

MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Vision:

“Messiah seeks to grow as a congregation of the ELCA called by Christ, gathered by the gospel, and sent by the Holy Spirit into our communities to share and celebrate God’s compassion and love.”

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018
THE HOLY TRINITY
HOLY COMMUNION



10:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Pastor, Tom Pederson
Organist, Thom Britton
Choir Director, Keith Geiman

Secretary & Office Hours:

Monday–Thursday
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

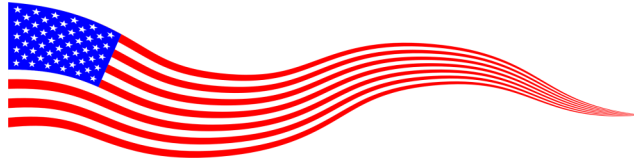
We welcome all friends and visitors in the name of Jesus Christ. Each Sunday we celebrate Holy Communion. Please come forward to the altar to receive the sacrament. Non-communing children receive a blessing from the Pastor. White grape juice is available in an individual tray. Infants and small children are welcome at worship or the nursery is available for children kindergarten and under. If you need the nursery for your child, please speak with an usher.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- **Report from the North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly 2018 - Sally & Dale Stuby**

MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE



“God Bless America” — **Choir**

“Let There be Peace on Earth” — **Choir & Congregation**

“Let There be Peace on Earth”

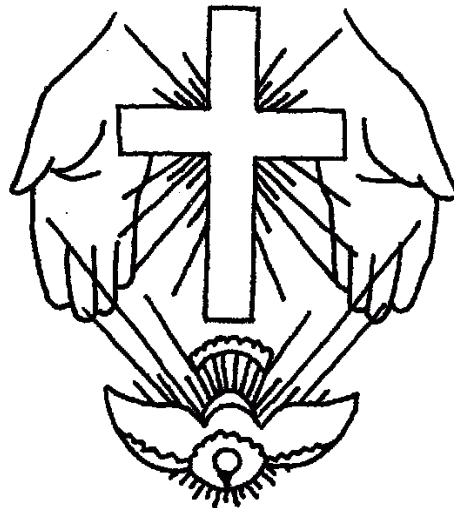
BY JILL JACKSON AND SY MILLER

Let there be peace on Earth
And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on Earth,
The peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father,
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on Earth,
And let it begin with me.



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING:

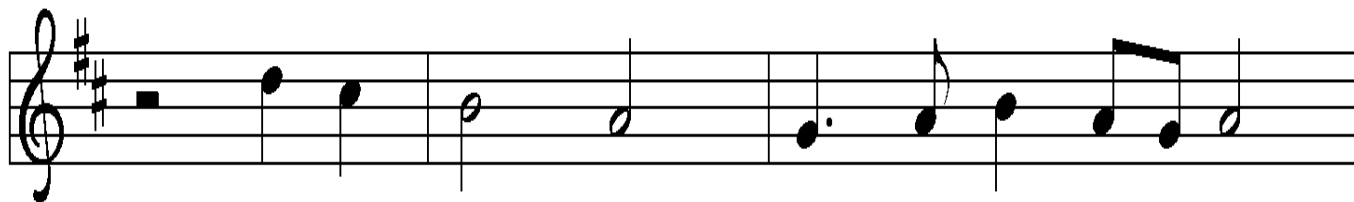
Romans 8:12-17

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***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.

***GOSPEL READING:**

John 3:1-17

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

Faith in Action

Pr. Tom Pederson

***HYMN OF THE DAY:**

Congregational Hymn

790

"Day by Day"

***THE 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 into hell.
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 OF INTERCESSION**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

Response: Your mercy is great.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

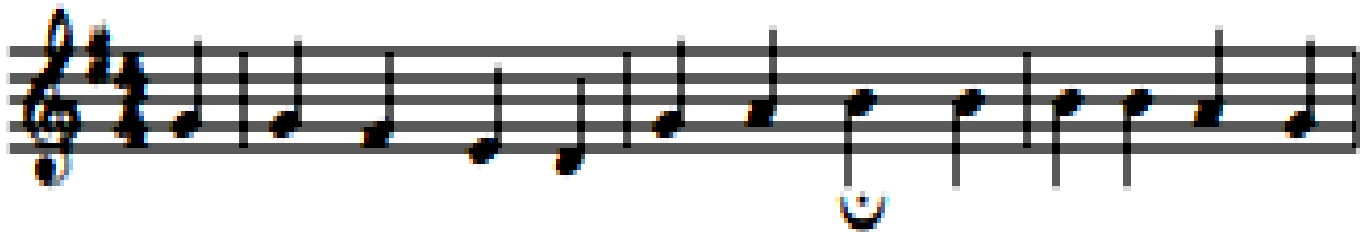
The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you always.

