

**Messiah Lutheran Church  
Red Lodge, MT**

**Pastor Ben Cherland**

# Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church

*Light in the Beartooths*

In an effort to make Messiah comfortable and welcoming to everyone, we ask that you refrain from using strong personal scents and perfumes. Thank you

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## Prayer Requests

For prayer requests, please contact the church office:  
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Specific information (with the permission of the prayer recipient)  
helps us in our prayers.

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**11th Sunday after Pentecost**  
Messiah Lutheran Church – Red Lodge, MT  
August 21, 2022

**GATHERING**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**ADDRESS**

Today we gather for the last time in this place as the people of Messiah Lutheran Church. We give thanks for the ministry that has happened in this building and for the people who have been fed and nurtured in the Christian faith here. Even as we mark the end of an era in one place, we acknowledge how we all are participants in God's mission that continues beyond this day and these walls.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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

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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN

COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

## 645 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

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## GREETING from THE MONTANA SYNOD

Rev. Peggy Leuzinger

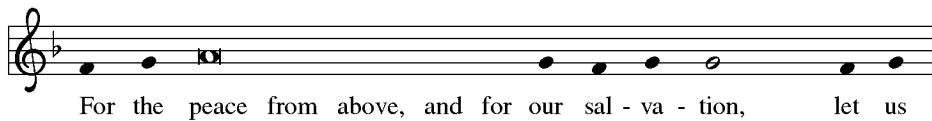
# REETING

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



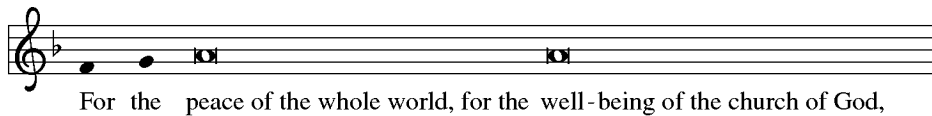
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



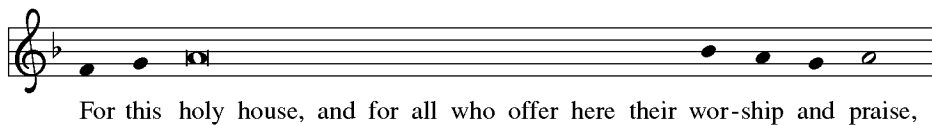
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

# THIS IS THE FEAST

*Refrain*



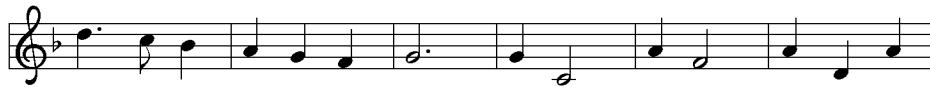
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures moving into uncertainty, we cannot by ourselves stand upright and secure. Give us strength of heart, of mind and of body, so that even in uncertainty we may rise and follow you, confident in the victory of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## WORD

### ISAIAH 58:96B-14

A reading from Isaiah.

- <sup>9b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
<sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
<sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.  
<sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.  
  
<sup>13</sup>If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
if you call the sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;  
<sup>14</sup>then you shall take delight in the LORD,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

## PSALM 103:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all God's benefits—**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;

<sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>**O LORD, you provide vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>You made known your ways to Moses  
and your works to the children of Israel.

<sup>8</sup>**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

## HEBREWS 12:18-29

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

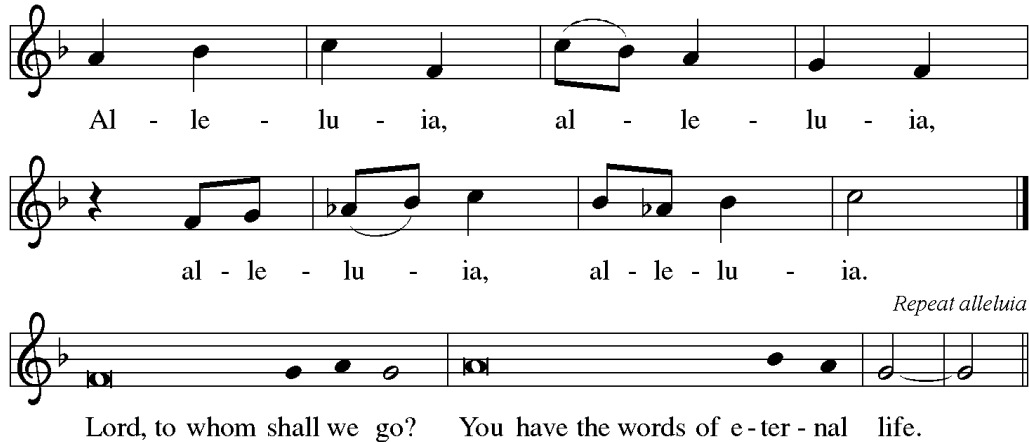
<sup>25</sup>See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup>At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." <sup>27</sup>This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup>for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



