



# Indigenous Peoples' Sunday

October 12, 2025 8:30 am

*Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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## 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

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*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.***

O Great Spirit, God of every people and every tribe, come to the aid of Your people, turn us from the wrong paths to live for You alone. Give us Your Spirit, that we may confess our wrongs, receive Your forgiveness, and grow in Your Son, our Brother Jesus.  
Amen.

Let us confess those things we have done wrong in the presence of Creator and one another.

Great Spirit,

**look at our brokenness.**

**We know that in all creation**

**the human family has strayed from the Sacred way—**

**the way of love, respect, gratitude and reverence for all life.**

**We know that we are the ones who are divided.**

**And we are the ones who must come back together to walk the**

**Sacred Way— the way of love, respect, gratitude and reverence for all life.**

**Sacred One, teach us love, compassion, and honor,  
that we may heal the earth and heal each other.**

As surely as the rain comes forth to water the earth, God's mercy comes to us as a gift, abundant and freely given. The same God who created the cosmos and raised Jesus from death to life brings healing and forgiveness to the world today. You are loved; you are restored. In Christ, you are made new. **Amen**

# GATHERING HYMN #864 "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"



- 1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
- 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
- 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
- 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.  
 God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
 but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.  
 Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

## 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.**

## KYRIE

#157 *ELW* "Kyrie"

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your  
Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

peo-ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

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

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.  
mer-cy. A-men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

#167 ELW "Now the Feast and Celebration"



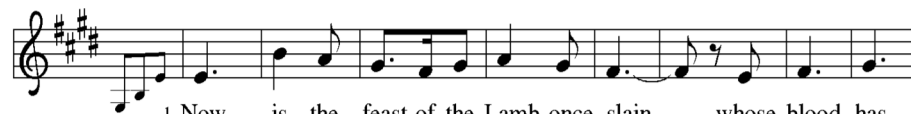
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator, we give You thanks for all that You are and all that You bring to us within Your creation. In Jesus, You placed the Gospel in the Center of the Sacred Circle through which all creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us Your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in Your spirit, for You are God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Please  
be  
seated.

<sup>1</sup> Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. <sup>2</sup> Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

<sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup> But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup> But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" <sup>14</sup> So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

<sup>15a, b, c</sup> Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

Word of Life, Word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- <sup>2</sup> **Great are your works, O LORD,  
pondered by all who delight in them.**
- <sup>3</sup> Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.
- <sup>4</sup> **You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you are gracious and full of compassion.**
- <sup>5</sup> You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.
- <sup>6</sup> **You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**
- <sup>7</sup> The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.
- <sup>8</sup> **They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.**
- <sup>9</sup> You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is your name.
- <sup>10</sup> **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures  
forever.**

## SECOND READING

2 Timothy 2:8-15

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup> Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening.

<sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Word of Life, Word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please  
stand as  
comfortable,  
in body or  
in spirit.*

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

## GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Please be  
seated.*

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

#610 "O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"



- 1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
- 2 From ev - 'ry ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
- 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
- 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?  
 yet in our hearts we would con-fess that whole-ness is our deep-est need.  
 our com - mon life de-clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?  
 the whole-ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man-kind.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the NGLS Native American Sunday)

*Please  
stand as  
comforta-  
ble, in  
body or in  
spirit.*

**We believe in Creator, Father-Mother Spirit,  
 who called the world and all that is in it into being;  
 who spoke the creative-forming word, and all came forth;  
 who created women and men and set them free to live in love and humility  
 to the will of supreme love, and in community with all.**

**We believe in Creator, Son and Brother,  
 who because of love for all creation beyond our understanding,  
 entered the world to share our humanity;  
 to set before us the paths of life and death,  
 and walk them with us;  
 to be rejected and die,  
 but finally to conquer death and in new life,  
 draw the world to himself for all time.**

**We believe in Creator,  
 in-dwelling Spirit, who calls us into community,  
 that we may, through faith and that community of oneness,  
 experience uplifting and sustaining grace;  
 that we may fulfill our human responsibility to reach out  
 to our neighbor, whomever that may be;  
 that we may rejoice in the constant nature of creation**



and the wondrous joy of life itself.

We believe in Creator,

whose word teaches us that all things grow together, the Circle of Life;  
that the paths of life and death, good and evil, too often come together;  
that choices are not clearly defined,

but that we confidently and responsibly tread the path we choose  
and only the true One can be our judge.

We believe in Creator,

who is present and working in this world through all Creation. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us come together now in prayer, recognizing brokenness suffered, wounds not yet healed, and our hope for peace and restoration.

