



## 16th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am - September 28, 2025

*Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### GATHERING HYMN

#513 "Listen, God Is Calling"

#### 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!

Refrain  
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,  
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

1 2  
ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.  
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.  
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news  
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.  
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All Refrain

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.  
that he came to save us and set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

The presiding minister will read the sections in plain text. **You are invited to read the bold portions.**

Merciful and loving God,  
**we are your stiff-necked people.**  
**We trample on the needy.**  
**We grumble about your grace to others.**  
**We turn away from the poor.**  
**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**  
**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost**  
**and have been found.**  
**Amen.**

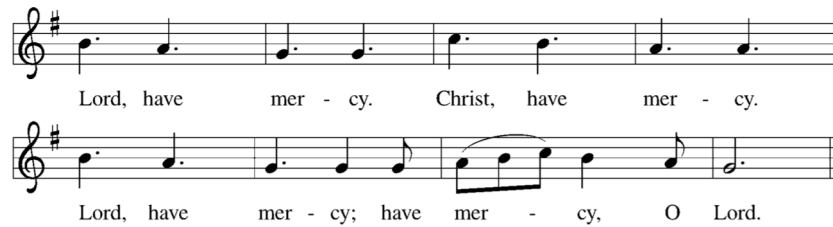
Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.  
 Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.  
 You who were lost have been found.  
 In the name of  $\text{✝}$  Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

## 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

#154 "Kyrie"



## HYMN OF PRAISE

"This is the Day"





## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Please  
be seated

- <sup>4</sup> Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory  
and lounge on their couches  
and eat lambs from the flock  
and calves from the stall,  
<sup>5</sup> who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp  
and like David improvise on instruments of music,  
<sup>6</sup> who drink wine from bowls  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
<sup>7</sup> Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:6-19

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup> It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup> As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*"Jazz Alleluia"*

1  
Al - le-luia, A-men! Let us hear the Word of the

7  
Lord. Sing it o-ver a - gain. Let us

13  
hear the Word of the Lord! Shout for joy, let the

19  
earth re - joice. Sing to-ge-ther with one great voice!

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## GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

## Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup> "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' <sup>27</sup> He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' <sup>30</sup> He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' <sup>31</sup> He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

The Gospel of our Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ!

Please be  
seated

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY ACS #925 "Beautiful Things"



1 All this pain; I won - der if I'll  
2 All this earth; . . . could all that is  
3 All a - round, . . . hope is spring - ing



ev - er find my way. I won - der if my  
lost ev - er be found? . . . Could a gar - den  
up from this old ground. . . . Out of cha - os,



life could real - ly change at all.  
come up from this ground at all?  
life is be - ing found in you.



*Refrain*  
You make beau-ti-ful things, you make beau-ti - ful things out of the dust.



You make beau - ti - ful things, you make beau-ti -



ful things out of us.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

We believe in God above us,  
maker and sustainer of all life,  
of sun and moon, of water and earth, of all people.  
We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ,

the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor,  
 tortured and nailed to a tree.  
 A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.  
 He descended into the earth to the place of death.  
 On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
 He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present,  
 and His kingdom will come on earth.  
 We believe in God within us,  
 the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,  
 life-giving breath of the Church,  
 Spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
 source of resurrection and of eternal life.  
 Amen.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are oppressed and rejecting the complacency that comes from wealth. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation, that the nations work together to protect and restore the earth, preserving the beauty of the planet for future generations and honoring the gift of your creation. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in positions of authority, that they govern with justice and compassion, recognizing the dignity of all people and working to promote peace and prosperity for all. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for people in any need, especially... Give them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. Liberate us from all that binds us, lift us up when we are bowed down, and show us your love. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, that we would be strengthened to build a world where all can thrive. Incite us to advocate for fair wages and just policies, and guide us in building a community of mutual support. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We remember in thanksgiving the faithful departed. Inspire us by their example to love and serve our neighbors, and bring us to eternal life. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please be  
seated

## SPECIAL MUSIC

## OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand  
as you are  
comfortable  
in body or  
spirit.

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 right —

our joy and our calling—

... we lift our hearts and join the ancient hymn:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,  
God of Power and might.  
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glory, Ho -  
sa - na in the High - est.

21 Bles-sed is he who comes in the name, the  
 25 name of the Lord! Ho -  
 29 san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san - na in the High - est.

...So we remember.

We remember his life,

his death,

his rising from the grave.

We proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honor are yours,

now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

## COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lamb of God”

Please be  
seated.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins  
 of the world, have mer - cy



on us. Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sins of the  
 world, have mer - cy on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
 way the sins of the world,  
 grant us peace.

*mp*  
*ff*  
*mp*  
*f*  
*p*  
*f*  
*rit.*

#712 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"  
 #493 "Taste and See"

## BENEDICTION

Please stand  
 as you are  
 comfortable in  
 body or spirit.

### Benediction:

*God blesses us  
 and sends us in  
 mission to the  
 world.*

Go forth into the world in peace.  
 Be of good courage.  
 Hold fast that which is good.  
 Render to no one evil for evil.  
 Strengthen the fainthearted.  
 Support the weak.  
 Help the afflicted.  
 Show love to everyone.  
 Love and serve the Lord,  
 rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
 and the blessing of almighty God,  
 the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
 be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

## “Canticle of the Turning”



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the

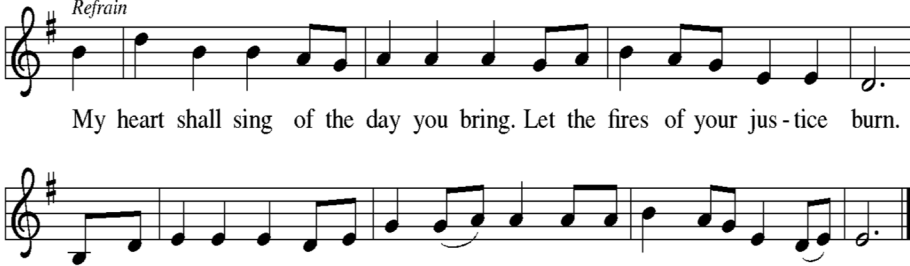


weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

*Refrain*



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus-tice burn.

Wipe a-way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

### SENDING

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### 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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Liturgists:	Pr. Andrew Plocher, Pr. Molly Hunter
Assisting Minister:	Molly Luty
Reader:	Katie Michels
Ushers:	Dave Luoma
Communion Assistants:	Evan Busick, Pr. Mlaki, Sophie Sander
Greeters:	Boli Soderberg
Songleader:	Sara Parks
Pianist:	Jacob Schmeltzer
Band Members:	Tom Bronken, Darren Smith, Ross Larson
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