Messiah Lutheran Church

VALDOSTA, GEORGIA

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SUNDAY, JULY 6[™], 2025



"We have found the Messiah"

John 1:41b

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are pleased to meet you and have you visit us today! Please sign our Guest Book located in the church entryway (Narthex) as well as the attendance sheet located in the red folder in each pew. Let us know how we may be of service to you in any way.

- **RESTROOMS** are located in the Narthex.
- **QUIET BAGS** are available in the Narthex for older children. We also offer a children's bulletin for ages 3-6 and ages 7-12.
- QUIET/CALMING ROOM and a changing table are located near the Fellowship Hall (through the accordion doors behind the choir).
- <u>INVITATION TO COMMUNION</u> The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered to all baptized and prepared Christians who believe Christ is truly present with us in this meal. Trusting in the promises of his Word, "—given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," they intend to grow in faith by the power of the Holy Spirit working through this means of grace toward a more committed life with Jesus and His Church.
- RECEIVING COMMUNION Please extend your hand to receive the bread. Wine is offered from the Chalice or individual cups. Grape juice (center ring, lighter color) is offered for those who choose not to receive wine. After the Communion Assistant follows with the Chalice, place your empty cup on the communion rail rack. Children not yet prepared for the Sacrament may come forward for a blessing "that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ."

• OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Sundays at 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study in the Pine Tree House.

Sundays at 9:30 am: Sunday School: Grades 4th & 5th in the Pine Tree House.

Sundays at 9:15 am: Sunday School: Grades 6th – 12th in the **Pine Tree House**.

Tuesdays at 10:00 am: Pastor's Bible Study in the Pine Tree House.

Tuesday 6:00 pm: Pastor's Men's Potluck Bible Study in the Pine Tree House.



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE

The Mission of Messiah Lutheran is to grow in our relationship with God through worship, education, and service, while sharing Christ's peace and fellowship with all.

AS WE GATHER

On this Fourth of July weekend, the Church joins in celebrating the freedoms we enjoy as a nation and as the Christian Church. One of those freedoms is the ability to carry the message of the Gospel of HOPE to the rest of our nation and beyond. You have heard that our district of the LCMS and some of you faithfully participate in the 10:02 prayer each day, the idea taken from verse 2 of today's Gospel lesson. So, pray that the Lord will provide workers!

PRELUDE & PERSONAL DEVOTION (Quiet Please)

+CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

EXHORTATION LSB 151

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

ABSOLUTION LSB 151

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you

Please extend the hand of fellowship to your neighbors with the words: "The peace of the Lord."



ENTRANCE HYMN

827 HARK. THE VOICE OF JESUS CALLING



- 1 Hark, the voice of Je sus call-ing, "Who will go and work to day?
- 2 Some take up His task in morn-ing, To their Lord re-spond-ing soon;
- as rain and snow from heav-en Wa ter seeds in dust y soil, the Lord whose com-ing Marks the time when grace shall end, 4 Hear - ken to



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing—Who will bear the sheaves a - way?" are called in heat of mid-day, Oth-ers late in Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil; When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de-scend.



Loud and long the Mas-ter call-eth; Rich re-ward He of-fers thee. set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields, is the sun the Lord sends forth His prom-ise, Words of life and joy and peace fi - nal har - vest: Soon the time for work shall cease. Soon the night, the



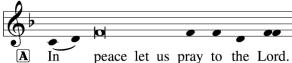
Who will an-swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"? There to gath-er in the boun-ty That God's Word so rich - ly yields. Nev - er void to Him re-turn-ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in-crease. Then the souls His grace has gar-nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath portant (st. 1): Daniel March, 1816-1909, alt.; (sts. 2-4): Stephen P. Starke, 1955; Tune: Joseph Barnby, 1838-96