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

## LUKE 13:10-17

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>10</sup>Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” <sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

# HYMN OF THE DAY

COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

## 647 Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y  
2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -  
3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and  
4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a

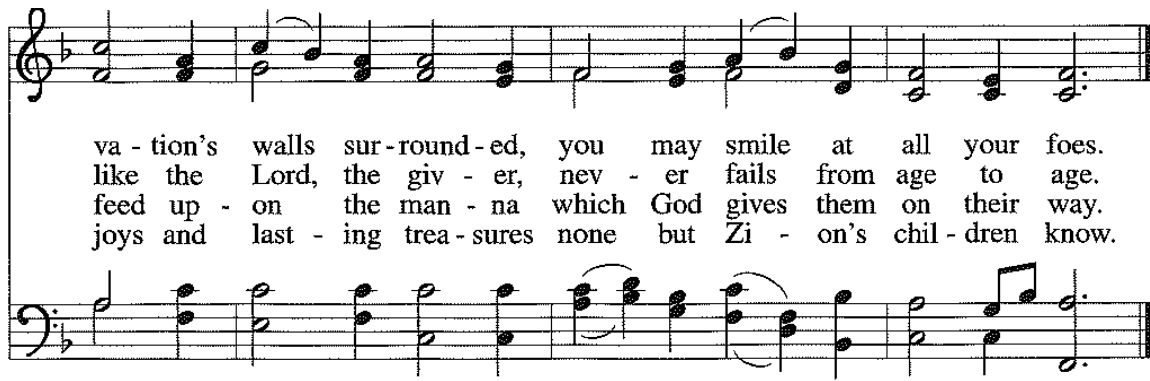
of our God! He whose word can - not be bro - ken  
ter - nal love, well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters,  
fire ap - pear, for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring,  
mem - ber am, let the world de - ride or pit - y,

formed you for his own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges  
and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, while such a  
show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their  
I will glo - ry in your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain

found - ed, what can shake your sure re - pose? With sal -  
riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,  
ban - ner light by night and shade by day, safe they  
plea - sures, all their boast - ed pomp and show; sol - id

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.  
Music: William P. Rowlands, 1860-1937

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## BLESSING OF PLACES

At the dedication of a church building, it is customary to ask God's blessing on the places of the word and sacraments. Today we return to these symbols of God's grace in our lives. Because proclaiming the word and celebrating the sacraments are the heart of a congregation's ministry, we give thanks for the ways that God has nurtured this congregation throughout the years, in this place, and has led us to serve others in Christ's name.

### At the place of the word

O God, your mighty word at the dawn of creation breathed life into the earth and all of its inhabitants. By the gift of your incarnate Word in Jesus you brought good news of life and salvation to all humankind. Through your Word proclaimed in worship here, this congregation has been challenged and healed. Let your voice, which has sounded in this place, echo in our lives as we proclaim your message of peace into the places you will send us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

### At the place of baptism

O God, through the flood in the time of Noah, and through the waters of the Red Sea, you saved people of old. Through the waters of baptism in this place, your people have been born to new life and have been commissioned for service in Christ's name. May all the baptized continue to give witness to your saving grace throughout the world; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

### At the place of the meal

O God, through manna on a wilderness journey and through loaves of bread multiplied on the hillside, you fed people who needed sustenance for their bodies and souls. May all who have been nourished here with the body and blood of Christ give themselves away as food for the hungry. May all who have feasted here welcome others to the banquet of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

## 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

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, for creation, and all in need.

