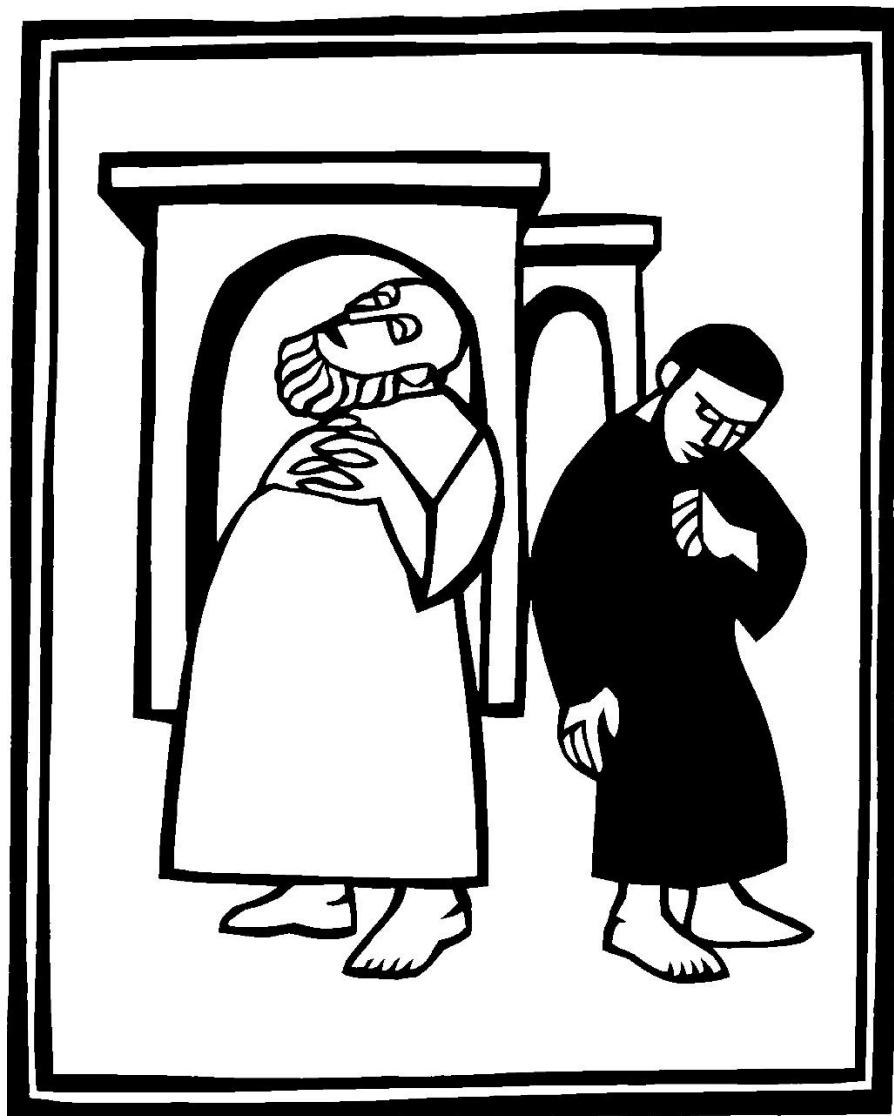




MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reformation Sunday – October 26, 2025

Pastor Ben Cherland

**WELCOME TO MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
REFORMATION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 26, 2025**

GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, (+) one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen

Each day God gives us the gift of new life. Each day, sin challenges us to walk away from the path of discipleship and put ourselves before God. We take this time to ask God's forgiveness for our selfish ways; knowing that God's forgiveness resurrects our life for the sake of Jesus, God's Son and our Savior.

Holy and Life-giving God, We confess the loves and desires which place things before thanks; fortune before faith; our wants before yours. Forgive our selfish plans and place the way of the cross before us anew each day. Lead us through the changes and chances of life, not by our own will but by the example of Jesus, your Son, and by the wisdom of your Holy Spirit.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

