

16th Sunday after Pentecost
Sept. 25, 2022



Messiah Lutheran Church, Amherst, NH

PRELUDE —

WORDS OF WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

To you, O God,

all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of ✝ Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

Amen.



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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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.

KYRIE



O Lord, have . . . mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.



O Lord, have . . . mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.



Have mer - cy, O Lord. Have mer - cy, O Lord.



1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! To God be glo-ry for - ev - er!



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

VERSE 2



2 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry to Christ Je - sus! ...

VERSE 3



3 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry to the Spr - it! ...

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:

A reading from Amos the 6th chapter:

^{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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146 (ELW) (chanted or read responsively by all):

One: Hal- | lelujah!
Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

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

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

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

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

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

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

**All: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those
who | are bowed down;
the LORD | loves the righteous.**

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

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

SECOND READING:

A reading from 1 Timothy 6th chapter:

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the last two lines. The music is written in a simple, accessible style, likely for a church choir or congregation.

GOSPEL:

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 16th Chapter:

Glory to you, O Lord.

[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.’ ”

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 1062

Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

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CREED

With the whole church let us confess our faith in the words of 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

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment (*local authorities may be named*). Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill (*especially*). Albert Demello, Claudette Briere, Steve Kasmar, George Waghorn, Dave Covell, Eric, Anika DiVirgilio, Rita, Krista Seckinger, Christine Glass, DelRe Family, Bob Conway. Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation be with our partners in ministry AMMPARO, the ELCA congregations of the New Hampshire conference, Habitat for Humanity, Ash Street Shelter, Share, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Family Promise of Southern New Hampshire and all who care for those in need. Lead us into new and fruitful partnerships. Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place (*those who plan and lead worship may be named*). Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED For Linnea

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

Please share the peace with those around you

OFFERING The basket is in the narthex. Please place your offering there.

OFFERTORY I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say Chris Carr
(trad., arr. Valerie A. Floeter, pub. Augsburg Fortress)

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are

you, O God,
creator of heaven and earth.
You rescued your covenant people,
led them on all their journeys,
and taught them by the prophets.
You so loved the world
that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but may have eternal life.
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.

As often as we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit
in this meal,
and make us one
in this community of faith
and with your people
throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God,
Author of life,
Word made flesh,
Power of the Most High,
now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**



O Lamb . . . of God, you . . . take a - way the



sin of the world; . . . have . . . mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb . . . of God, you . . . take a - way the



sin of the world; . . . have . . . mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb . . . of God, you . . . take a - way the



sin of the world; . . . have . . . mer - cy up -



on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.



Grant us your peace. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system of music has the lyrics: "God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;". The second system of music has the lyrics: "God's love is strong and it nev - er ends." The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with chords and single notes.

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Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. John L. Bell.

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REFLECTION ON COMMUNION

The Lord has welcomed us all and has been revealed to us all in the bread and the wine; his body and blood.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The holy Three,
the holy One
increase your hope,
strengthen your faith,
deepen your love,
and ✚ grant you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

ELW 723

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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 Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional
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DISMISSAL

Now the service here at church has ended.

Now our service in the world begins.

POSTLUDE —

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Presider: Pastor Karl Hester Assisting Minister: Bill Mitchell

Musician: Linnea Micciulla Lector: Lynn Schur

SPECIAL OFFERING:

A Ugandan family, approved as refugees by both the UN and the US, is starting a new life in NH in September. Our contributions to the SPECIAL OFFERING through September will go to this resettlement by Ascentria of this family of four. Ascentria is allowing us to use their background check system for our Asylum Project, so we are reciprocating with gratitude!

Checks should be made out to Messiah with "Special Offering" in the memo line.

Thank you from the Ugandan Family, Ascentria & Doreen & Marge!

LOVE TEAM Invitation

If you and at least 2 other Messiah members are volunteers in a ministry that you'd like to support,

Please take a "general application" on the LOVE TEAM bulletin board.

OR if you & at least 2 other Messiah members would like to *start* a ministry, please take a "special application"

from the bulletin board.

The deadline for both is Oct. 1. For questions or submission of the applications, please email doreen.rinas@gmail.com.

Get ready for CROP Hunger Walk on October 30, 2022 (Reformation Sunday)! Last year we had 12 walkers and raised \$3011! Repeating our goal of 100% Messiah participation by walking and/or donating to a walker we hope to have at least 15 walkers and raise \$3500! This walk raises money to fight hunger locally and throughout the world. Please see Roxanne Meldrum for details! Thank you for your participation! (We currently have 2 team members.)



AN INVITATION FROM GETHSEMANE OCTOBER 1ST, 4:00-8:00 PM



Gethsemane Lutheran Church would like to invite all members of Christ the King and Messiah Lutheran to join us for an informal game night on Saturday, October 1st from 4-8 pm at Gethsemane. All ages are welcome. Come for the whole event or drop in for an hour or two. Bring your favorite game or play one that is already at Gethsemane. Snacks will be provided and there will be pizza served at 5:45pm. Please RSVP (so we know how much pizza to get) to Gethsemane Lutheran at 603-623-3451 or glcmanchester@comcast.net. Please also let us know of any dietary restrictions you have. We look forward to seeing all of you!



We have reserved a spot for Amherst's Doors on the Green. We will have our door with 95 Reese's as part of this event. We are looking for contributions of Peanut Butter Cups for us to give out (maybe some sunflower/dark chocolate cups for those with peanut allergies) and some people to come hang out and be ambassadors for Christ and for Messiah on October 31st from 5 PM – 8 PM. Please bring contributions to church and sign up to let us know you will be there for part or all of the time. Thank you.

Nouwen



Then

You are invited to join us as we spend some time together with the writings and musings of Henri Nouwen.

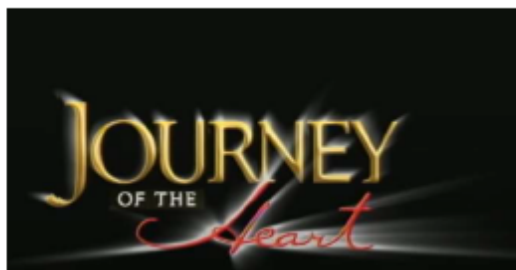
Our adult study offerings for the fall and our Advent devotional materials will reflect this emphasis.

You can expect Henri to join us every now and then in sermons as well.

Don't be surprised if some Taizé worship forms join us on occasion. Henri was known to punctuate his teaching by breaking into a Taizé song/prayer.

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Sunday October 2, 2022
after fellowship time (~ 11:00 AM)



We will be screening the documentary
“Journey of the Heart: The Life of Henri
Nouwen” in the narthex at Messiah.

Susan Sarandon narrates this overview
of the life and ministry of Henri Nouwen
that clocks in at just under an hour.

If you are unable to join us for this
screening or would like to watch it again
you can find it at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=0U8M1gx5Rk4

This film is a nice introduction into the
life and mind of Henri Nouwen. Bring
your questions and your open hearts
and lets see what Henri begins to say to
us.

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