



Service of the Word

All Saints Day

Liturgical Year A
November 1, 2020

Messiah Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church!

It is good to be together, even if we are meeting online and/or in the church parking lot. If you are new to Messiah, you can find out more about our community at messiahlyndhurst.org or on our facebook page. During this current health crisis, we will upload our service to our website each Sunday morning (www.messiahlyndhurst.org). We invite you to follow along at home with the order of service included below.

Prayer Concerns can be shared via email (pastor@messiahlyndhurst.org) or phone (440-442-6941). Please indicate if you would like your request to be considered for inclusion in worship. Please note that some elements of the service are pre-recorded and prayer requests may not make it in until the following week.

Children are encouraged to participate at home as they are able. If you would like an at-home Sunday School Lesson Packet, please contact Cheryl Moser for more info.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is typically celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month, as well as on festival days. However, the date of our next Communion Sunday is November 8 during Park and Pray. Should Communion be new for you, we invite you to have a conversation with Pastor Paul.

Serving in Worship Today:

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Paul Moody
Assisting Minister	Jim Burghart
Organist	Glenn Odenbrett
Reader	The Dellinger Family

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Rejoice in God's Saints
Based on the tune to ELW #418
Thomas Trost, 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

*(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,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

Faithful God,
have mercy on us.
**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**
**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**
**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**
We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.
We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.
**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**
God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.
Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

For All the Saints (ELW #422)

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD; for those who fear the LORD lack nothing. (Ps. 34:9)

- ¹I will bless the LORD¹ at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be ¹ in my mouth.
- ²**I will glory ¹ in the LORD;
let the lowly hear ¹ and rejoice.**
- ³Proclaim with me the greatness ¹ of the LORD;
let us exalt God's ¹ name together.
- ⁴**I sought the LORD, who ¹ answered me
and delivered me from ¹ all my terrors.**
- ⁵Look upon the LORD¹ and be radiant,
and let not your faces ¹ be ashamed.
- ⁶**I called in my affliction, and ¹ the LORD heard me
and saved me from ¹ all my troubles.**
- ⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who ¹ fear the LORD
and de- ¹ livers them.
- ⁸**Taste and see that the ¹ LORD is good;
happy are they who take ref- ¹ uge in God!**
- ⁹Fear the LORD, you saints ¹ of the LORD,
for those who fear the ¹ LORD lack nothing.
- ¹⁰**The lions are in want and ¹ suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing ¹ that is good.**
- ²²O LORD, you redeem the life ¹ of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will ¹ not be punished.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

The Holy Gospel According to Saint Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Paul Jones Moody

(Please observe a moment of silence after the sermon)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Where True Charity and Love Abide (ELW #642)

Where true charity
and love abide,
God is dwelling there;
God is dwelling there.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

(A brief silence)

Lord of all the saints, we praise you for evangelists and martyrs whose sacrifices witness to your gospel across time and space. Inspire us by their courage to carry our faith to new people and places around us. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Lord of every place, the universe proclaims your greatness from generation to generation. Bless the work of naturalists, conservationists, and park rangers who train our attention to the wonders of the world you have made. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of every nation, guide this country—red states and blue states, rural voters and urban voters, young and old—as we share in another national election. Kindle hearts eager to understand our common needs and seek our common good. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of every blessing, your Son's blessing came to those living with poverty, grief, hunger, thirst, and persecution. Shape our vision of the saints to match his own. Awaken in us your call to serve all who suffer. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of every venture, anoint us with the missionary spirit of the early church. Bless all new missions of our synod (*especially*). Empower testimony from new communities of faith to shape a diverse witness to your saving power. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

(Here other intercessions may be offered)

Lord of every time, countless are the multitudes you have called by name and gathered to yourself. Comfort us as we grieve those who have died in the past year (*here the names of those who have died in the previous year may be read*). In faith, may we join with them in ceaseless praise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

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

Most High God

Jaime Masetta – composer & performer

(In response to God's command to love our neighbors, we give of the resources God has given us for the sake of the common good. Please give your tithes and offerings by mail or electronically at messiahlyndhurst.org)

THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.**

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

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Abide with Me (ELW #629)

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide;
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 I need your pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
4 I fear no foe, with you at hand to bless;
5 Hold now your cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens: Lord, with me a - bide!
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
what but your grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies:

When oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see:
 Who, like your - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, your vic - to - ry?
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O Lord who chang - es not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if you a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte (1793-1847), alt.
 MUSIC: William H. Monk (1823-1889)

EVENTIDE
 10.10.10.10.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

(Please observe a moment of silence before the postlude)

POSTLUDE

Rise Up, Oh Saints of God!
 Based on the Tune to ELW #669
 Thomas Trost, soloist

Messiah Staff Members

Organist: Glenn Odenbrett
Choir Director: Vicki Lester
Christian Education Director: Cheryl Moser
Office Administrator: Steven Liss
Building & Custodial: Steve Newcomer

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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, Jim Butler, Una and Bob Durham, Dan Filer, Tracy Galvin, Takisha Jackson, Bob Kopsak, Christine Maharg and family, the Musial family, Lisa Perry, Ann Proudfit, Sid Pryor, Phyllis Short, Amy Square, Kathy Strom, Jim Szatkowski, and all 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

PLEASE NOTE: All upcoming activities and events are subject to change as Messiah responds to the ongoing world health crisis.