*("Gracious God, we give our thanks and praise.")*

For the one holy catholic and apostolic church in all times and places, of which this congregation and its building have been a part. Gracious God, **we give our thanks and praise.**

For the men and women who founded this congregation, who made personal sacrifices in order for it to grow and flourish, and who used their talents and skills in building up a community of faith. Gracious God, **we give our thanks and praise**

For this congregation's ministries throughout its life here, its gatherings for praise and prayer, its faithful use of the means of grace, and its study of the scriptures. Gracious God, **we give our thanks and praise.**

For this building that has sheltered Messiah Lutheran Church for 50 years, that the memory of this place will continue to shelter, nurture, and inspire devotion to the God who makes all things possible. Gracious God, **we give our thanks and praise.**

For all who hold special attachments to this building; for those who have been baptized, nurtured in faith, received first communion, been confirmed and those married in this place; that the Holy Spirit's gifts continue to sustain them even as this congregation's outward expression takes on a new form. Gracious God, **we give our thanks and praise.**

For all those on our prayer list, especially Kelly, Jeremy, John and Tonia; for all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, and for your groaning creation; for your great love, your promise of deliverance, and your victory over death. Gracious God, **we give our thanks and praise.**

For the members of this congregation who will continue to gather as a people of God in a new place, that today will mark not only the end of an era but also the beginning of new opportunities for worship, connection, growth and service. Gracious God, **we give our thanks and praise.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and silent longings to you. **Amen.**

