

# The Second Sunday *after* Pentecost June 19, 2022 Divine Service, Setting 3 9:30 AM

## Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## WELCOME TO MESSIAH!

To all who carry a burden of sin and need a Savior; to all who wish to rejoice and give thanks; to all who are strangers and need a Church home; to all who are lonely and long for companionship; to all who worship the Lord, our Creator; to all who hunger for the Word; to all who are weary and need rest, the people of Messiah, in the Spirit and Name of Jesus, say WELCOME!

If you are a visitor, we ask you to please introduce yourself to our pastors (don't worry, they're friendly!) and please sign our Guest Register in the narthex or fill out the yellow card in your bulletin. This will help us to get to know you better!

If you would like us to pray for you (or with you), please see one of our pastors before the church service or write a prayer request on the back of the yellow card.

## OUR STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church exists in order to lead people to faith in Christ Jesus and Fellowship in His family, to celebrate His presence in worship and the study of His Word, and to use all their God-given Time, Talents, and Treasures according to His Will in the ministry of His church and mission to the world.

## PRIVATE PRAYERS FOR BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER WORSHIP:

#### On entering a church

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

### Before worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for His sake. Amen.

#### Before confession & absolution

Almighty, everlasting God, for my many sins I justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy You sent Your dear Son, my Lord Jesus Christ, who won for me forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant me a true confession that, dead to sin, I may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant me Your Holy Spirit that I may be ever watchful and live a true and godly life in Your service; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

#### Before communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me

find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### After communing

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send me Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

#### After worship

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

## Prelude

## Welcome

Stand



## **Confession and Absolution**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

## **C** Amen.

- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

#### Kneel/Stand

#### Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +I Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

Stand

## Service of the Word

Psalm 71:20-24; antiphon: v. 3

#### Introit

Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may contin- | ually come;\*

you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my | fortress.

You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive | me again;\* from the depths of the earth you will bring me | up again.

You will increase my | greatness\*

and comfort | me again.

I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, | O my God;\*

I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of | Israel.

My lips will shout for joy, when I sing prais- | es to you;\* my soul also, which you | have redeemed.

And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all | the day long,\* for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to | do me hurt.



Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may contin- | ually come;\* you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my | fortress.





## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** Let us pray.

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

### Children's Message

Any children present (and Mom and Dad, too!) are encouraged to come up to the chancel.

## Lectionary Summary Jesus Brings Release from the Bonds of Sin, Death and the Devil

The Lord finds those who did not seek Him or ask for Him. He spreads out His hands "to a rebellious people" (Is. 65:2) and calls them to be His people and to dwell in peace upon His holy mountain (Is. 65:9). For wherever Jesus Christ enters in, Satan is cast out. Those who were enslaved and driven mad by the assaults and accusations of the devil are set free by the Word of Christ. He drowns and destroys the old Adam in us with the waters of Holy Baptism and thereby brings us out of death into life. No longer naked in our shame, living "among the tombs" (Luke 8:27), we are brought into the Lord's house, fully clothed by Christ; He has come in "the fullness of time" (Gal. 4:4) to fulfill the Law on our behalf and to redeem us from its every accusation. Therefore, having been justified by His grace through faith in His Gospel, "you are no longer a slave, but a son" (Gal. 4:7).

## **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 65:1–9

| <sup>1</sup> I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;   |
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| I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.                    |
| I said, "Here am I, here am I,"  |
| to a nation that was not called by my name.                              |
| <sup>2</sup> I spread out my hands all the day                           |
| to a rebellious people,  |
| who walk in a way that is not good,                                      |
| following their own devices;   |
| <sup>3</sup> a people who provoke me                                     |
| to my face continually,  |
| sacrificing in gardens   |
| and making offerings on bricks;  |
| <sup>4</sup> who sit in tombs,   |
| and spend the night in secret places;                                    |
| who eat pig's flesh,   |
| and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;                           |
| <sup>5</sup> who say, "Keep to yourself,                                 |
| do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."                         |
| These are a smoke in my nostrils,  |
| a fire that burns all the day.   |
| <sup>6</sup> Behold, it is written before me:                            |
| "I will not keep silent, but I will repay;                               |
| I will indeed repay into their bosom                                     |
| <sup>7</sup> both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, |
| says the LORD;   |
| because they made offerings on the mountains                             |
| and insulted me on the hills,  |
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I will measure into their bosom payment for their former deeds."