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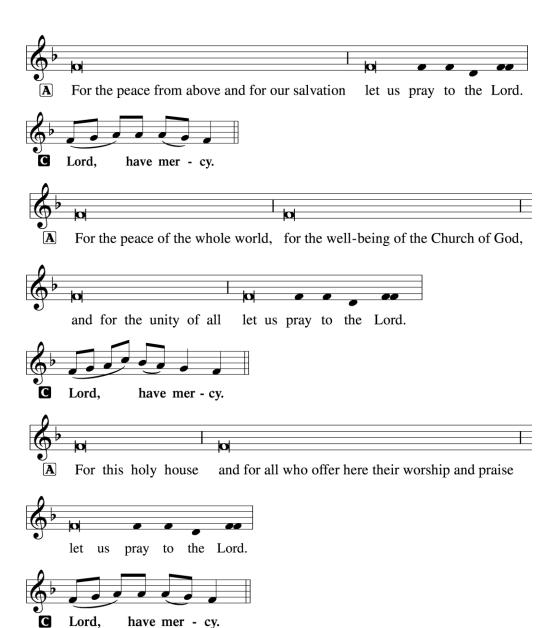
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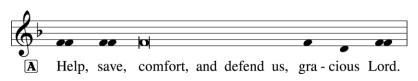
+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

KYRIE LSB 152



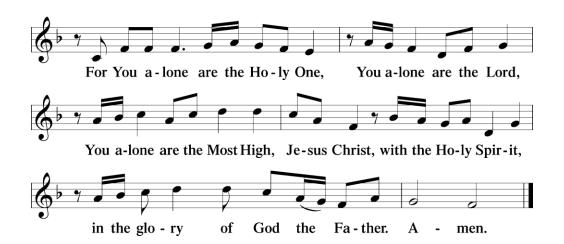




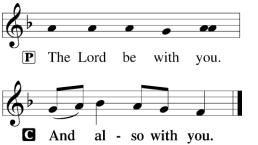








SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P Let us pray.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Sit

OLD TESTAMENTIsaiah 66:10–14

¹⁰"Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her;

¹¹that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance." ¹²For thus says the LORD:

"Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees.

¹³As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and the hand of the LORD shall be known to his servants, and he shall show his indignation against his enemies."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Galatians 6:1–10, 14–18

¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. . . .

¹⁴But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

¹⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 10:1–20

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ²And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷And remain in the same house, eating and drinking

what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹ Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' ¹²I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

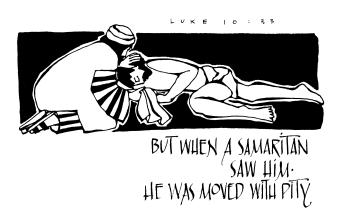
¹³"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

¹⁶"The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" ¹⁸And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY 856 O CHRIST, WHO CALLED THE TWELVE



SERMON

"Christ is Heard When We Speak His Words" Reverend Dr. Richard Lohmeyer

Stand

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- **■** I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
- I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For laborers in God's kingdom, that the Lord of the harvest would send them into His vineyard to proclaim peace and the coming of His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the Spirit's work among all Christians, that as they bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ, never growing weary in doing good and scorning all boastfulness, the Spirit's harvest of eternal life might come to fruition in due season, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

- For Christian homes, that the proclamation of peace would take root therein, so that all husbands and wives would love and honor one another and all children would be nurtured in fear and faith toward God's name, so that the kingdom of God would indeed draw near to us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For those who govern in our nation, especially our president, our governor, and all those elected and appointed to serve us in the Lord's name, that the nations would be given an end to violence and terror, and that we would be guided to work toward the common good for the sake of those most vulnerable, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For thankfulness, that Christians would rejoice in God's provision and care for creation, even as the heavens above and the sun in its course declare God's glorious handiwork, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the sick, the suffering, the grieving and the dying, [especially ______,] that they may be given patience in their afflictions and faith in the Lord's sufficient grace through the day of trouble to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** (Special Petitions)
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For all who dine at the Lord's altar this day, that they may receive the abundant comfort and satisfaction God promised to His people of old in Jerusalem and fulfilled in our Lord's body and blood, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- How awesome are Your deeds, O Lord. You have planted us and directed us to pray that You would send workers into Your vineyard. You have answered that prayer through Your Son and His Church. As Your kingdom draws nearer each day, teach us to boast only in the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ, rejoicing that our names are written in heaven; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Now we offer our final petition for our Nation:

