Messiah Lutheran Church

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"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

John 11:25-26

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, which can be found in the red folder in each pew. Please let us know how we can assist 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: Tuesdays with the Pastor Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Tuesday 6:00 pm: Women's Potluck Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall.

ALL SAINTS' DAY
TWENTY-FIRST 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

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Revelation 7:13-14

We always mourn the passing of a loved one. But today is just as much a celebration of where our loved ones are now. As Christians, we can be confident that all who believe in Jesus Christ are washed clean by his blood, standing with the multitude of believers in heaven, awaiting the time when all believers will spend eternity together as the Family of God!

PRELUDE & PERSONAL DEVOTION (Quiet Please)

+CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+

Stand

All may make the sign of the cross 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

P 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.

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 151

- 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:

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



+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

671 SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY

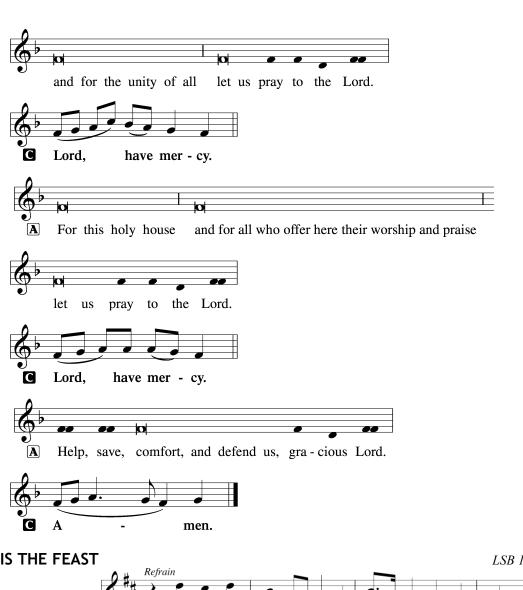


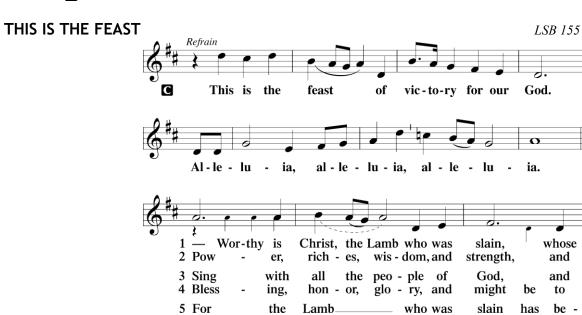


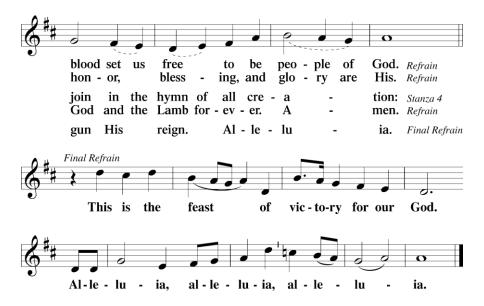
Stand **KYRIE**



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







SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 7:9 − 17

A Great Multitude from Every Nation

- 9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
- 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- 15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

 17 For the Lamb in the midst

of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

PSALM Psalm 149

- Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly! 2 Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King! 3 Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre! 4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation. 5 Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds. 6 Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, 7 to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples, 8 to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, 9 to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the Lord!
- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 John 3:1 -3

- ¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears[a] we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.
- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand



HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 5:1 – 12*

- The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
- **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

The Sermon on the Mount

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

The Beatitudes

- ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
- ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons^[a] of God.