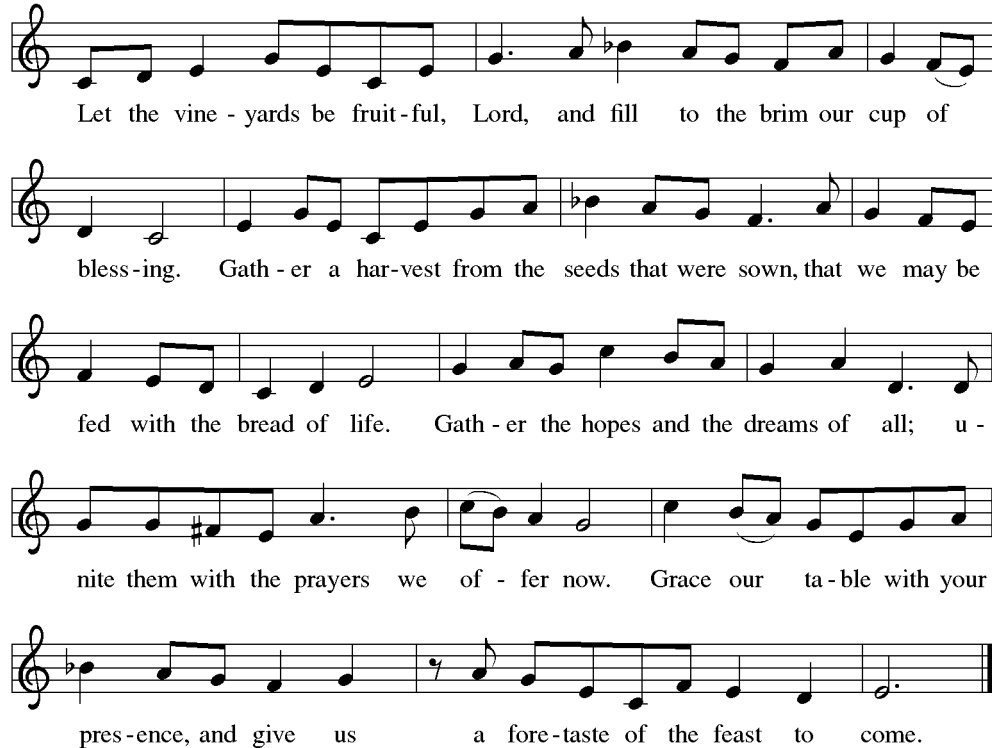
## **PEACE**

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

# MEAL

## OFFERING

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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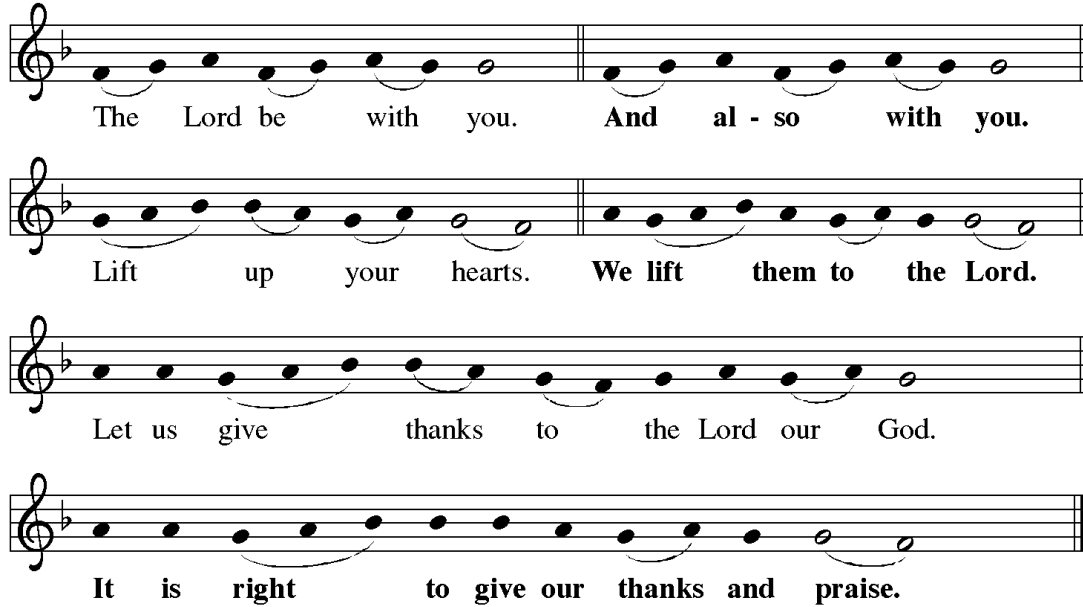
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## OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

# GREAT THANKSGIVING

## DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

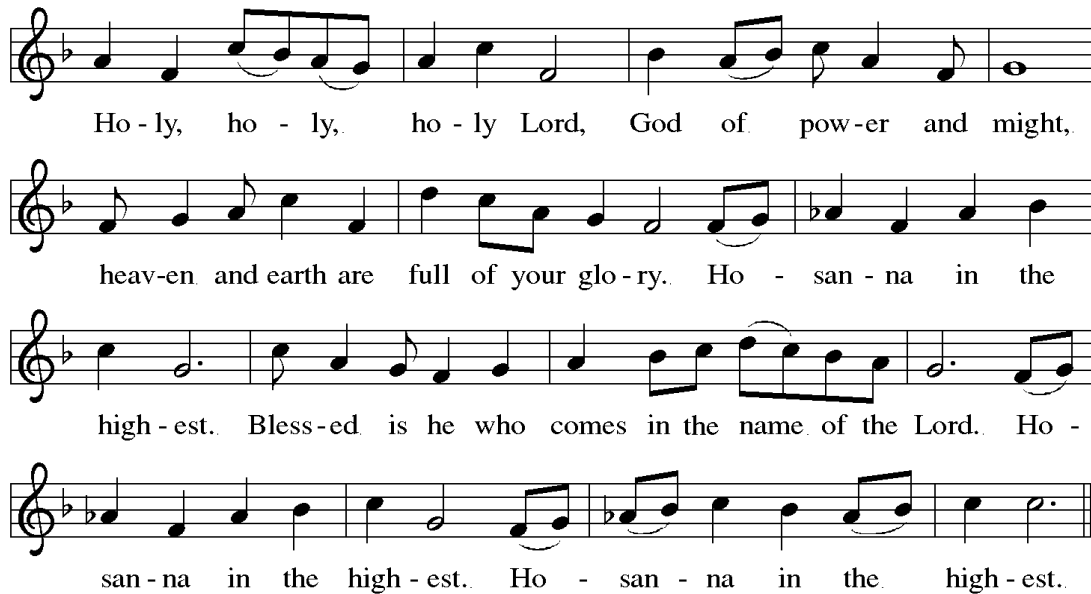
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