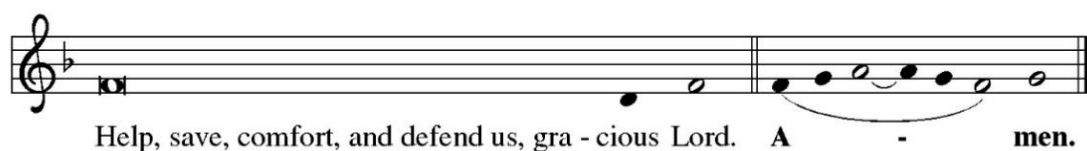
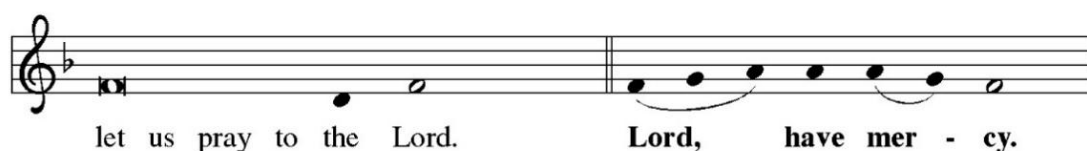
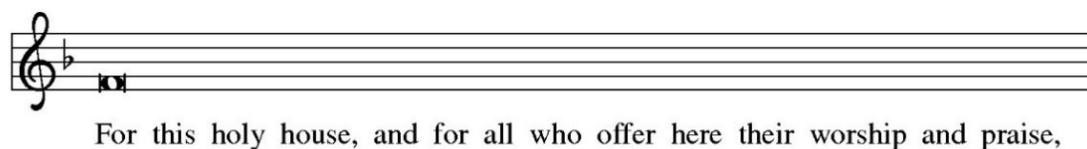
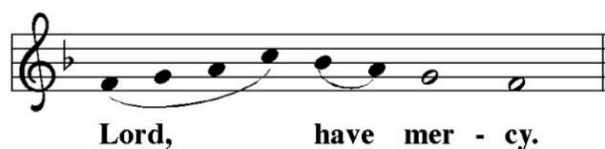
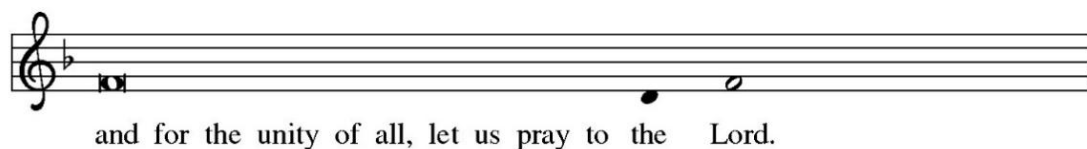
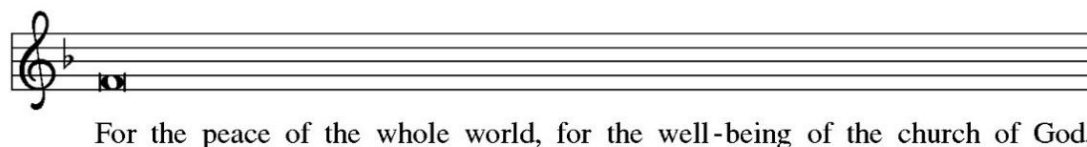
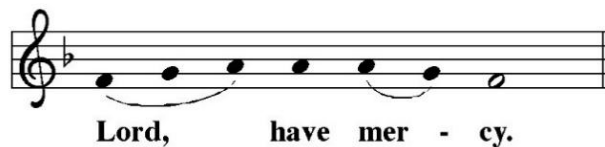
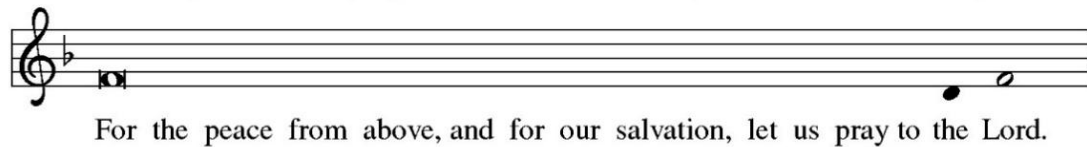
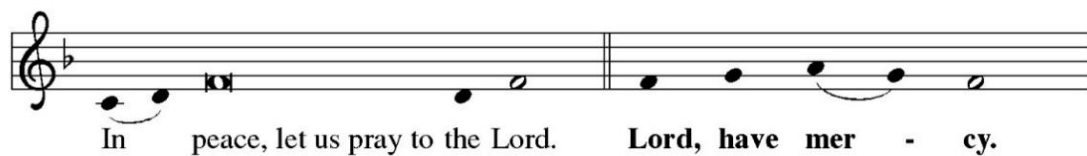
GATHERING HYMN *ELW 504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

