

# *Messiah Lutheran Church*

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*"We have found the Messiah"*

*John 1: 41b*

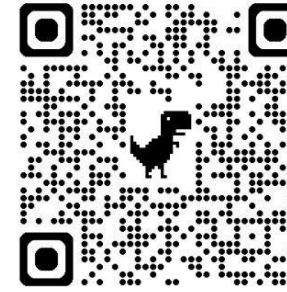
## WELCOME VISITORS!

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).
- **INVITATION TO COMMUNION** 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 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> in the **Pine Tree House**.  
Sundays at 9:15 am: Sunday School: Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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**.

Welcome



Give Online to Messiah!  
Scan code with your  
phone & follow  
directions.



- Art & Recreation: Coloring materials, journals, games, puzzles, stuffed animals, vision board or activity kits
- Household: Laundry pods, toilet paper, hand soap, paper towels, garbage bags, reusable water bottles, baby Playpens, bouncers, garden tools or equipment, grocery store gift cards, baby-proofing supplies



### **CALLING ALL CRAFTERS & BAKERS!**

The LWML Christmas Bazaar is fast approaching! As always, we're looking for talented hands to help stock our tables with handmade gifts and delicious baked goods. If you love to craft or bake, now's the time to get started! Please let Kay know what you can contribute.

### **IT'S TODAY! CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Mark your calendars! A Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the morning service. We hope all members can attend—your voice and presence matter!

**Scan to give today,  
Your kindness lights the way.  
Every gift, no matter how small,  
Helps us share God's love with all.**

## **ELEVENTH 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**

*"And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."*  
**Luke 13:30**

We often like to think that we know who will be in heaven based on a set of worldly criteria. But Jesus reminds us here that only He truly knows, and that there is only one heavenly criterion: who He knows and who knows Him.

We know Jesus through our faith, and He knows us through that same faith in Him—a knowledge that we are sinners and need a Savior, and that Jesus Christ is that Savior. Therefore, the kingdom of heaven will not be made of those who are perfect by earthly standards, but rather those who are made perfect according to heavenly standards by the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

### **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.  
**C** 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

- 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.
- Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

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



*“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*

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
	10:30	Worship with Holy Communion

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Luke 13:26

*“Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ”* Proximity to Jesus and the things of faith is not faith itself. Many Pharisees heard His Word but ignored it and refused to believe in it. We want to be not only hearers, but also doers of Jesus' Word. We want not only proximity to Jesus, but true communion with Him. We want to hear Him, follow Him, praise Him and return thanks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

LWML DONATION OPPORTUNITY

Safe Harbor Center has shared a list of ongoing needs. Kay Vincent and Sandy Bingham will be attending the LWML Retreat at St. Simon’s this September and will personally deliver all donations received.

A summarized list is below, and a full copy is available on the table in the narthex. Please place donations in the LWML purple box. Thank you for your generosity! Most-Needed Items:

- Clothing (all sizes): Underwear, socks, sports bras, gloves, pants, t-shirts
- Hygiene: Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, nail clippers, lotion, ChapStick, razors & shaving cream
- Linens: Twin sheets, comforters, towels, and washcloths
- Baby Supplies: Diapers, baby formula, baby blankets, bibs, and clothes
- Pantry: Canned food, rice, noodles, beans, cake or muffin mixes, oatmeal

CLOSING HYMN  
791 ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

Musical notation for hymn 791, All People That on Earth Do Dwell. The lyrics are: 1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our 3 O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mer - cy Δ 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His aid He did us make. We are His folk, He joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice. doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take. name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do. firm - ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure. an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

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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: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proverbs 25:2-10; Hebrews 13:1-17; Luke 14:1-14

SAINT DAYS, FEAST DAYS, & COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK  
August 24<sup>th</sup>: St Bartholomew – Apostle  
August 27<sup>th</sup>: Monica – Mother of Augustine  
August 28<sup>th</sup>: Augustine of Hippo – Pastor & Theologian  
August 29<sup>th</sup>: The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

