

MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Vision: "Messiah seeks to grow as a congregation of the ELCA called by Christ, gathered by the gospel, and sent by the Holy Spirit into our communities to share and celebrate God's compassion and love."

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2022
LECTIONARY 26 - 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Pastor, Tom Pederson
Pianist, Sheryl Virgil

Secretary & Office Hours:
Thursday, 5p.m.-7p.m.

We welcome all friends and visitors in the name of Jesus Christ. Each Sunday we celebrate Holy Communion. We believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament, and that all baptized Christians are welcome at God's table. Please come forward to the altar to receive the sacrament. Non-communicating children receive a blessing from the pastor. White grape juice is available in an individual tray.

Infants and small children are welcome at worship, or the nursery is available for children kindergarten age and under. If you need the nursery for your child, please speak with an usher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ELW #423 “Shall We Gather at the River”**

***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.

Order of Confession:

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.

Forgiveness: Pg. #96 (Hymnal)

***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

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;

⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The word of The Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 146

¹Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

³Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**
and in that day | their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**
who keeps promis- | es forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.
The LORD sets the | captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed
down;**

the LORD | loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares | for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall | reign forever,**
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight 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.

¹³In 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 ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It 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.

¹⁷As 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. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus 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.

The word of The Lord,
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “He Is Lord”

He is Lord, he is Lord
He is Risen from the dead and He is Lord.
Every knee shall bow
Every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

The Good News according to Luke, the 16th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: Luke 16:19-31**

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He 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.’ ²⁵But 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. ²⁶Besides 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.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’

³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He 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.’ ”

This is the Gospel of Our Lord,
Praise to you, O christ.

SERMON: “Let the Mystery Be”

***HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW# 719 “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”**

***THE 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**

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Each petition ends with: God, in your mercy,
prayer.

The congregation responds with: **hear our**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of abundance:
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION:

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.

***PREFACE:**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

***HOLY, HOLY:**

Holy, holy
Holy, holy
Holy Holy Lord God Almighty
And we lift our hearts before You
as a token of our love
Holy, Holy, Holy Holy

***COMMUNION PRAYER**

***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.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

LET US BREAK BREAD ELW #471 VS. 1-3

Let us break bread together on our knees
Let us break bread together on our knees
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
o Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us Drink wine together on our knees
Let us drink wine together on our knees
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
o Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees
Let us praise God together on our knees
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

***BENEDICTION:**

God, the Author of of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, bless you now and forever. **Three-Fold Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN:** ELW #534 “Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”

SENDING

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.