17th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am - October 5, 2025 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 comfortable, in body or in spirit. The presiding minister will read the sections in plain text. You are invited to read the bold portions.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **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.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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

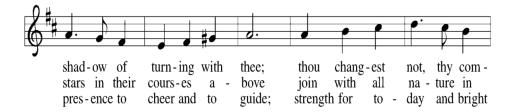
you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

#733 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"



- 1 Great is thy faith ful-ness, O God my Fa ther; there is no
- 2 Sum-mer and win ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
- 3 Par don for sin and a peace that en dur eth, thine own dear





pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be. man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer-cy, and love. hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

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.**









5 **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Please be seated.

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

2:1I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will sa

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

² Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness. 6

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 37:1-9

- ¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- ² For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.
- ³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- ⁴Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.
- ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.
- ⁶ The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.
- ⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.
- Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
 - ⁸ Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.
 - ⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

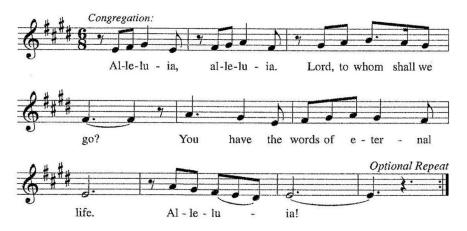
³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.

GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

7 "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing

or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

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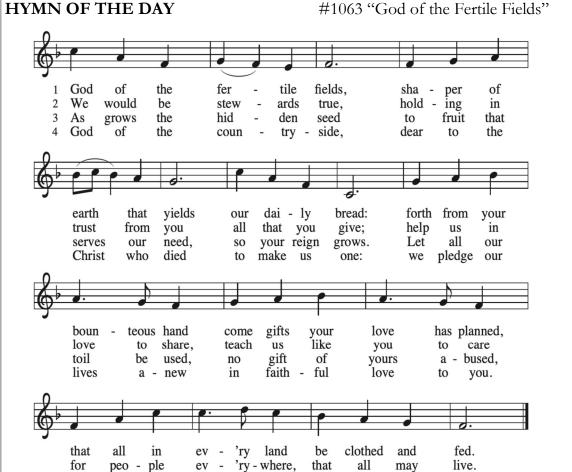
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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. 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

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence. God of grace, receive our prayer.

O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need, especially... Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace, receive our prayer.

O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

Please be seated.

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM

"Deep Waters"

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.

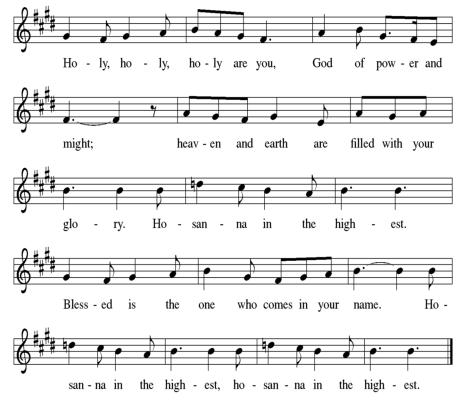
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



. . .

God of Creation, You brought order from chaos...

...In the image of the stars you said, I am here.

And your people say, Let it be so.

When Jacob and his sons faced starvation...

...In mercy you declared, I am here.

And your people declare, Let it be so.

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May this meal remind us that you are here.

...In love, sending us out, "go and do likewise."

And so, we, your people, proclaim, let it be so.

...Bless and make holy all those who partake So that we may also be in communion with Christ and one another **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

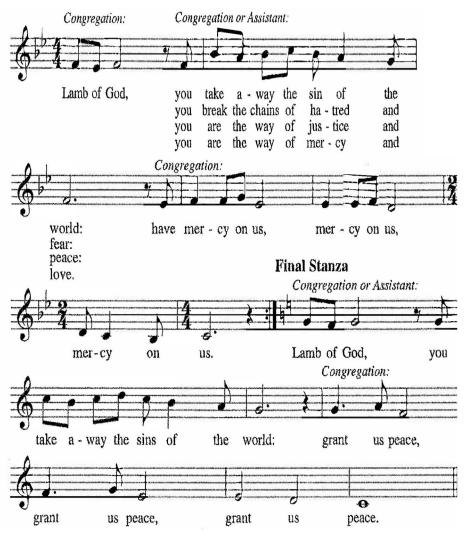
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom

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.

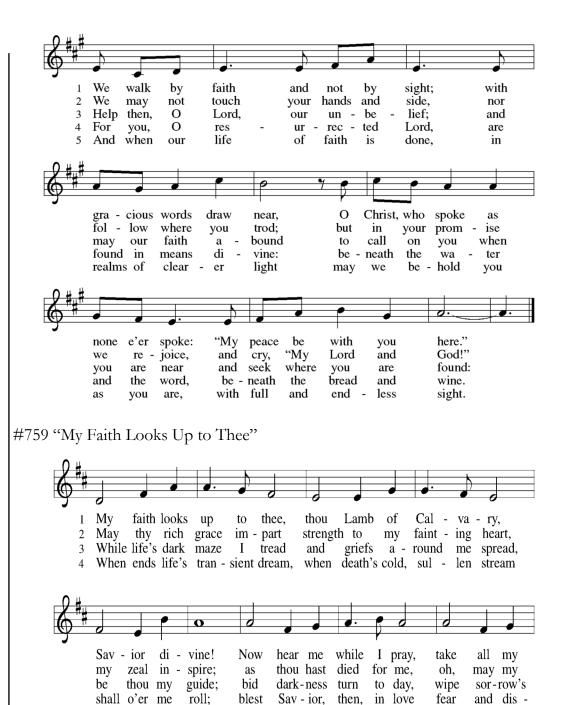
COMMUNION HYMNS

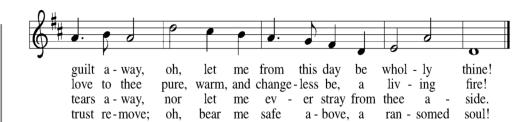
"Lamb of God"

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#635 "We Walk by Faith"





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POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

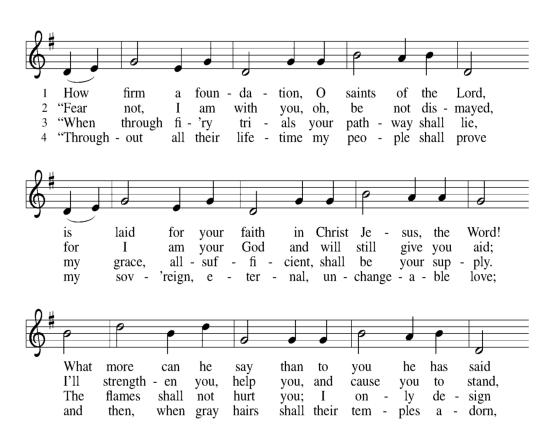
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

#796 "How Firm A Foundation" vs. 1 & 4





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

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