ENTRANCE HYMN  
804 O WORSHIP THE KING

sts. 1–4

Musical notation for hymn 804, O Worship the King. The lyrics are: 1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove. 2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, 3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told, 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love; Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space; Al - might - y, Thy pow'r hath found - ed of old, It breathes in the air, it shines in the light, Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days, His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form, Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree, It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain, Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise. And dark is His path on the wings of the storm. And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea. And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

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Psalm 117; antiphon: Psalm 96:6a; 115:18

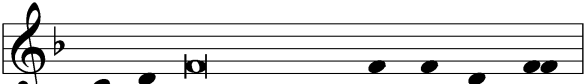
Splendor and majesty are before him; we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.  
Praise the LORD!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

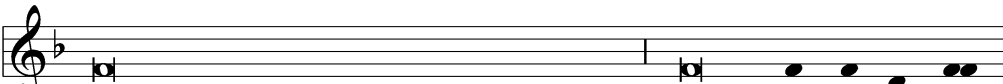
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KYRIE


LSB 152

  
**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

  
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

  
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

  
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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.

  
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

  
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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

- 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.
- C** Amen.

680 THINE THE AMEN, THINE THE PRAISE

1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -  
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the  
3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the  
4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the  
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more

lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head  
prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree  
ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee  
won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise  
dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree

Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the  
Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the  
Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly

sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the  
rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the  
sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the  
sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the  
ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the

vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.  
splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

**C** A - men.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154

**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

638 EAT THIS BREAD

*Refrain*

Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and nev - er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

*Cantor or Choir*

1 This is His bod - y giv - en for you; this is His blood that was shed for you.

2 As of-ten as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death un-til He comes a-gain.

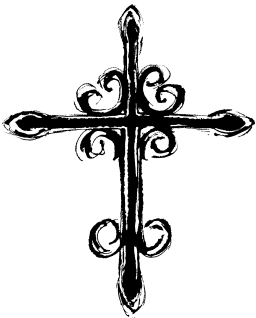
3 Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day.

4 An - y - one who eats this bread will live for - ev - er.

*Refrain*

5 If we be-lieve and eat this bread, we will have e - ter - nal life.


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DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS  
433 GLORY BE TO JESUS



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!  
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

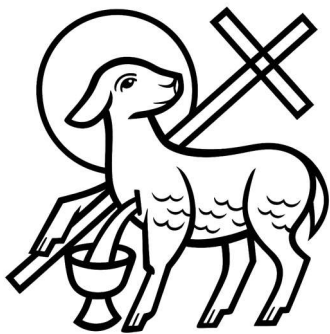
Verse 5

Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.


Verse 6

Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

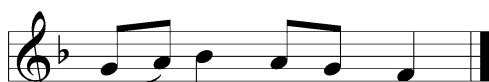
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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY




**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.  
O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 66:18–23

<sup>18</sup>“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, <sup>19</sup>and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup>And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

<sup>22</sup>“For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain.

<sup>23</sup>From new moon to new moon,  
and from Sabbath to Sabbath,  
all flesh shall come to worship before me,  
declares the LORD.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*Hebrews 12:4–24*

### Do Not Grow Weary

<sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup>And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

<sup>6</sup>For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

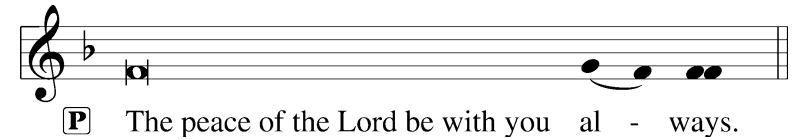
<sup>7</sup>It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup>If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup>Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup>For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup>For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup>and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup>Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup>See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; <sup>16</sup>that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup>For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

