

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!

## **Reformation Sunday**

10:30 am - October 27, 2024 Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

**PRELUDE** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *piano/ organ duet* "Te Deum" *Front Street Brass* 

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit

**GATHERING HYMN** #504 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Α might - y for - tress is our God, and shield vic -1 а sword strength of ours can match his might! We would No 2 be lost. re -3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill all threat - 'ning to the land de -4 God's Word for ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who to rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's and rod iect ed. But now cham-pion comes to fight, whom а we trem - ble un - moved we vour us, not, stand; they fear it; for God him self fights by our side with glo wins sal - va - tion The old rious. sa - tan - ic foe God him-self е lect ed. You ask who this may be? this world's ty - rant rage; can - not 0 ver pow'r Let us. -Were they weap-ons of the Spir to take our house, it. has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might might - y Lord, The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, doomed to fail; His might is in bat - tle we'll en - gage! goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way, arms him - self to fight. On earth he qual. е he has no God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to rious. God's judg-ment must pre-vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him. they can - not win the day. The king-dom's ours for - ev er!

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen. Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing. Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, 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.** 







## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Please be seated

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD:
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."
<sup>8</sup> See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.
<sup>9</sup> With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 7:23-28

<sup>23</sup>The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup>but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup>Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup>For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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## GOSPEL

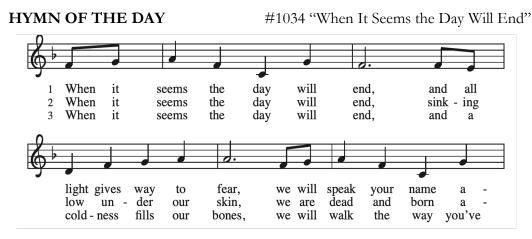


## Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>46</sup>As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on mel" <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

## ase SERMON



Please be seated



## **RITE OF CONFIRMATION AND AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit. I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

#### I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

#### I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

## AFFIRMATION

Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

Eternal Counselor, guide the church along your paths of mercy. Direct it to be a refuge where all are genuinely welcomed and their gifts are celebrated. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

Eternal Nurturer, preserve natural places for rest and rejuvenation. Guide the work of conservationists, park managers, urban planners, gardeners, and all caretakers of natural spaces. Attune us to the wonders we disregard or fail to notice. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

Eternal Wisdom, strengthen the voices of those who cry out for change to unjust systems. Give lawmakers, judges, and all those who occupy seats of power listening and compassionate hearts. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Eternal Compassion, train us to respond to the cries of those in any kind of need. Give encouragement and comfort to those who call out for relief from pain, grief, or oppression, especially... God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Eternal Servant, grant vision and wisdom to the church so that those who are in need are not ignored. May the command of Jesus to love our neighbor sharpen our focus for work in the kingdom. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Eternal Hope, may the legacy of the saints inspire us every day. We hold fast to the promise that we will be together in your presence forever. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. Amen.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

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SPECIAL MUSIC

"God Be The Love To Search And Keep Me"

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

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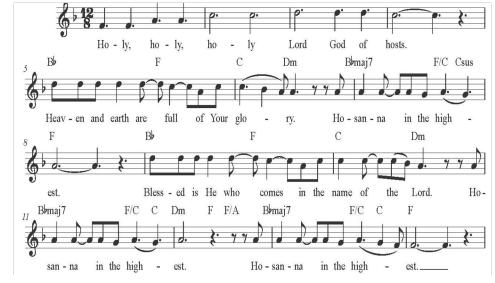
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Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.** 

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

Lift up your hearts We lift them up to God Lift up your heads We lift them up to God Lift up your voices We lift them up to God Lift up your hearts We lift them up to God

God, we come to your table, ... In gratitude, we join all creation in song:



#### 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.

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COMMUNION HYMNS

"Lamb of God"



#1006 "By Grace We Have Been Saved"#979 "Making Their Way"

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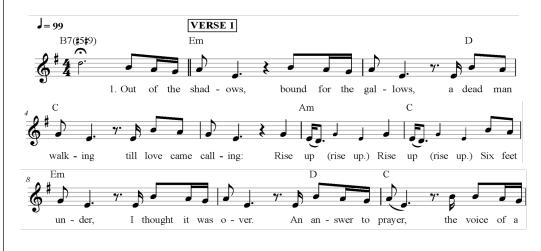
Benediction: God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world. **POST COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING** 

## BENEDICTION

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

### SENDING HYMN

<sup>&</sup>quot;Still Rolling Stones" by Lauren Daigle



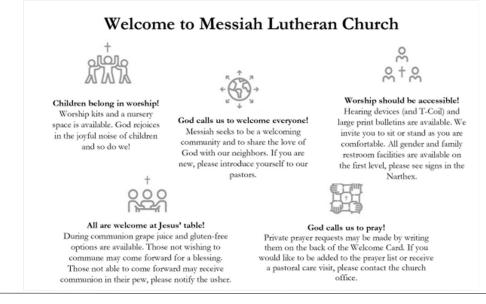




## SENDING

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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Pianist:	Jacob Schmeltzer	donations automatically go to our
Band Members:	Jason Parks, Darren Smith, Tom Bronken	general fund which supports the
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