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD:
"As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,'
so I will do for my servants' sake,

and not destroy them all.

<sup>9</sup>I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm

Psalm 3; antiphon: v. 8

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, how many | are my foes!\* Many are rising a- | gainst me; <sup>2</sup>many are saying | of my soul,\* there is no salvation for | him in God. <sup>3</sup>But you, O LORD, are a shield a- | bout me,\* my glory, and the lifter | of my head. <sup>4</sup>I cried aloud | to the LORD,\* and he answered me from his | holy hill. <sup>5</sup>I lay | down and slept;\* I woke again, for the LORD sus- | tained me. <sup>6</sup>I will not be afraid of many thousands of | people\* who have set themselves against me | all around. <sup>7</sup>Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies | on the cheek;\* you break the teeth of the | wicked. \*Salvation belongs | to the LORD;\* your blessing be on your | people! Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

#### Epistle

#### *Galatians* 3:23–4:7

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

<sup>1</sup>I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup>but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup>In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.



Stand



<sup>26</sup>Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." <sup>29</sup>For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said,

"Legion," for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. <sup>32</sup>Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.



### Nicene Creed

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



## Sermon

Stand



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## Offering

Stand

## Prayer of the Church

The response for the prayers of the church is as follows:

- **P** ... Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer

## Service of the Sacrament

In Holy Communion, our Lord invites us to eat and drink His true Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life (Matthew 26:26-28). In preparation for this sacrament, each communicant should examine him or herself and come to the Lord's Table seeking these things. As the Catechism teaches, "a person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'" We likewise take seriously St. Paul's admonition in 1 Corinthians 11:27-30 regarding recognizing the Lord's Body and Blood in this sacrament and receiving it worthly. Therefore, we invite all baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Christian faith and who believe that Jesus offers here His true Body and Blood, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine, for the strengthening of their bodies and souls, cleansing them of their old nature and giving them new life, to join us at His table. If you have any questions about this, please speak to one of our pastors. They will be happy to discuss it with you.

If you do not wish to commune or have not been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. When you come forward toward the altar, please ask the pastor if he would bless you. If you would like to learn more about the Christian faith or wish to be baptized, please speak to one of our pastors!

#### Preface

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It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



### Lord's Prayer

- [**P**] Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- С 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



Sit

## Distribution

#### 1 Lord Je sus Christ, we hum - bly That \_ pray we may 2 Give who share this won-drous food. Your bod us. -У 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold То seize the 4 One bread, bod - y, one cup, one we, Re joic ing hum - bly 5 Lord Je sus Christ, we 0 keep pray: us 0 6 6 6 You - dav: Be these forms of feast on to \_ neath ken blood, The bro and Your grate ful peace of gift of love re - told; All that You are we in our u ni \_ Pro claim Your love un ty, stead - fast till that day When each will be Your 00 $\overline{}$ bread and wine rich Your En us with grace di - vine. sins for giv'n, The cer tain joys of heirs of heav'n. here re ceive, And all we are You we give. to То Your scat - tered loved ones home. til You come bring wel-comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast. Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844-1932, alt. Tune: Cantionale Germanicum, 1628, Gochsheim Text and tune: Public domain

## Distribution Hymn: 623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

### Stand

## The Dismissal

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- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- **C** Amen.



## Thanksgiving



**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





### Benedicamus



## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



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## Matters of Importance

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Closing Hymn: 528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 1 Oh. My for а thou sand tongues to sing 2 My As gra \_ cious Mas \_ ter and my God. 3 That Je sus! The name that charms our fears, 4 He breaks the pow'r of can celed sin; He O 0 great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo ries of my sist me pro claim, То spread through all the to 'Tis bids sor - rows sic the our cease; mu in sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the 0 The His God and King, tri - umphs of grace! earth a broad, The hon - ors of Thy name. sin - ner's ears. 'Tis life and health and peace. foul - est His blood vails for clean: a me.

- Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race.
   Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.
   His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man.
- To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.
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