GREETING

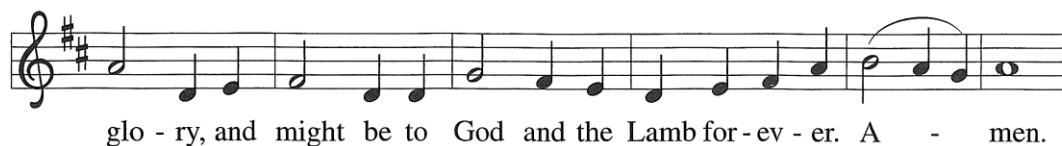
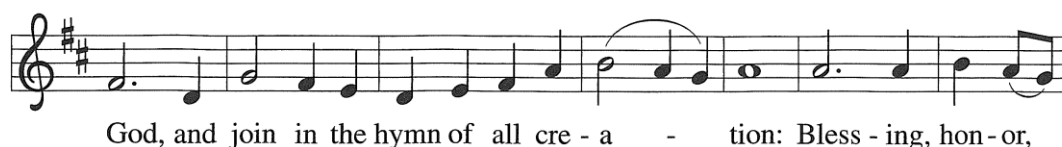
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

First Reading: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God's power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.

⁷ Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O Lord, for your name's sake;
our rebellions indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.

⁸ O hope of Israel,
its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?

⁹ Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!

¹⁰ Thus says the Lord concerning this people:
Truly they have loved to wander;
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the Lord does not accept them;
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

¹⁹ Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?
Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?
We look for peace but find no good,
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

²⁰ We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.

²¹ Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

²² Can any idols of the nations bring rain,
or can the heavens give showers?
Is it not you, O Lord our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 84:1-7

Happy are the people whose strength is in you. (Ps. 84:5)

¹ How dear to me is your dwelling,

O Lord of hosts!

² **My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

³ Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,

by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

⁴ **Happy are they who dwell in your house!
They will always be praising you.**

⁵ Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁶ **Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

⁷ They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who faced death. Though others let him down, Paul was sure of his faith in the Lord, who stood by him and lent him strength.

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Jubilate Deo
Canon in 4 voices, with coda

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

$\text{♩} = \text{c.} 56-69$

mf Ju - bi - la - te De - o, Ju - bi - la - te De - o.

Al - le - lu - ia.
Lent: O *praise the Lord,*

The holy Gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.

⁹ [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *ELW 665 Rise, Shine, You People*

APOSTLE'S 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

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need and all of God's creation.

*Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Knowing that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

PEACE

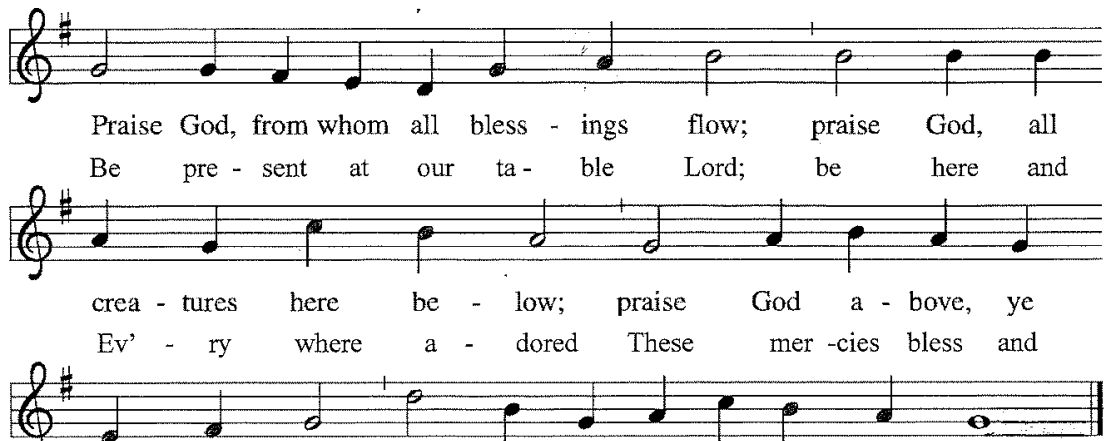
The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
Be pre - sent at our ta - ble Lord; be here and
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
Ev' - ry where a - dored These mer - cies bless and
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
Grant that we May strength - ened for Thy Ser - vice be. Amen