All Saints Day: Today marks our annual observance of All Saints Day. It is a time to look back and remember those who have died since All Saints Day last

year, and give thanks for their witness in the faith and shared partnership in the work of the Gospel. This year we remember: Carol Fortlage, Melvin Cook, and Tom Short, Sr.

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Food donations will be collected on the Park and Pray Sundays, Oct 11, Oct 25, Nov 8. Drop off your donations on Sunday, any time before the worship service. Delivery will be on Monday, Nov 16 – although the food is no longer going to the Heights Emergency Food Center due to covid-19 and the social distancing required at the HEFC. The collection is now going to the Tri-C East campus food pantry.

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.

OHIO Covid-19: Now that testing is more widely available – we wanted to share some of the key resources:

- *Ohio Corona Virus Portal:*
<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home>
- *Link/Map for Testing Sites:*
<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/testing-ch-centers/>
- *Phone for Info:* 1-833-427-5634

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. NOTE: Our collection will resume at a later date.

Church Council: the next meeting is on Tuesday, November 17th at 7:00pm.

The Messiah Book Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10th at the home of Mary Lou Bregitzer to discuss *The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen, 83-1/4 Years Old*.

Miles of Quarters: To help with Messiah's budget deficit, we are collecting a mile of quarters – over 63,000 quarters – more than \$15,000. Put your quarters in the glass jug by the easel. NOTE: Our collection will resume at a later date.

Church Office Hours This Week:

The Church Office will not be open until further notice. However, we will be checking voicemail and email regularly.

Attendance and Offering for the week of October 25, 2020:

YouTube Views + Park & Pray Attendees: 60

Offering (incl. electronic giving): \$3,421

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

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service: Social Ministry has placed educational posters about the ELCA's history of helping refugees through the work of the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS). Take a look at the new posters in the coffee area when you are able, or check out the LIRS website: <https://www.lirs.org/>.



Special Acknowledgments

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

- ♥ I wish to thank the artistic photographers who take the special backgrounds for the weekly bulletins, Grace Notes and services. I appreciate seeing the beautiful flowers, gardens, and images of our stained-glass windows. I am also grateful to Steve Liss for his journalistic skills in putting everything together so interestingly.
c/o Bette Schmidt
- ♥ The wind had quite a unique effect at the Reformation Park and Pray! Drinda's poem was a perfect addition to the service! Thank you, Drinda, for sharing.
c/o Vicki Lester
- ♥ Jim Rase has been faithfully helping as assisting minister. Thank you for being available while Jim Burghart heals from surgery, Kristy Bohinc live streams, and Tom Griffith directs traffic.
c/o Vicki Lester
- ♥ Splendid music by Glenn Odenbrett and Tom Trost!
c/o Vicki Lester
- ♥ Thank you to Thomas Trost for his inspiring musical contributions to today's (10.25) Reformation service.
c/o Glenn Odenbrett

- ♥ Thank you to David Kosovich and his brother Marty Kosovich. Marty has provided the Baldwin electronic organ used for some of this morning's service music.
c/o Glenn Odenbrett
- ♥ A beautiful thank you to Kristy Bohinc for her special music and the gorgeous backdrop of Messiah and the sunflowers.
c/o Vicki and Michael Lester
- ♥ Thank you to Kristy Bohinc for the sensational solo this past Sunday (10/18). Your song choice and setting (with the sunflowers in the background) helped clear up a gloomy Sunday. Excellent choices and keep up the exceptional work!
c/o Jim Rase
- ♥ Special thanks and appreciation to Pastor, Glenn Odenbrett, Jim Rase, Tom and Alison Griffith, and everyone who helps provide the Park and Pray Services. They are a boost in this trying time and take extra work on all of you.
c/o Karen and Mike Zak
- ♥ Thanks to Vicki Lester and the Carolina Wren for the beautiful version of Amazing Grace. It was truly inspirational and much needed during these trying times.
c/o Jim Rase
- ♥ Thank you to all those who attended the fundraiser for Jaime and who sent him cards, well wishes and continue to pray for Jaime's recovery.
c/o Sheryl Trost

Messiah Cookbook Project:

recipes, table graces, cooking stories, pics & more!



Dear Messiah Members,

What have you been cooking up in your kitchen the last several months? What recipes and table graces have you been using? Do you have any cooking stories or kitchen pictures that you are willing to share?

This is an historical time! Social Ministry is creating a congregational cookbook this year to bring us closer together during this time of social distancing. We are asking Messiah members to share their **recipes, table graces, cooking stories and pictures** for a cookbook that we are assembling in November and email distributing in December. There is no limit to the number of recipes, table graces, pictures and stories that we can include. Share your feasts and flops. All in good taste, we hope! – LOL

Please email or use the USPS to send your cookbook submissions to Jill Snellman: jillsnellman@yahoo.com by Sunday, November 29. Any format is fine for your recipes, table graces, story submissions and pics. Please make sure it is legible.



GRACE BEFORE MEALS

BLESS US, O LORD, AND THESE
THY GIFTS, WHICH WE ARE ABOUT
TO RECEIVE FROM THY BOUNTY.
THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD,
AMEN.