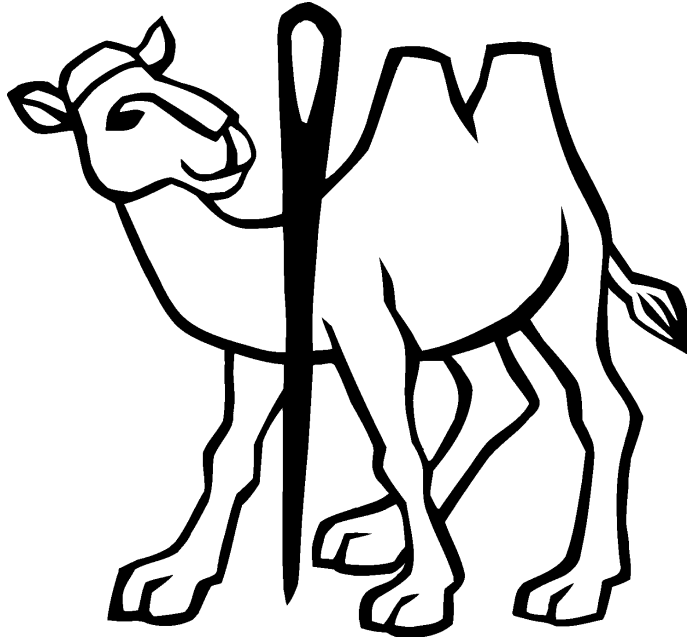


# MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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, OCTOBER 14, 2018**  
**21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**HOLY COMMUNION**



**10:30 A.M. WORSHIP**

*Pastor, Bob Hannemann*  
*Choir Director, Beth Jonker*  
*Organist, Thom Britton*

Secretary & Office Hours:

Monday–Thursday  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 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 age and under. If you need the nursery for your child, please speak with an usher.*

## PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**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.**

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

Gracious 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.**

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.

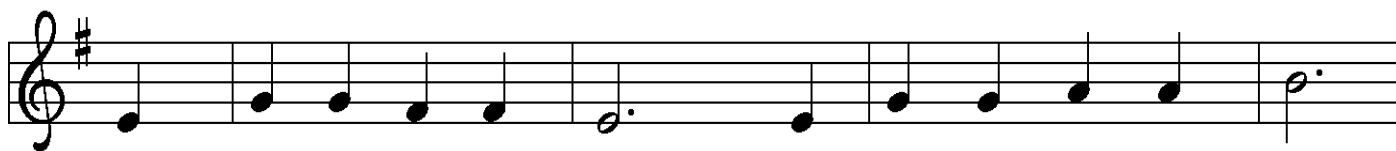
**Amen.**

**\*THE GATHERING:** Congregational Hymn # 705 “*God of Grace and God of Glory*”

#### \*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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you,

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING:**

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live,  
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

<sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.

<sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM:**

*“Let All That is Within Me”*

**SECOND READING:**

Hebrews 4:12-16

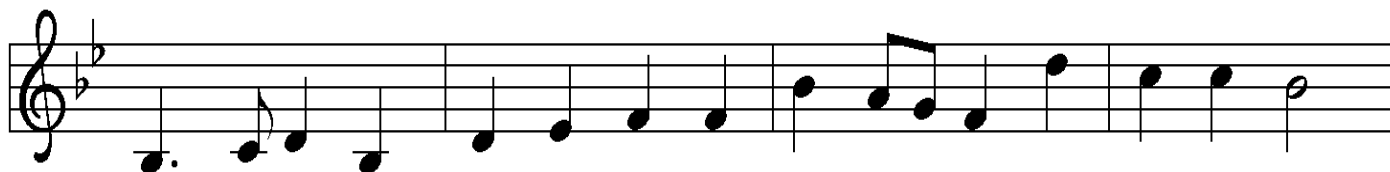
<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