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

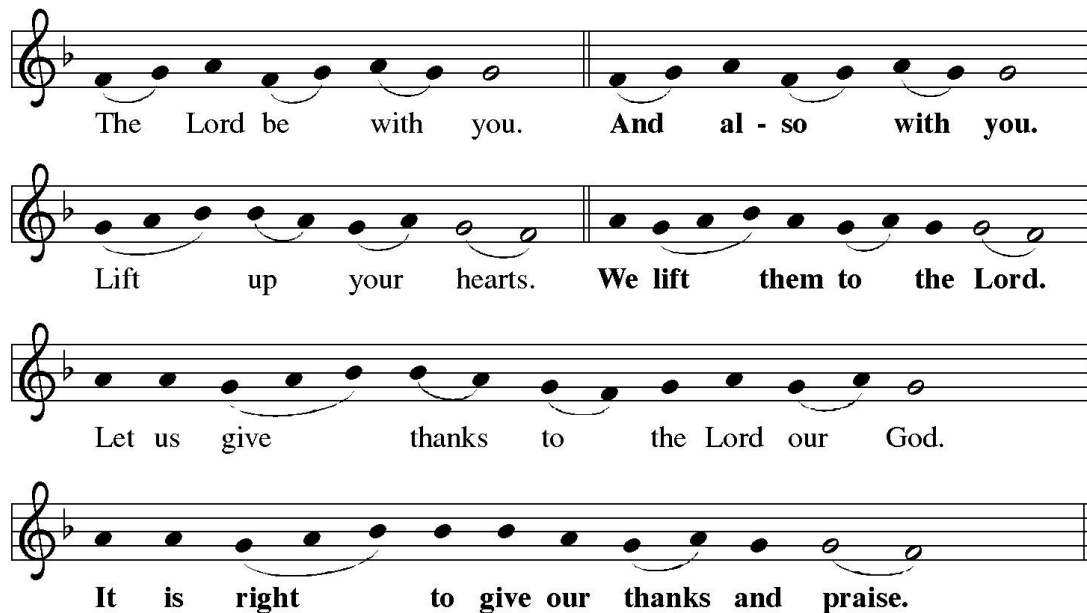
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE



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

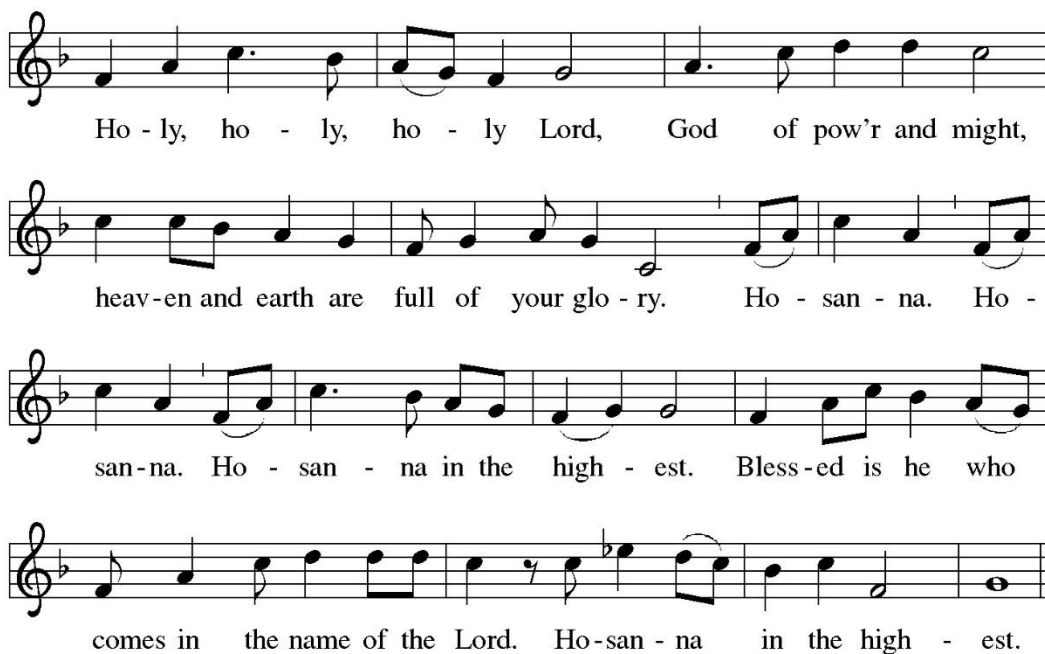
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE (*Pastor*)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

