

# Holy Communion

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Lectionary 25 + Year B + September 19, 2021

**Messiah Lutheran Church**

Lyndhurst, Ohio + 440.442.6941 + [messiahlyndhurst.org](http://messiahlyndhurst.org)

# Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church!

It is good to be together, meeting once again in the church sanctuary. Please be advised that the Church Council has specified that wearing a mask is required while worshipping indoors (for the time being).

Find out more about Messiah Lutheran Church at [messiahlyndhurst.org](http://messiahlyndhurst.org) or on our facebook page! Sanctuary worship services are live-streamed every Sunday, and we invite you to find the bulletin and video link on our website.

Prayer Concerns can be shared via email ([pastor@messiahlyndhurst.org](mailto:pastor@messiahlyndhurst.org)) or phone (440-442-6941). Please indicate if you would like your request to be considered for inclusion in worship or with our Prayer Partners prayer chain ministry.

We are a community committed to the fostering of faith for young participants. Children are encouraged to participate fully in worship, and are encouraged to growth through Sunday School. Many lessons will be available online through the coming months.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** is typically celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month, as well as on festival days – including all Sundays of the Easter Season. The date of our next Communion worship service is October 3. If Communion is new for you, we invite you to have a conversation with Pastor Paul.

## Serving in Worship Today:

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	The Rev. Paul Moody
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Kristy Bohinc
<b>Organist</b>	Glenn Odenbrett
<b>Reader</b>	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Barbara Decker
<b>Usher</b>	Dan Decker

# GATHERING

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*God We Gather As Your People*  
(ACS #1038)  
Thomas Trost, euphonium soloist

*(As God gathers us on this day of resurrection, we take time during the prelude to center ourselves and prepare to receive the Gospel: both its proclamation of grace and its call to action.)*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*(Please stand as you are able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

God, our provider,

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,

there is always more than enough.  
 Through Jesus, † the bread of life,  
 you are shown God's mercy:  
 you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*God We Gather As Your People*  
 (ACS #1038)



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -  
 2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be  
 3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and  
 4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.  
 free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,  
 shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.  
 wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we  
 that they nev - er have a rea - son to  
 May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your  
 As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.  
 doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.  
 love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.  
 join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

*Refrain*



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen

wide. May there be room e-nough for ev-'ry-one in - side.

For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -

long. May that wel - come be our song.

Text: David Lohman, b. 1961  
Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman  
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## 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

Let us pray. O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

# WORD

## FIRST READING

**Jeremiah 11:18-20**

*Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.*

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,  
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

<sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

**Psalms 54**

*God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. (Ps. 54:4)*

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, I by your name;  
in your might, defend my cause.

<sup>2</sup>**Hear my prayer, O God;**  
**give ear to the words I of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my  
life,

those who have no regard for God.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, God I is my helper;**  
**it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who spy on me;  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup>**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice**  
**and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from <sup>1</sup> every trouble,  
and my eye looks down <sup>1</sup> on my enemies.

## **SECOND READING:**

**James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a**

*The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.*

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4:</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 9:30-37**

*Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.*

The Holy Gospel According to Saint Mark:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."<sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?"<sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.<sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."<sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,<sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON**

Pastor Paul Jones Moody

*(Please observe a moment of silence after the sermon. Please stand as you are able.)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer*  
(ELW #618)



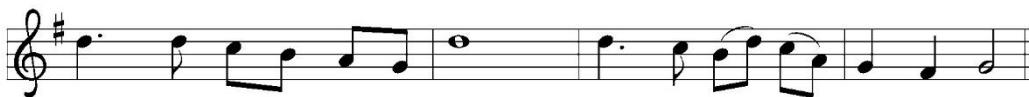
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem-er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might-y arm, shield me with your might-y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.  
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*(A brief silence)*

God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict (*especially*). Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*(Here other intercessions may be offered)*

God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today (*especially*). Shine your grace on all your saints. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

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

*(If you are gathered with others, please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you" or similar response)*

## **OFFERING MUSIC**

*Air from Suite #3 in D*  
Johann Sebastian Bach, arranged by Richart Fote  
Thomas Trost, trombone soloist

*(We give of our tithes and offerings as we are sent at the end of worship. Please find the offering basket by the rear sanctuary doors, or give on our website at [www.messiahlyndhurst.org](http://www.messiahlyndhurst.org))*

# **MEAL**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;  
within each cell; with every breath.  
Let the people say, "we praise you, O God."

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water; by night and day;  
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.  
Let the people say, "we bless you, O God."

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.  
Let the people say, "we thank you, O God."

**We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith. Let the people say, "Christ has died..."

**Christ has died.**

"...Christ is risen."

**Christ is risen.**

"...Christ will come again."

**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within this meal;  
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The body of Christ, given for you.