## LORD'S PRAYER

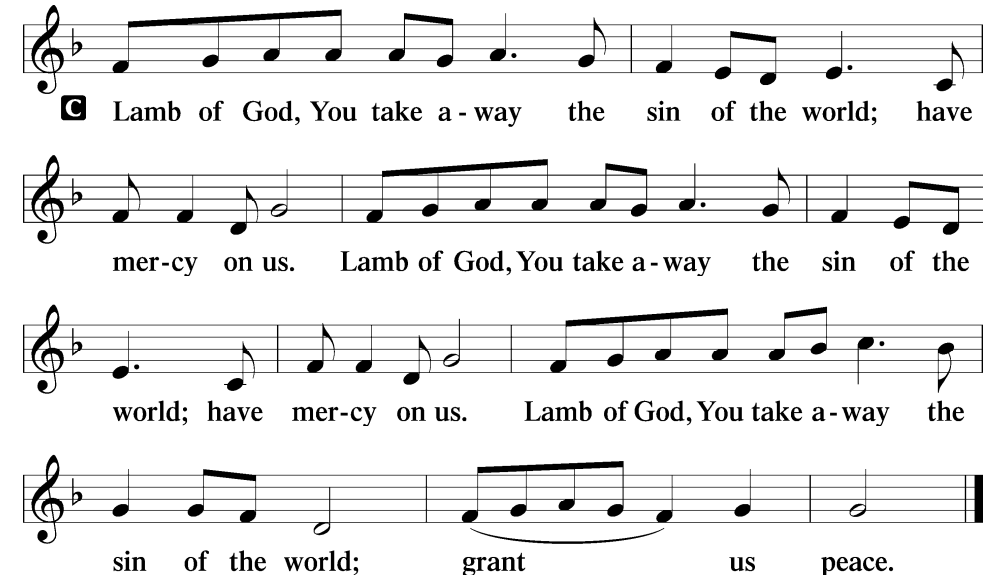
**C** *Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine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

## PAX DOMINI



## AGNUS DEI

*LSB 163*



*Sit*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

**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

**P** 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  $\text{✝}$  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  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**P** 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:

A Kingdom That Cannot Be Shaken

<sup>18</sup>For you have not come to what may 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 no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” <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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:22–30

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

The Narrow Door

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, <sup>24</sup>“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup>When once

the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ <sup>26</sup>Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ <sup>27</sup>But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ <sup>28</sup>In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup>And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

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

*Sit*

## 516 WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING

1 “Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing,” The watch - men on the  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, And all her heart with  
 3 Now let all the heav’ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels

heights are cry - ing; “A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!”  
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals’ clear - est tone.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing  
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in  
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the

cry re - joic - es: “Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?  
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris’n, her light is come.  
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

- 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 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:

## SANCTUS

*LSB 161*

**C** 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.

OFFERTORY  
955 LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

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.

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+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And al - so with you.

LSB 160

The Bride - groom comes, a-wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!  
Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,  
No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might  
Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your-selves pre - pare  
Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall  
Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly  
To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."  
To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.  
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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SERMON

Pastor Stephen Wareham

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**C** 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** God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, grant us repentant faith to strive to enter ever more deeply into Your blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation. By the witness of Your saints, gather many from the very corners of this world to enter Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, prosper Your Church, the preaching of the Word, and the work of all pastors and church workers. Guide and strengthen the catechumens and all who teach and learn Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, You have called fathers to bring up their children in Your fear and love. Sanctify and sustain them through Your Word, that they would lovingly discipline their children and so show forth Your own divine care for Your baptized children. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Eternal King, the kingdoms and nations of this world rise and fall while Your Church remains before You. Give Your Church a holy confidence in Your eternal life so she fears no worldly threat and ministers to the nations boldly and faithfully. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, bless all those who care for the sick and attend to the dying; all those who care for our children; and our police, firefighters, emergency personnel and disaster-relief workers. Increase our generous support of those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, be with the sick and those who suffer, those troubled in mind or heart, the grieving in their sorrow, and the dying in their last days on earth. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** (Special Petitions)
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Merciful God, bring together all who come from east and west and from north and south to recline at Your table this day to feast upon the body and blood of Jesus, the Mediator of the New Testament, that the speaking of Your Word would strengthen and sustain them in the one true faith. Grant them Your abundant blessing in the kingdom of God. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, we give thanks to You for St. Bartholomew and for Your prophets, apostles and faithful people in every age. Have mercy on us and keep us steadfast in their fellowship to the end. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, You have drawn to Yourself believers from all nations and sanctified them in Holy Baptism as priests and Levites in Your Church. Fortify their faith and embolden their witness, that many may be gathered into the new heavens and new earth; 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*

## OFFERING

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*Stand*