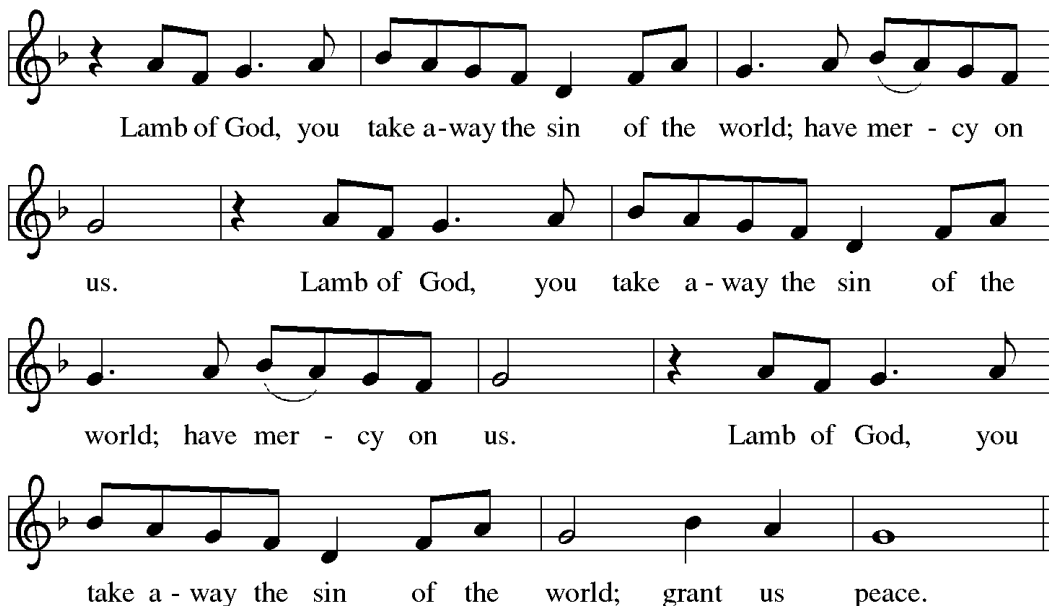
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## COMMUNION

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.



## **PRAAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Gracious God, at your table you strengthen us for service wherever you send us. As we leave this place that has been a home for worship and mission, help us to gather in our new setting open to your call and all those to whom you send us. Welcome us forever into your embrace, until that day when all your people throughout the world worship together around the throne of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

## **SENDING**

### **SYNOD DECLARATION**

With thanks to God for the work accomplished in this place, I declare this building to be vacated for the purposes of Messiah Lutheran Church, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May the witness of the people who have ministered here in the name of Jesus Christ continue to live on as this threshold is crossed, as they leave these walls and begin a season of transition toward the work that God now calls them.

### **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

### **BLESSING**

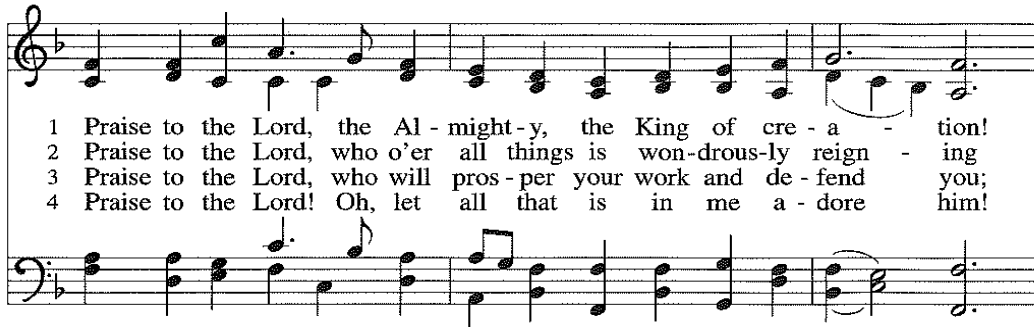
You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, holy and beloved as God's own children, called to proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