O Great Spirit, God of all people and every tribe, through whom all people are related, call us to the kinship of all Your people. Grant us vision to see through the lens of justice, the brokenness of the past. In Your great love, Creator, **Hear our prayers.**

Help us to listen to You and to one another, in order to heal the wounds of the present. Give us courage, patience, and wisdom to work together for healing and hope with all of Your people, now and in the future. In Your great love, Creator, **Hear our prayers.**

We pray that the Indigenous People of northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, whether living on or off reservation, may be healed of their deep wounds, reclaim the gifts of their cultural heritage, and have access to a good education and productive employment. Particularly we pray for our neighbors in the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Bay Mills Indian Community, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Lac Vieux Desert (lock view DES-air) Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Hannahville Indian Community, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Lac Du Flambeau (lack-dew-flam'-bow) Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, and Sokaogon (Su-ka'-gun) Chippewa Community/Mole Lake Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. In Your great love, Creator, **Hear our prayers.**

Jesus Christ, Holy Child of God, you have prayed for us. With your Spirit that intercedes for us, hear our prayers. Help us to commend our worries and fears to you. In you, our hope rises, and we look for the new life you alone can bring as today we remember before you our siblings we also remember all of those in our own com-

munity in need of your healing, especially... God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mend the hoop of our hearts and let us live in justice and peace through Jesus Christ, the One who comes to all people, that we might live in dignity. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Brother Jesus be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM

*"Thank The Lord"*

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Please stand as comfortable, in body or in spirit.*

Thank you, Creator, for all that You have given us. Thank you for the beauty of the universe that You created: the trees, the sky, the mountains, the rain. All things hold beauty in themselves and all are related and touch each creature of the earth. You created the rhythm and pattern of the universe in a harmony of movement, sight and sound. Help us to appreciate Your creation and to live with our eyes, ears, and hearts open to Your message. Amen.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

*This communion liturgy and Lord's Prayer is taken from the New Zealand prayer book. It was written with the indigenous Maori people of New Zealand.*

The Lord is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

In your Son you suffered with us and for us... joyfully we give you thanks and say:





Therefore heavenly Father, ....  
and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come in glory.**

Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness...

To you be the glory for ever. **Amen.**

### **THE INDIGENOUS LORD'S PRAYER**

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,**

**Source of all that is and that shall be,**

**Father and Mother of us all,**

**Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

**In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.**


**From trials too great to endure, spare us.**

**From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.**


Please be  
seated.

*Congregation:*      *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God,      you take a - way the sin of the  
    you break the chains of ha - tred and  
    you are the way of jus - tice and  
    you are the way of mer - cy and


*Congregation:*



world:      have mer - cy on us,      mer - cy on us,  
 fear:  
 peace:  
 love.


**Final Stanza**

*Congregation or Assistant:*




mer - cy on us,      Lamb of God,      you

*Congregation:*




take a - way the sins of the world:      grant us peace,



grant us peace,      grant us peace.

#740 “God of the Sparrow”



1 God of the spar - row      God of the whale      God of the swirl - ing  
 2 God of the earth - quake      God of the storm      God of the trum - pet  
 3 God of the rain - bow      God of the cross      God of the emp - ty  
 4 God of the hun - gry      God of the sick      God of the prod - i -



stars                      How does the crea - ture say      Awe  
 blast                     How does the crea - ture cry      Woe  
 grave                    How does the crea - ture say      Grace  
 gal                        How does the crea - ture say      Care



How does the crea - ture say      Praise  
 How does the crea - ture cry      Save  
 How does the crea - ture say      Thanks  
 How does the crea - ture say      Life

5 God of the neighbor  
 God of the foe  
 God of the pruning hook  
 How does the creature say Love  
 How does the creature say Peace

6 God of the ages  
 God near at hand  
 God of the loving heart  
 How do your children say Joy  
 How do your children say Home

#### #469 "By Your Hand You Feed Your People"



1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.  
 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.  
 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
 Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis-dom sat - is - fy our deep-est needs.  
 In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er-flow-ing, life out - poured,



giv-en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re-deemed, re - stored.

# POST COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING

Please stand  
as comfortable,  
in body or  
in spirit.

## BENEDICTION

Creator, send us anywhere You would have us go, only go there with us. Place upon us any burden You desire, only stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to You. May the blessing of God: the Creator, who made and knows us; the Savior, who redeems and befriends us; and the Spirit who enlightens and sustains us, be with you this day and always. Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

#840 "Now Thank We All Our God"



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

**SENDING**

Go now into the four Sacred Directions; the east, south, west, and north.

Go into your communities, into unknown lands and places.

Go to those who welcome you and those who reject you.

Go and share the Good News with all who will hear it!

**Thanks be to Creator**

**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 office.

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