And also with you.

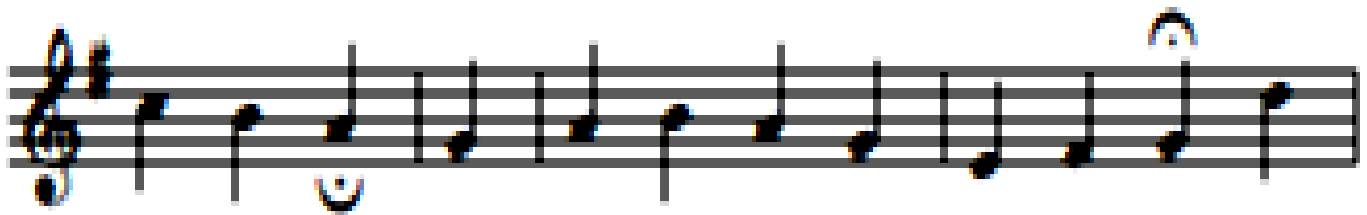
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***THE DOXOLOGY:**

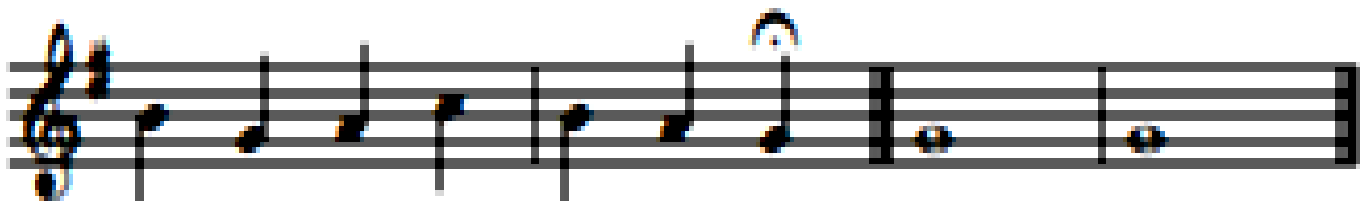
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; Praise Him, all crea tures



here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

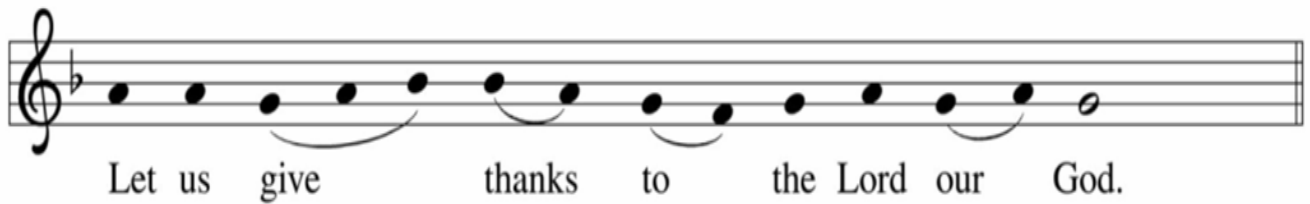
***ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION:**



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

***PREFACE:**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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.

***COMMUNION PRAYER**

***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:**

The Lord's Table is the bridge that allows us to cross the divide of our differences. Christ welcomes all of us to his Table for communion with him and one another.

LAMB OF GOD:



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 HYMN: Congregational Hymn # 879 *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*
(After hymn is sung music will continue until the close of communion.)

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

Let us pray.
We thank you Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us in Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all people.
Amen.

***BENEDICTION:**

All praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the source of every mercy, the God of all consolation.
Do not rely on yourselves alone but put your trust in Him.
For the God who can raise the dead to life again
will also deliver you!
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Sung Response: **Three-Fold Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN:** Congregational Hymn # 756 *“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”*

SENDING

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

