



Christ the King & Indigenous Peoples' Sunday

November 26, 2023 10:30 am

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

Welcome to Messiah

We are a community of grace where we live out Jesus' commandment to love God with our whole heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We also seek to be a welcoming community for all people. This includes people of every race, ability, sexual orientation and gender 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 life. We may not always be perfect, but this is our intention--all are welcome!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are comfortable, in body or spirit.

GATHERING HYMN *All Creation Sings* #943 "As the Wind Song"

1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -

breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God,
gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God,

as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the voice with - in the
as the green in the . . . spring, as a kite on a . . .

storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,

Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come

blown bring-ing life, bring-ing pow'r to the world,
true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,

as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the . . .

sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The
presiding
minister
will read
the sec-
tions in
plain text.*

*You are
invited
to read
the bold
por-
tions.*

O Great Spirit, God of every people and every tribe, come to the aid of Your people, turn us from the wrong paths to live for You alone. Give us Your Spirit, that we may confess our wrongs, receive Your forgiveness, and grow in Your Son, our Brother Jesus.

Amen.

Let us confess those things we have done wrong in the presence of Creator and one another.

Great Spirit,

look at our brokenness.

We know that in all creation

the human family has strayed from the Sacred way—

the way of love, respect, gratitude and reverence for all life.

We know that we are the ones who are divided.

And we are the ones

who must come back together to walk the Sacred Way—

the way of love, respect, gratitude and reverence for all life.

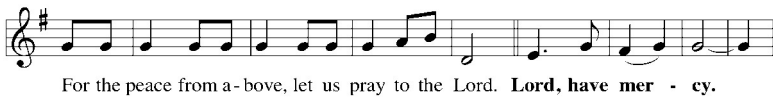
Sacred One, teach us love, compassion, and honor,

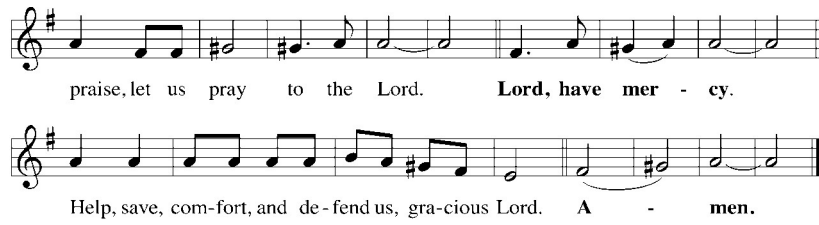
that we may heal the earth and heal each other.

As surely as the rain comes forth to water the earth, God's mercy comes to us as a gift, abundant and freely given. The same God who created the cosmos and raised Jesus from death to life brings healing and forgiveness to the world today. You are loved; you are restored. In

Christ, you are made new. **Amen**

KYRIE





HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of vic-t'ry

for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and

strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of vic-t'ry

for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and

might to God and the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of vic-t'ry

for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast, al - le - lu - ia. 3 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. A - men.

Final refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of vic-t'ry

for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast, al - le - lu - ia.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator, we give You thanks for all that You are and all that You bring to us within

*Please be
seated.*

Your creation. In Jesus, You placed the Gospel in the Center of the Sacred Circle through which all creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us Your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in Your spirit, for You are God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:26-28

26Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." **27**So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. **28**God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

The word of life. **Thanks be to Creator.**

SECOND READING

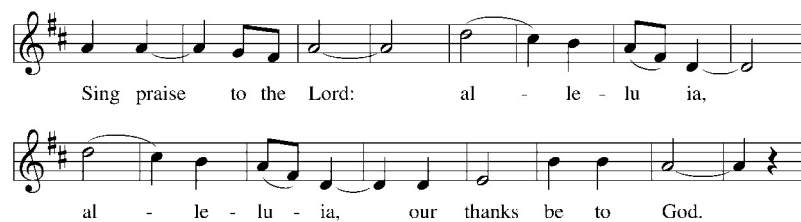
Philippians 2:1-8

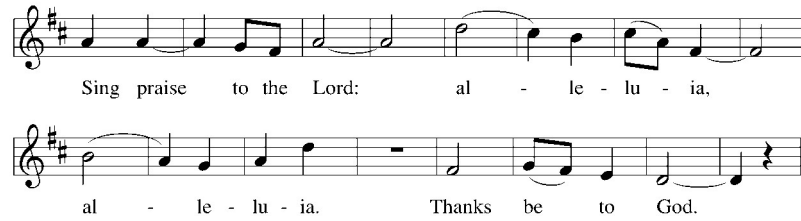
If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, **2** make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3**Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. **4** Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. **5** Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, **6**who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, **7** but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, **8** he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

The word of life. **Thanks be to Creator.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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stand as
you are
comfortable,
in
body or
spirit.*



**GOSPEL**

John 1:1-5, 14

Glory to You, O Lord.