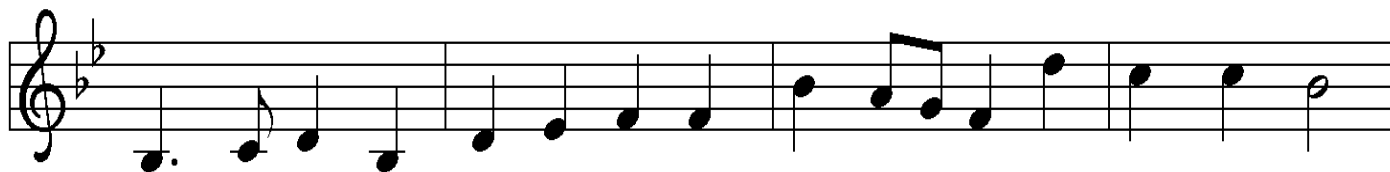
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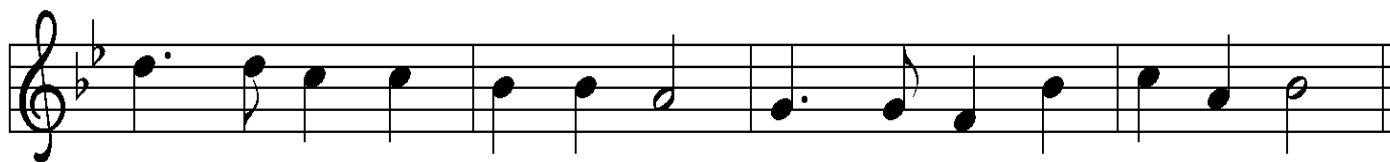
**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**\*GOSPEL READING:**

Mark 10:17-31

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON:**

*“Anything Lacking in Your Life?”*

Mark 10:17-31

Pr. Bob Hannemann

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:**

Hymn Handout

*“Take My Life, and Let it Be”*

**\*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**

Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*Each petition ends with: Lord, in your mercy,*

*The congregation responds with: receive our prayer.*

Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

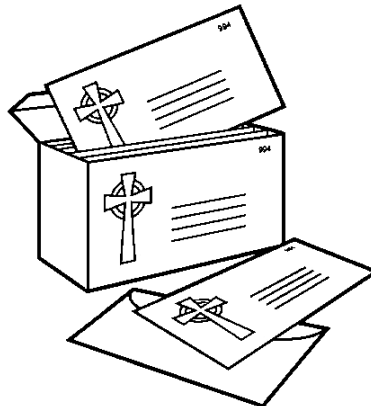
The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

We bring you only what is yours, Creator God,  
that you might use this offering  
and the giver for the building up of your kingdom  
and the glory of your name.

**Amen.**



**\*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.

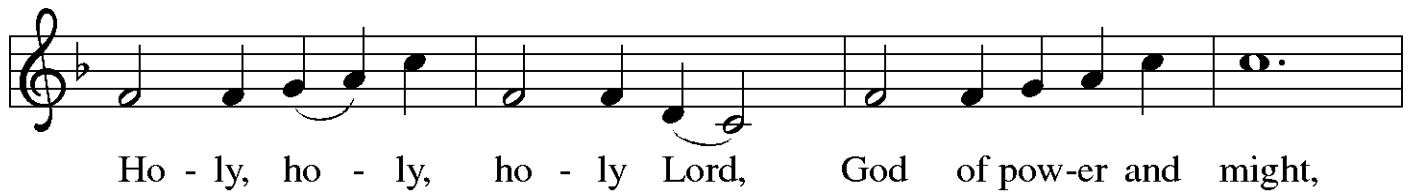


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**\*PREFACE:**

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

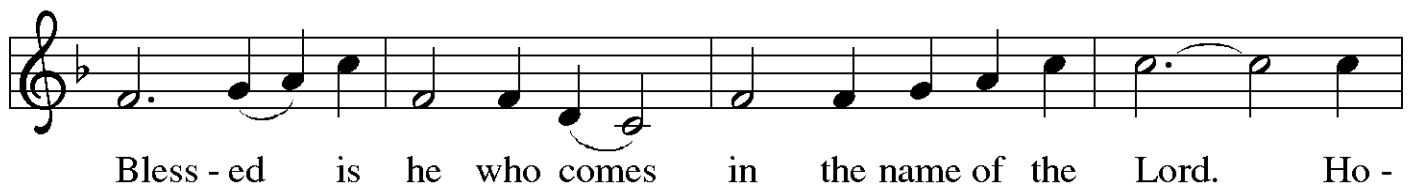
**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.



**COMMUNION HYMN:** Congregational Hymn # 479 “*We Come to the Hungry Feast*”  
(*After hymn is sung music will continue until the close of communion.*)

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

Let us pray.

God of connections, thank you for finding a way to bring us closer to you.

We praise you for the gift of friendship and fellowship with other believers in the Way of Jesus.

With gratitude, we seek to live out our faith in such a way that your love shines through our words and actions.

We pray in the name of Jesus whose love makes us one.

**Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION:**

For your goodness and generosity

in giving us all we need,

In every circumstance of life,

in good times and bad,

In love and faithfulness,

with all that we have and all that we are,

As we speak or write or listen

to those nearby or far away,

In our plans and work

for ourselves and for others,

In every thought and word and deed,

by the power of your Holy Spirit,

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

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

**\*SENDING HYMN:** Congregational Hymn # 551 “*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*”

**SENDING**

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