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

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

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

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 677 FOR ALL THE SAINTS



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

VERSE 6

The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

VERSE 7

But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

VERSE 8

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

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SERMON

Pastor Stephen Wareham

Stand

NICENE CREED

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.		
P	For all whom God has redeemed through the blood of the Lamb, washing them in the saving water of Baptism and bringing them to faith by the Spirit, that He would keep us in faith and in holy fear, lest we depart from His way and be lost to the eternal future He has prepared for us, let us pray to the Lord:		
C	Lord, have mercy.		
P	For the preservation of Matthew, our Synod president;, our district president;, our circuit visitor; and all pastors, that they would bring us the message of salvation, which belongs to our heavenly Father and to the Lamb, let us pray to the Lord:		
C	Lord, have mercy.		
P	For our households, that our heavenly Father would bless husbands and wives, parents and children, and those who live alone with the assurance that He knows what we need, let us pray to the Lord:		
C	Lord, have mercy.		
P	For wisdom, that Donald, our president;, our governor; and all who make, administer and judge our laws would make decisions that are pleasing unto our heavenly Father, who is worthy of all power, might and honor, let us pray to the Lord:		
C	Lord, have mercy.		

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peace, let us pray to the Lord:

For those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, that in faithfulness they would approach the altar, trust the words of Christ, and receive His body and blood for the sustenance of their bodies and souls, let us pray to the Lord:

For the sick, the homebound, those who mourn and all the afflicted, [especially

compassion keep them in the true faith until the day of final deliverance, health and

, that God would give them strength to endure in their suffering and in His

C Lord, have mercy.

- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For all God's chosen people whom He has knit together in the one mystical body of His Son, that He would give His whole Church in heaven and on earth His light and peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- Standing with those of every tribe and nation before the throne and before the Lamb, we rejoice and cry out: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb. Ho Him be the glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

OFFERING

If you'd like to give electronically with your offering, please see the back of the bulletin for details on donating through Zelle or Thrivent.

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OFFERTORY 955 LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL





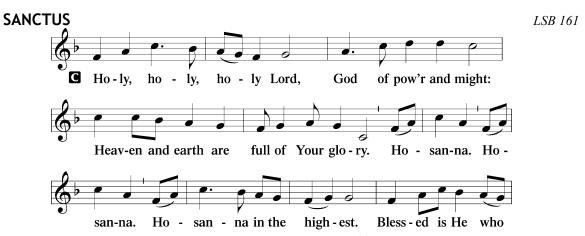
+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

PREFACE LSB 160



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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

LSB 161

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

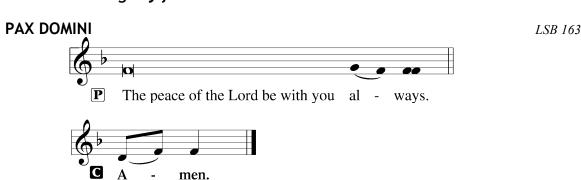
- Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

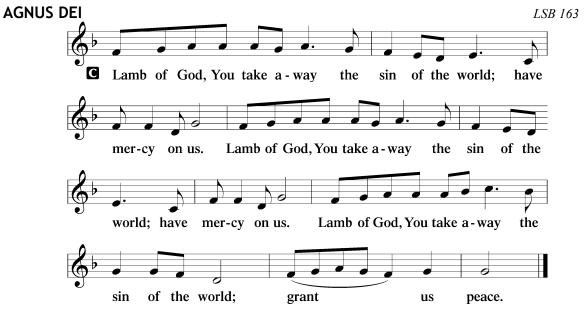
 In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed
- for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

 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.
- P 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

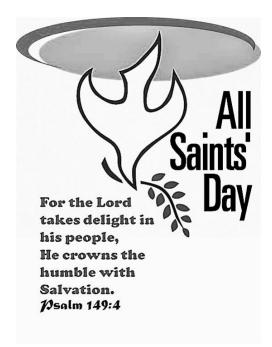
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.