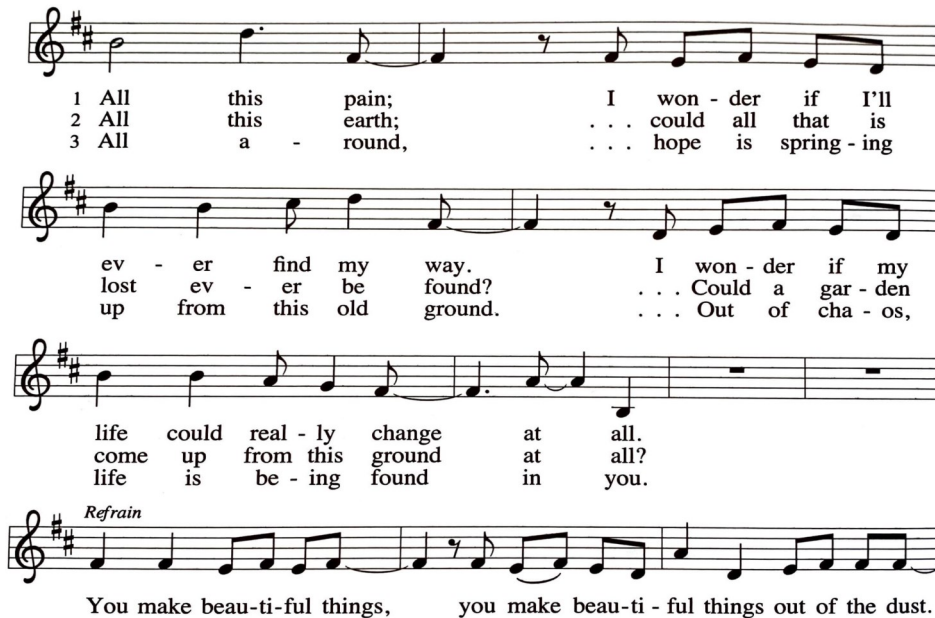
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*Please be
seated.*

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****HYMN OF THE DAY**

#925 "Beautiful Things"



*Please
stand as
you are
comforta-
ble, in
body or
spirit*



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the NGLS Native American Sunday 2023)

**We believe in Creator, Father-Mother Spirit,
who called the world and all that is in it into being;
who spoke the creative-forming word, and all came forth;
who created women and men and set them free to live in love and humility
to the will of supreme love, and in community with all.**

**We believe in Creator, Son and Brother,
who because of love for all creation beyond our understanding,
entered the world to share our humanity;
to set before us the paths of life and death,
and walk them with us;
to be rejected and die,
but finally to conquer death and in new life,
draw the world to himself for all time.**

**We believe in Creator,
in-dwelling Spirit, who calls us into community,
that we may, through faith and that community of oneness,
experience uplifting and sustaining grace;
that we may fulfill our human responsibility to reach out
to our neighbor, whomever that may be;
that we may rejoice in the constant nature of creation
and the wondrous joy of life itself.**

**We believe in Creator,
whose word teaches us that all things grow together, the Circle of Life;
that the paths of life and death, good and evil, too often come together;
that choices are not clearly defined,
but that we confidently and responsibly tread the path we choose
and only the true One can be our judge.
We believe in Creator,
who is present and working in this world through all Creation. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us come together now in prayer, recognizing brokenness suffered, wounds not yet healed, and our hope for peace and restoration.

O Great Spirit, God of all people and every tribe, through whom all people are related, call us to the kinship of all Your people. Grant us vision to see through the lens of justice, the brokenness of the past. In Your great love, Creator, **Hear our prayers.**

Help us to listen to You and to one another, in order to heal the wounds of the present. Give us courage, patience, and wisdom to work together for healing and hope with all of Your people, now and in the future. In Your great love, Creator, **Hear our prayers.**

We pray that the Indigenous People of northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, whether living on or off reservation, may be healed of their deep wounds, reclaim the gifts of their cultural heritage, and have access to a good education and productive employment. Particularly we pray for our neighbors in the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Bay Mills Indian Community, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Lac Vieux Desert (lock view DES-air) Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Hannahville Indian Community, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Lac Du Flambeau (lack-dew-flam'-bow) Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, and Sokaogon (Su-ka'-gun) Chippewa Community/Mole Lake Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. In Your great love, Creator, **Hear our prayers.**

