✦ Levi Justic Britt, son of Chelsea and Josiah Britt
- ✦ People preparing for baptism or a return to participation in the Church's life
- ✦ Those enduring too much rain in the U.S., or suffering from water shortage in India
- ✦ Homemakers
- ✦ The ill: Danielle Biddle, Judy Gahl, Betty Kocab, Doug Mickan
- ✦ Family counselors and the people they they serve
- ✦ People beset by stubborn chronic pain or illness
- ✦ Leaders and students involved in Vacation Bible School and Music Camp in the coming week

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In loving gratitude for their parents, George & Martha Young
by John & Kathy Hayduk

THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS

July 22—ST. MARY MAGDALENE, friend of our Lord and first witness of the resurrection.

July 23—BIRGITTA, d. 1373, a Swedish laywoman famous for her works of devotion and charity.

July 25—ST. JAMES THE ELDER, the son of Zebedee and brother of John, and the first of the apostles to be martyred (Acts 12:1-2).

GOD'S WORD FOR NEXT WEEK

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:20-32, Psalm 138, Colossians 2:6-15, Luke 11:1-13

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

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Associate Pastor – Seth Bridger

Youth Director – Peggy Schauer

Pastoral Assistant – Ruth Mortensen

Music Director – Connie Triplett

Messiah School Principal – Helen Casselberry

Administrator – Darlene Waugh

Pierstorff Memorial Fund Director – Martin Uhle

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