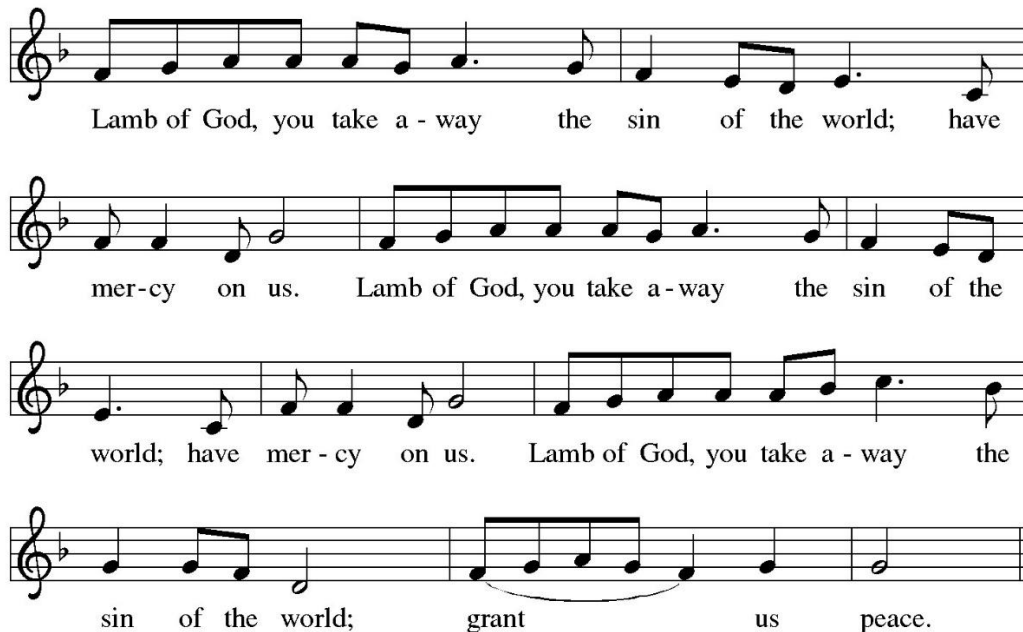
and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



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.

COMMUNION HYMN *ELW 777 Come To Me All Pilgrims Thirsty*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Life is short
and we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us.
So be swift to love.
Make haste to be kind.
And the blessing of God,
who made us,
who loves us,
and who travels with us
be with you now and forever.

[\[1\]](#) Adapted from Henri Frederic Armiel, Swiss Philosopher

SENDING HYMN *ELW 654 The Church's One Foundation*

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Serve one another. **Thanks be to God!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The special offering for October is DSVS
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Thank you to all who participated in leading worship today, including: Readers, Ushers, Communion Assistants, Musicians, and Tech Booth Attendants. We value your participation in these roles! Speak to Martha Crofts to sign up.

Upcoming

Funeral for Dick Rosekelly will be Saturday, November 1 at 11:00 am, here at Messiah, followed by lunch.

Next Sunday, November 2, is All Saints Sunday. Come and remember the loved ones we have lost. We will be lighting luminaries and candles to remember these dear ones.

UCC Harvest Dinner, Saturday, November 8 from 11:30 am to 5:00 pm. Adults - \$15.00, Children - \$10.00, 5 and under free.

Christmas Kids Shoppe announcement from Barb Ostrum

Christmas Kids Shoppe is on Sat Dec 6 this year, coming up very soon. So please gather your treasures to donate to this community kids event. And if you can help. please sign up as well. We need all the help we can get.

Save Your Suds ministry with Calvary Episcopal Church – See the bulletin board for details.

Prayer Requests

For prayer requests, contact the church office at 406-446-2430 or redlodgemessiah@gmail.com or write your requests in the Prayer Request book with specific information and permission from the person You are adding.

Hebrews 4:16: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

This month the people of Messiah are praying for, Vince and Mary Ames, Claudia B, Hannah Gonzales, Elisa Hansen, Dolly Koski, Rick and Sandy Koski, Jim Kyner, Doug & Mary Lair, Jackie Odegaard, Carlos Ramalho, the family of Dick Rosekelley, Sadie Sceva, Guynema Terry, Josh Wilker, and Raj and Colette

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