Jesus Christ, Holy Child of God, you have prayed for us. With your Spirit that intercedes for us, hear our prayers. Help us to commend our worries and fears to you. In you, our hope rises, and we look for the new life you alone can bring as today we remember before you our siblings we also remember all of those in our own community in need of your healing, especially... God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mend the hoop of our hearts and let us live in justice and peace through Jesus Christ, the One who comes to all people, that we might live in dignity. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE *(You may wave, shake a hand, or offer the peace sign.)*

The peace of our Brother Jesus be with you always. **And also with you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"I'll Fly Away"

Emily Fitzpatrick & Sara Parks, Duet

OFFERING PRAYER

Please be seated.

*Please stand
as you are
comfortable,
in body or
spirit.*

Thank you, Creator, for all that You have given us. Thank you for the beauty of the universe that You created: the trees, the sky, the mountains, the rain. All things hold beauty in themselves and all are related and touch each creature of the earth. You created the rhythm and pattern of the universe in a harmony of movement, sight and sound. Help us to appreciate Your creation and to live with our eyes, ears, and hearts open to Your message. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

This communion liturgy and Lord's Prayer is taken from the New Zealand prayer book. It was written with the indigenous Maori people of New Zealand.

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

In your Son you suffered with us and for us...

joyfully we give you thanks and sing:

Refrain



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name, in the name of the
 Lord. *Refrain* Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All glory and honor to you, God of grace...

and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come in glory.

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness...

To you be the glory for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
 Source of all that is and that shall be,
 Father and Mother of us all,
 Loving God, in whom is heaven:
 The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
 The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
 Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
 Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
 With the bread we need for today, feed us.
 In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
 In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
 From trials too great to endure, spare us.
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
 For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.
 Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*Please be
 seated*

“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 your peace, grant us your peace.

#881 *ELW* “Let All Things Now Living”

#693 *ELW* “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

POST COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING

*Please stand as
you are comfort-
able, in body or
spirit*

BENEDICTION

Creator, send us anywhere You would have us go, only go there with us. Place upon us any burden You desire, only stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to You. May the blessing of God: the Creator, who made and knows us; the Savior, who redeems and befriends us; and the Spirit who enlightens and sustains us, be with you this day and always. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

#687 ELW "Come to Us, Creative Spirit"



1 Come to us, cre - a - tive Spir - it, in this ho - ly
2 Po - et, paint - er, mu - sic - mak - er, all your trea - sures
3 Word from God e - ter - nal spring - ing, fill our minds, we
4 In all plac - es and for - ev - er glo - ry be ex -



house; ev - 'ry hu - man tal - ent hal - low,
bring; crafts - man, ac - tor, grace - ful danc - er,
pray; and in all ar - tis - tic vi - sion
pressed to the Son, with God the Fa - ther



hid - den skills a - rouse, that with - in your earth - ly
make your of - fer - ing; join your hands in cel - e -
give in - teg - ri - ty; may the flame with - in us
and the Spir - it blest: in our wor - ship and our



tem - ple, wise and sim - ple may re - joice.
bra - tion: let cre - a - tion shout and sing!
burn - ing kin - dle yearn - ing day by day.
liv - ing keep us striv - ing for the best.

SENDING

Go now into the four Sacred Directions; the east, south, west, and north.
Go into your communities, into unknown lands and places.
Go to those who welcome you and those who reject you.
Go and share the Good News with all who will hear it!

Thanks be to Creator

POSTLUDE

Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church



Children belong in worship!

Worship kits and a nursery space is available. God rejoices in the joyful noise of children and so do we!



God calls us to welcome everyone!

Messiah seeks to be a welcoming community and to share the love of God with our neighbors. If you are new, please introduce yourself to our pastors.



Worship should be accessible!

Hearing devices (and T-Coil) and large print bulletins are available. We invite you to sit or stand as you are comfortable. All gender and family restroom facilities are available on the first level, please see signs in the Narthex.



All are welcome at Jesus' table!

During communion grape juice and gluten-free options are available. Those not wishing to commune may come forward for a blessing. Those not able to come forward may receive communion in their pew, please notify the usher.



God calls us to pray!

Private prayer requests may be made by writing them on the back of the Welcome Card. If you would like to be added to the prayer list or receive a pastoral care visit, please contact the church office.

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