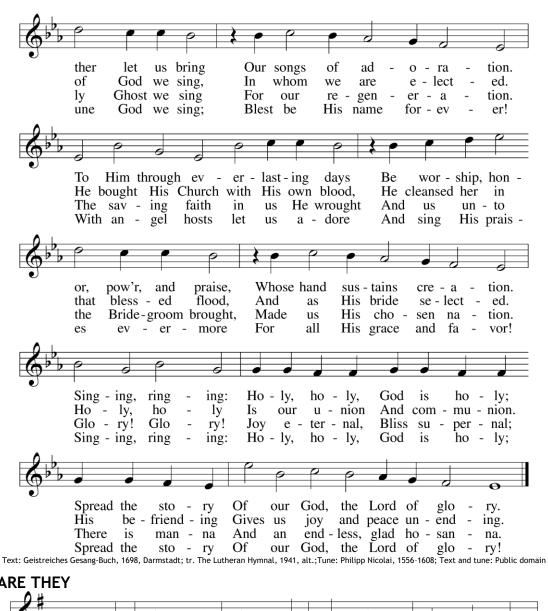
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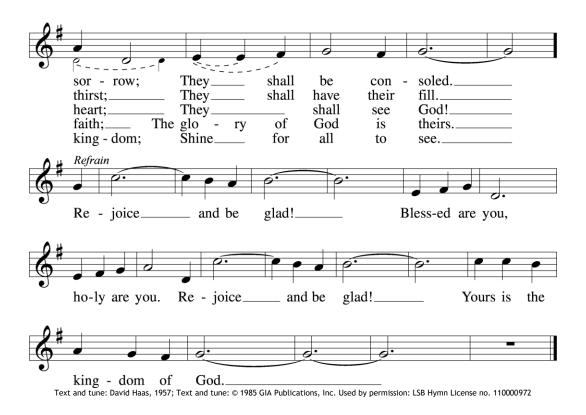
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 822 ALLELUIA! LET PRAISES RING





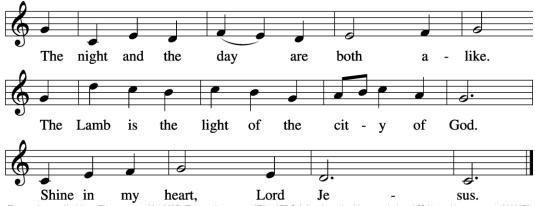






411 I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT



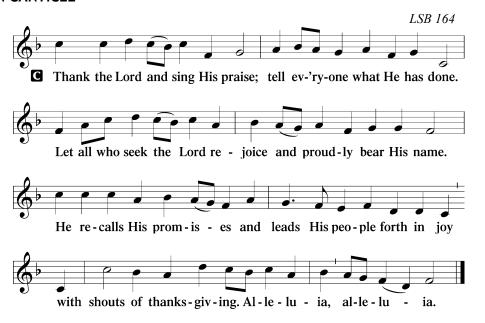


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Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

THANK THE LORD



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.

BENEDICTION LSB 166

- C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 817 EARTH AND ALL STARS



Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Athlete and band!
Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Refrain

VERSE 6

Knowledge and truth! Loud-sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son!
Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Refrain

VERSE 7

Children of God, dying and rising, Sing to the Lord a new song! Heaven and earth, Hosts everlasting, Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17; Luke 20:27-40

SAINT DAYS, FEAST DAYS, & COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, November 8th: Johannes von Staupitz – Luther's Father Confessor

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (ESV)

"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

Serving THIS week (2nd): Serving NEXT week (9th):

OFFICIANT	Pastor Wareham	OFFICIANT	Pastor Wareham
LECTOR	John Obermann	LECTOR	Bob Gordon
COMM. ASST.	Mike DiMarco	COMM. ASST.	Paul Hill
ALTAR CARE	Donna Berg	ALTAR CARE	Donna Berg
ACOLYTE	Don Brugel	ACOLYTE	Deb Gordon
GREETER	Heather Miller	GREETER	Kelly Berg
USHER 1	Lisa Hill	USHER 1	Curt Fahsholz
USHER 2	Donna Berg	USHER 2	Don Brugel
ELDER	Paul Hill	ELDER	Mike DiMarco
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
	6:00	Ladies' Potluck Bible Study
WED	11 - 3	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
THURS	9 - 12	LWML Quilter's Group with Devotional