

Messiah Lutheran Church

Light in the Beartooths

November 17, 2024

Pastor Ben Cherland

Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church
26th Sunday after Pentecost | November 17, 2024

GATHERING

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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *ELW 624 Jesus Still Lead On*

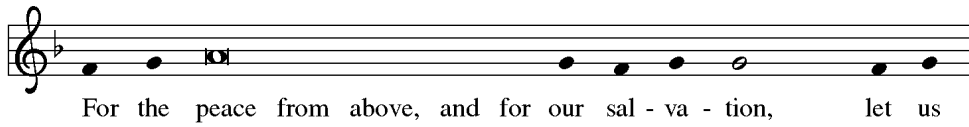
GREETING

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.**

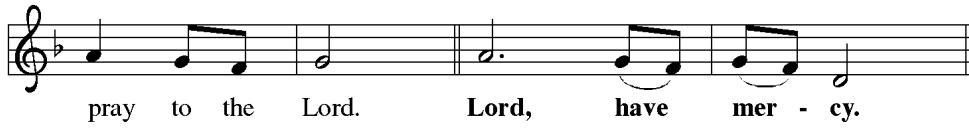
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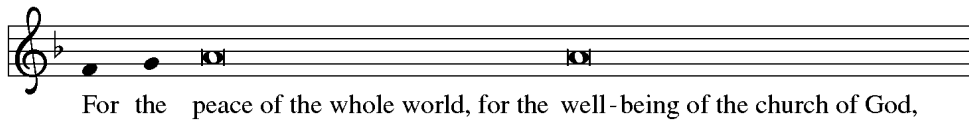
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.




For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



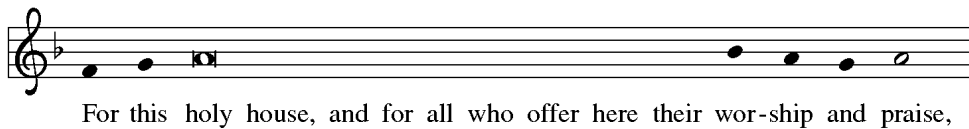
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Canticle of Praise

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -


lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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, rich - es, wis - dom, and


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


Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -


lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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, hon - or, glo - ry, and


might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,


for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN SERMON

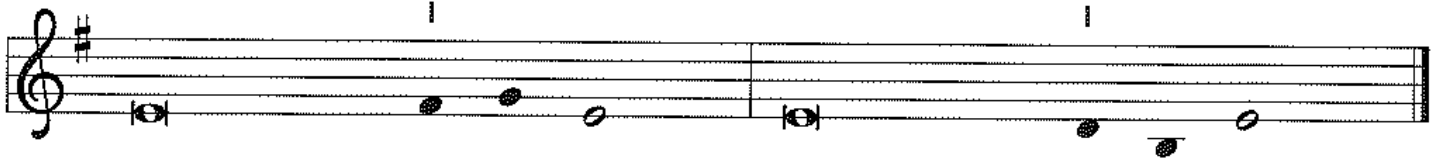
First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.

¹“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM



Psalm: Psalm 16

My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my body shall rest in hope. (Ps. 16:9)

- ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take ref-¹ uge in you;
I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good a-¹ bove all other.”
- ² **All my delight is in the godly that are¹ in the land,
upon those who are noble a-¹ mong the people.**
- ³ But those who run after¹ other gods
shall have their troubles¹ multiplied.
- ⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings¹ to such gods,
never take their names up-¹ on my lips. R**
- ⁵ O Lord, you are my portion¹ and my cup;
it is you who up-¹ hold my lot.
- ⁶ **My boundaries enclose a¹ pleasant land;
indeed, I have a¹ rich inheritance.**
- ⁷ I will bless the Lord who¹ gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night¹ after night.
- ⁸ **I have set the Lord al-¹ ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall¹ not be shaken. R**
- ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir-¹ it rejoices;
my body also shall¹ rest in hope.
- ¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me¹ to the grave,
nor let your holy one¹ see the pit.**
- ¹¹ You will show me the¹ path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures
for-¹ evermore. **R**

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

¹¹ Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³ and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

941

Breathe on Us, Breath of God

Breathe on us, Breath of God; Breath of God, breathe on us.

Text: Patrick G. Michaels, b. 1954
Music: Patrick G. Michaels
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BREATH OF GOD
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The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

¹ As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ² Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ACS *God Alone Be Praised*

God Alone Be Praised

1023



1 O - ceans rise, the coast-land trem-bles; moun-tains melt and dry earth
2 Na - tions rage, the em - pire fal - ters; seek-ing ref - uge, ex - iles
3 Come and see; God's mer - cy gath - ers all that sin and grief have



crum-bles. All the world with long - ing groans. Love a -
wan - der. Walls and weap - ons rise from fear. Through this
shat - tered. Life from fields of death is raised. Peace, be



bides, this gra - cious prom - ise is our help, our hope and
wil - der - ness a riv - er flows to heal and bless us
still; let pride - ful thun - der yield to songs of joy and



so - lace. God's strong word is sol - id ground.
ev - er. God the cru - ci - fied dwells here.
won - der. God and God a - lone be praised.

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 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

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

...Hear us, O God. For your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and
fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a
har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the
bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948

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OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across bar lines. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

PREFACE (PASTOR)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

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.

COMMUNION HYMN *ELW 785 When Peace Like a River/It is Well With My Soul*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, creator Christ and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

SENDING SONG *ELW 723 Canticle of the Turning*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Offering this November is
Campus Ministries
Today is the Brawl of the Wild

Mission Spending Plan Annual approval meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, November 24. Please plan to attend to discuss/approve our 2025 Spending Plan and ask any financial questions you may have. Additionally, we will discuss the proposed sabbatical policy, determine the "name" of our land to the east, and discuss other topics where council would like your input.

Women's Bible Study is resuming and will be meeting at 10:00 am on Tuesdays in the gathering space. For more information, you may contact Martha Crofts (239-643-3027) or Marla Ebel (406-664-3178).

Pastor's Bible Study is on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space. Come see what we are up to.

November 24th is Reign of Christ Sunday – the color is red!

We have purchased an AED (automated external defibrillator) which is a portable medical device which can help save lives in the event of cardiac arrest. Paul Schauer's wife, LeAnne is a certified trainer and will be giving a class here at the church Sunday morning, November 24th at 9:10 am. Everyone is encouraged to come and learn how to use the AED. It is not difficult. The more people who are trained to use it, the better!

Messiah has never had so many open seats for these leadership positions. If you are interested in any of them, ask a council member, or your pastor! This list means that you are needed: help shape the life and ministry of this church through one of these positions. Don't wait to be asked. Rather ask yourself, "Which of these positions is God calling me to?"

- Vice President (council seat)
- Education (council seat)
- Outreach (council seat)
- Stewardship (council seat)
- Christikon Rep
- Synod Assembly (Voting member and Alternate)
- Nominating Committee
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Prayer Requests

For prayer requests, contact the church office at 406-446-2430 or redlodgemessiah@gmail.com or write your requests in the Prayer request book with specific information and permission from the person you are adding.

This month the people of Messiah are praying for Ilamae Akkerman, the family of Doug Beckman, Melinda Berry, Brook Feister, Zona Huss, Jim and Dolly Koski, Rick and Sandy Koski, Rob Loney, Carlos Ramalho, the family of Dolly Stuber, and David Tilton

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