*(We eat the bread together)*

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*(We drink the cup together)*

## **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in  
God's grace.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### MISSION PRAYER

As God has gathered us and filled our hearts with the Gospel, now God sends us forth to serve in mission. Let us pray:

**Gracious God, through belief in Christ and through the presence of the Holy Spirit within us, empower us to share the word; care and support each other and God's community; worship as a family in Christ; and be Christ-like examples to those whose lives we touch. Amen.**

### BLESSING

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*  
(ELW #547)



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing  
to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.  
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please observe a moment of silence before the postlude)*

## POSTLUDE

*O Spirit All-Embracing*  
(ACS #944)

### Messiah Staff Members

Organist: Glenn Odenbrett

Choir Director: Vicki Lester

Christian Education Director: Cheryl Moser

Office Administrator: Steven Liss

Building & Custodial: Steve Newcomer

### Attributions

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## ***Worship Whys***

One of the great traditions of the Lutheran branch of the Christian faith is its emphasis on communal song. Responsive liturgies and hymnody have long been part of our shared Gospel proclamation, allowing us all to take part in the story of Christ's love. Our current hymnal, "Evangelical Lutheran Worship", was first published in 2006, and since its earliest days, the wider church's pastors and music leaders have been working on additional melodies and songs to be included in an additional supplement that has been waiting for publication. That new supplement is now here, titled "All Creation Sings," clad in a beautiful deep purple binding!

In the months to come, your worship leaders will be working to include some fresh selections for us in our life together. There are a mix of some old familiar tunes paired with new lyrics, as well as completely new tunes and texts for consideration. We will do our best to teach this new content in ways that allow us to learn and grow in faith. May the song of God's love be ever on our lips!

## ***Prayers***

**Prayer Team & Partners:** Prayer is a vital part of the Christian life. Messiah has a Prayer Team which will pray with/for you. If you have a prayer request, please complete a blue Prayer Request Card – available in the sanctuary – which offer these options: (1) request a Pastoral follow-up, (2) include in the intercessory prayers to be read aloud in worship, (3) add to the ongoing list in the Bulletin and Grace Note, or (4) add to the Prayer Partner Email Chain.

*(Contact Nancy Pittard to participate in the Prayer Partner Email Chain and/or to serve on the Prayer Team)*

**Please pray for our siblings in Christ:** Lila Boehler, John Durkin, Dorothy Harper, Jayne Imel, Denise Jennings, Rich Jennings, Christine Maharg, Adam Meredith, Lisa Perry, Phyllis Short, Bob Spinks, Kathy Strom, Sheryl Trost, the family and friends of Rudy Tittl, and all those in need of comfort and healing.

*(Your prayer request, printed in the bulletin, will remain active for a period of four weeks. If you wish to have the prayer renewed, please fill out a new request card.)*

# ***Announcements***

**SPECIAL NOTICE: Jay Imel Memorial/Celebration** – Please join the Imel Family on Saturday, October 2 from 12pm – 4pm, here at Messiah, to celebrate Jay Imel’s joy-filled life. Come as you are, as he loved everyone.

**SPECIAL NOTICE – Messiah Thanksgiving Food Drive:** for the Tri-C East Campus Food Pantry (October 3 – November 14). Any non-perishable items are welcome. Popular items are those that are “heat & eat” or “grab & go” (things one might pack in a lunch). Please place your donations inside the church on the table by the back entry. Due to covid, we will also offer a curbside donation drop-off each Sunday; please leave your items outside by the rear entry door before 5pm on Sunday.

**Sunday School Update:** The first youth Sunday School lesson of the fall will be on September 19 at 11:30am. Please be sure to check the Sunday School page of the website (or Facebook) to see what’s coming up for the rest of 2021/22. Check your email for a ZOOM link.

Pastor Paul is working on an online version of adult Sunday School – details TBD.

NOTICE: Please make sure your email address is updated for youth and adult Sunday School.

**Ushers Needed:** Please give it a try! When we have only a few, it means everyone is serving four or more times per six-month sessions. Ushers are important to the public relations of our church, visitors and members alike. It can be fun. Call or text Karen Zak or Fritz Neil to find out what is involved or sit in the back and observe what we do when one of us is ushering. Duties have changed with the COVID protocol, and we are in a flexible state right now.

**Ordering Altar Flowers:** If you would like to order a vase of cut flowers to be placed on the altar, to honor a loved one or a special occasion, please contact Karyn Schmidt at 216-382-7397 regarding the Sunday you wish and how you would like the wording in the bulletin. The cost of the vase is \$35.00.

**Readers Needed for Worship Services:** Have you ever wanted to read the scripture for our services? You can now check the home page of our website and look for the signup sheet banner near the top of the page. If you have questions, please feel free to reach Kristy at [kbdesigns2010@hotmail.com](mailto:kbdesigns2010@hotmail.com).

**Pastoral Care:** The world is experiencing an unprecedented season of difficulty, and all of us are affected in our own way. If you would like to connect with Pastor Paul for a conversation, please call or email the church office: 440-442-6941 or [pastor@messiahlyndhurst.org](mailto:pastor@messiahlyndhurst.org).

**LWR Personal Care Kits:** Messiah is collecting items to assemble Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations. Collection bins for the items are located by the coffee area.

**Church Council:** the next meeting is on Tuesday, September 21 at 7:00pm.

**Church Office Hours This Week:**

Church Office Hours will resume in July on Wednesdays and Fridays (12:00pm – 4:00pm). Access to the church is via appointment only.

**Attendance and Offering** for the week of September 12, 2021:

Attendees: 41

Offering (incl. electronic giving): TBD

(NOTE: \$4,000 a week is needed to remain current with our budget)



## ***Special Acknowledgments***

*This is our space to honor expressions of appreciation. Email items c/o [office@messiahlyndhurst.org](mailto:office@messiahlyndhurst.org) by Wednesday at 3pm for publication on the following Sunday. We'll keep submissions in print for two weeks.*

- Many thanks to Drinda Kiner and other members of Messiah for being ambassadors to Messiah by handing out bottles of water and frisbees to passersby at the Lyndhurst Home Days Parade.