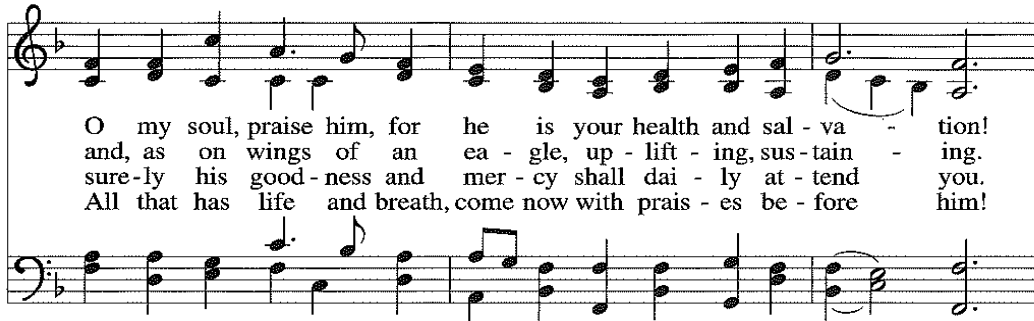
**SENDING HYMN** (*See next page*)

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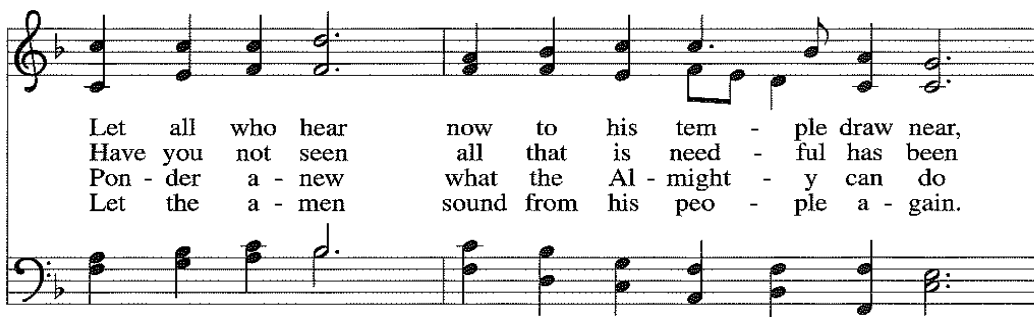
## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



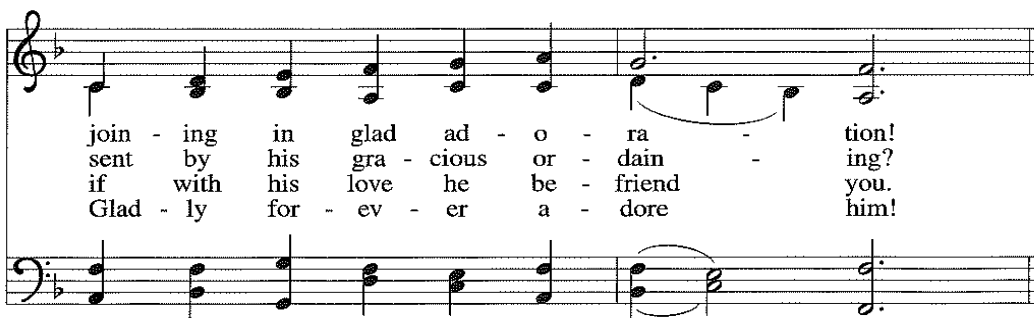
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1690; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.  
 Music: *Erneuertem Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

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## DISMISSAL

Our worship has ended. **Now our service begins!**  
 Go in peace. Share the good news! **Thanks be to God! Amen**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Helpers are needed for a final cleaning of the upstairs TOMORROW, August 22. Meet here at 9:00 am.

The church office has been moved to Calvary Episcopal Church and is up and running. Office hours are from 11 to 3, Monday through Thursday.

Following today's service, we will be moving the remaining furnishings to the **Echo Center in Belfry** for storage; then we will join together to celebrate this transition by having a BBQ at Todd and Linda Daily's. Please come to the BBQ whether you are part of the moving party or not. This is a time of food, fellowship celebration as a community of which we (*including YOU*) are apart!

### **Directions to Linda and Todd Daily's home!**

Drive to Belfry and turn LEFT at Hwy 72

Drive 1.3 miles and turn RIGHT

The first RIGHT turn is to the Daily's home

The second RIGHT turn is to the Echo Center parking lot (Church Storage)

Looking Ahead:

August 28 – We will join the Episcopal congregation in worship at Calvary Episcopal Church, 9 N. Villard, at **9:00 a.m.** Please be on time.

September 4 – Until our new facility is ready, our coffee hour will be shared with the Calvary congregation at 10:00, followed by our worship service at 10:30. Please make a point to join in this time of ecumenical fellowship.

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