965 GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND



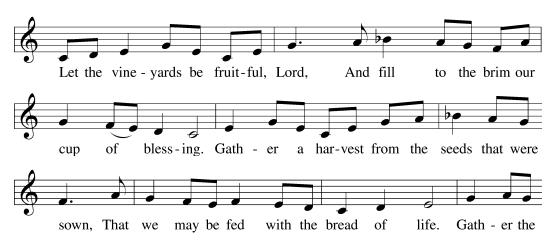
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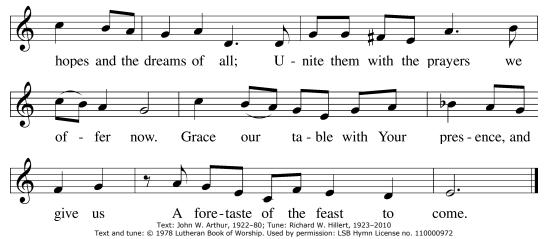
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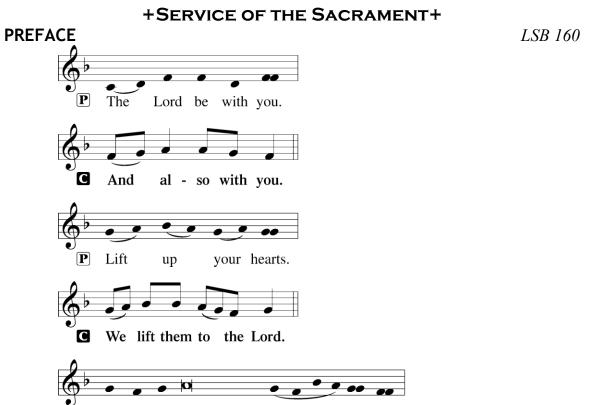
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955 LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL





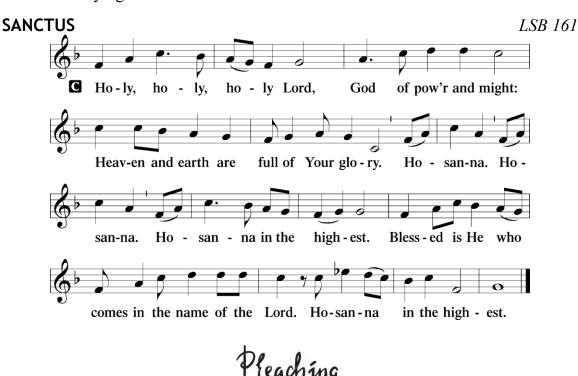


our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

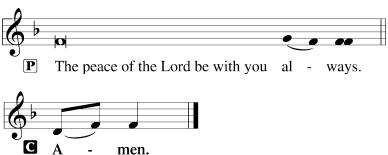
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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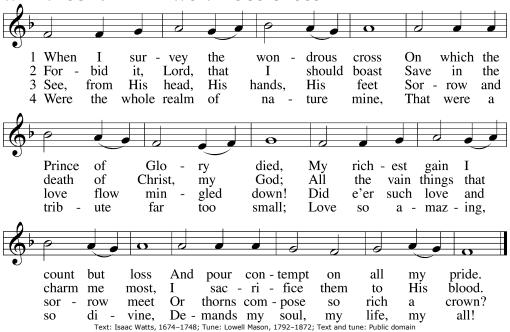
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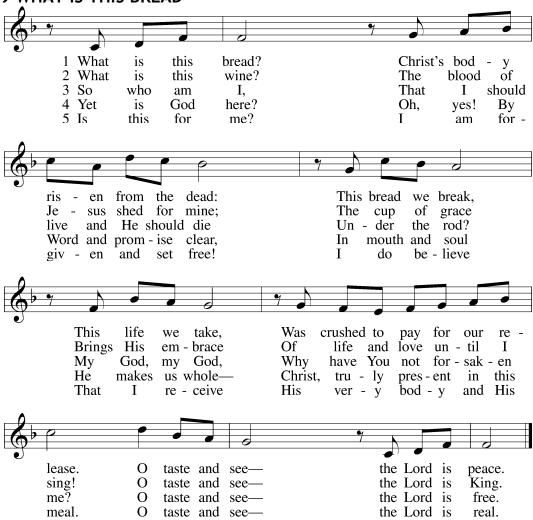




629 WHAT IS THIS BREAD

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the Lord is

good.

taste and see—



641 YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART



Stand



THANK THE LORD LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.





POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

BENEDICTION

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you

and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

924 LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING



DISMISSAL

- **P** Go in peace, serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Leviticus 18:1 - 5; Colossians 1:1 - 14; Luke 10:25 - 37

SAINT DAYS, FEAST DAYS, & COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

This week, we give God thanks for all the Saints who set the good example of walking by faith for us as an example of living the Christian life.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

Hebrews 12:1

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ALTAR CARE	Beth Bush	ALTAR CARE	Carol Walters	
ACOLYTE	J.M. Pellicone	ACOLYTE	Elders	
GREETER	Heather Miller	GREETER	Karin Boles	
USHER 1	Lisa Hill	USHER 1	Curt Fahsholz	
USHER 2	Donna Berg	USHER 2	Bo Miller	
ELDER	Paul Hill	ELDER	Charlie Francis	
ORGAN/PIANO	Kay Vincent	ORGAN/PIANO	Kay Vincent	

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH LUTHERAN

TUES	10:00	Bible Study with Pastor
	6:00	Men's Potluck Bible Study
WED	11 - 3	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
THURS	9:00	LWML Quilter's Group with Devotional
SUN	9:00	Bible Study & Sunday School

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Luke 15:10

"Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Why does Jesus eat with sinners? Certainly not so that they will remain stuck in their sins! Jesus meets sinners where they are so that they will come to know His love and repent. To repent means to turn — turn away from sin and toward Jesus in faith. Whether the sin we struggle with is pride, greed, doubt, etc., the Lord calls us to turn to Him again in faith and away from our sin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

You're Invited! Ordination & Installation of Candidate Wareham

Join us for a joyful milestone in the life of Candidate Wareham, who recently earned his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.

His Ordination and Installation Service will take place **NEXT Sunday**, **July 13**, **at 3:00** p.m. here at Messiah Lutheran Church. This is a special moment for him—and for our whole church family. **Mark your calendars and come celebrate with us!**

IN OUR PRAYERS

"Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our afflictions."

(2 Cor. 1:3-4a)

Those who serve and protect us:

Greg Bohnhoff, Connor Montgomery, Dallas Cook, Devin Parrish, Robin Schmidt, Nikki & Gene Davila, Bryan & Hannah Tordoff, Keith Crist, Randi Markham, Eric Matlock, Matthew Francis, Jeff Kraushaar, Abbey Wolters & Catherine Hernandez, & Grayson Coester.

In Our Prayers:

- Don Dewitt: recovering from chemotherapy.
- Shirley Nelson: Diagnosed with colon cancer; had surgery.
- Mary Beth Francis: recovering from heart surgery.
- Martin Fluder: ongoing health issues.
- o Gary West: Karin Boles' neighbor, Guillain-Barré Syndrome.
- o Donald Barnes: Ken Eldridge's cousin, stage 4 colon cancer.
- o Chuck Thomas: Cindy Hodge's friend, recovering from heart attack.

Ongoing Prayers:

- o Linda Leinwol: sister of Mary Beth Francis, ongoing prayers needed.
- o Circuit Visitor: Pastor Bert Matlock's mom, Doris, health issues.
- o Rita Norman: friend of the Francis', diagnosed with cancer.
- o Sue Kooken: friend of Carol Walters, terminal cancer.
- Donna McClintock: friend of the Mitchells, battling cancer.
- o RuthAnn Clement: L. Hill & L. Pellicone's Aunt, inoperable mass.
- o Mary Shufeldt: Cathy Deyo's aunt, in NY rehab, had a fall.
- Jenny Klement: Gary Klement's daughter-in-law, lymphoma.
- o Terri Davis: friend of Gail Carroll, stroke & severely diabetic.
- o Ron Poitras: friend of Sandy Bingham, bladder cancer.

- Nancy & Jim P.: friends of the DiMarcos, family in crisis.
- o Traci Fix: friend of Sandy Bingham, starting radiation.
- Sonia Vance: Eldridges' son's girlfriend, ongoing health concerns.

Nursing Home/Homebound:

- Mary Kinchen: homebound.
- o Don Sullens: Diagnosed with lung cancer and leukemia.
- Dennis Kluball: at The Orchard.
- Steven Keller: homebound.
- o Barbe Fahsholz: at The Canopy, room 241.
- Hannah Carroll: ongoing prayers, at Langdale Place, room 373.

Fiscal 2024-25 YTD Income v. Expenses - Week 43		
Income Fiscal YTD (includes disignated gifts)*	\$	158,173.63
Expenses Fiscal YTD	\$	175,375.70
Variance Fiscal YTD		(17,202.07)
*A light income week June 22nd		
Funds Collected to Date vs Budget	\$	143,166.75
Budget Goal Fiscal YTD	\$	179,868.34
Below Budget Goal to Date**		(36,701.59)
**We remain below goal.		WE 110

Tap the code and spread some cheer, Your support brings hope so near! Give a little, change a lot— Big things grow from what you've got!



