

Fiscal 2024-25 YTD Income v. Expenses - Week 52	
Income Fiscal YTD (includes designated gifts)*	\$ 194,479.45
Expenses Fiscal YTD	\$ 214,483.73
Variance Fiscal YTD	\$ (20,004.28)
Funds Collected to Date vs Budget	\$ 170,287.57
Budget Goal Fiscal YTD**	\$ 217,515.20
Below Budget Goal to Date**	(47,227.63)
**We remain below goal.	

Messiah Lutheran Church

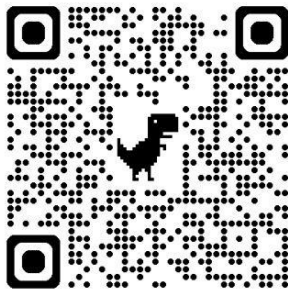
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST, 2025

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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 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**.

Welcome

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.
 - Gary West: Karin Boles' neighbor, Guillain-Barré Syndrome.
 - Donald Barnes: Ken Eldridge's cousin, stage 4 colon cancer.
 - Chuck Thomas: Cindy Hodge's friend, recovering from heart attack.
 - Pastor Gary Bowman (FLGA District): Recovering from surgery.
 - Loriane Baker: Cathy Deyo friend; recovering from heart attack.
 - Leslie McGhin: recovering from surgery and Walt McGhin: health concerns.
 - Tom Jenkins: health concerns.
 - Christina: Friend of the Rothas: diagnosed with cancer and being treated.
 - Martin Fluder: Had surgery on August 19th and ongoing health issues.
 - Linda Leinwol: sister of Mary Beth Francis, ongoing prayers needed.
 - Circuit Visitor: Pastor Bert Matlock's mom, Doris, health issues.
 - Rita Norman: friend of the Francis', diagnosed with cancer.
 - Donna McClintock: friend of the Mitchells, battling cancer.
 - Mary Shufeldt: Cathy Deyo's aunt, in NY rehab, had a fall.
 - Jenny Klement: Gary Klement's daughter-in-law, lymphoma.
 - Terri Davis: friend of Gail Carroll, stroke & severely diabetic.
 - Ron Poitras: friend of Sandy Bingham, bladder cancer.
 - Nancy & Jim P.: friends of the DiMarcos, family in crisis.
 - Traci Fix: friend of Sandy Bingham, starting radiation.
 - Sonia Vance: Eldridge's son's girlfriend, ongoing health concerns.
 - Ruth Ann Clements: Aunt of L. Hill & L. Pellicone: in remission
- Nursing Home/Homebound:**
- Mary Kinchen: homebound.
 - Don Sullens: Diagnosed with lung cancer and leukemia.
 - Dennis Kluball: at The Orchard.
 - Steven Keller: homebound.
 - Barbe Fahsholz: at The Canopy, room 241.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Luke 14:11

“For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Psalm 111:10). That’s called humility. The Lord is God and we are not. With that in mind, how could we not seek to follow His Word in all aspects of life? He knows what He is talking about and we don’t. If you believe that, then striking out on a path of faithfulness in the realm of stewardship is a lot easier: it just makes sense.

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
- 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

LOOSE CHANGE REMINDER: COMING NEXT WEEK!

A jar of coins, both old and new,
Can do great things - thanks to you!
Thank you for helping us care!



Next Sunday, September 7th, it’s time once more,
To give your pennies, nickels, and dimes galore!

**TWELFTH 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

Luke 14:11- “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

In this world, sitting at the head of the table is always the goal. Being in charge and running the show is what the world tells us we should strive for. But here, Jesus gives us an insight into the Kingdom of God: those who place themselves at the head of the table will be humbled, and those who are already humble will be exalted. As Christians, we already have someone who sits at the head of the table, who is in charge - Jesus Christ. Our place is as humble servants, and when we serve, God promises that we will receive a place of honor at His heavenly table.

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C 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

P 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.”*

When your host
sees you,
he will say,



Friend,
move up higher.

L u k e 1 4 : 1 0

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Deuteronomy 30:15 – 20; Philemon 1 – 21; Luke 14:25 – 35

SAINT DAYS, FEAST DAYS, & COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

September 1st: Joshua, leader of Israel after Moses
September 2nd: Hannah, mother of Samuel
September 3rd: Gregory the Great, pastor and teacher of the Church
September 4th: Moses, prophet and lawgiver of Israel
September 5th: Zacharias and Elizabeth, parents of John the Baptist

“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 (31 st):		Serving NEXT week (7 th):	
OFFICIANT	Pastor Wareham	OFFICIANT	Pastor Wareham
LECTOR	Bo Miller	LECTOR	Lisa Hill
COMM. ASST.	Paul Hill	COMM. ASST.	Larry Lorden
ALTAR CARE	Cathy Deyo	ALTAR CARE	Donna Berg
ACOLYTE	Don Brugel	ACOLYTE	PJ Hill
GREETER	Karin Boles	GREETER	Kelly Berg
USHER 1	George Vincent	USHER 1	Don Brugel
USHER 2	Ed Sheeley	USHER 2	Ed Sheeley
ELDER	Mike DiMarco	ELDER	Paul Hill
ORGAN/PIANO	Kay Vincent	ORGAN/PIANO	Kay Vincent

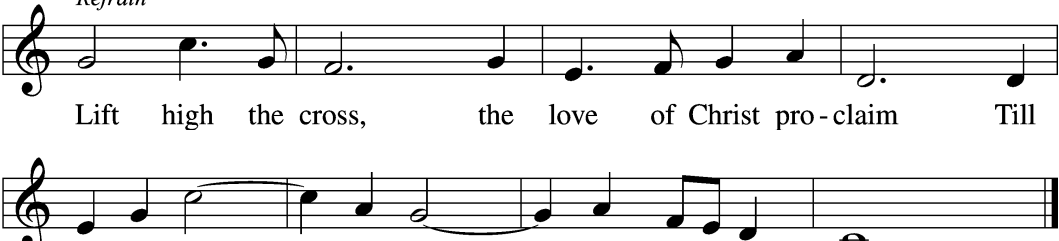
THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH LUTHERAN

TUES 10:00 Bible Study with Pastor
6:00 Men’s Potluck Bible Study
THURS 9:00 LWML Quilter’s Group with Devotional
SUN 9:00 Bible Study & Sunday School
10:30 Worship with Holy Communion


837 Lift High the Cross

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Refrain




Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till
all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

Refrain



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com-bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

VERSE 5

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

VERSE 6

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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DISMISSAL

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

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

ENTRANCE HYMN

675 OH, WHAT THEIR JOY



1 Oh, what their joy and their glo - ry must be,
2 In new Je - ru - sa - lem joy shall be found,
3 We, where no trou - ble dis - trac - tion can bring,
△ 4 Now let us wor - ship our Lord and our King,



Those end-less Sab - baths the bless - ed ones see!
Bless - ings of peace shall for - ev - er a - bound;
Safe - ly the an - them of Zi - on shall sing;
Joy - ful - ly rais - ing our voic - es to sing:



Crowns for the val - iant, to wea - ry ones rest;
Wish and ful - fill - ment are not sev - ered there,
While for Your grace, Lord, their voic - es of praise
Praise to the Fa - ther, and praise to the Son,

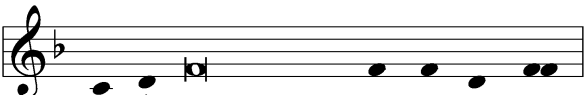


God shall be all, and in all ev - er blest.
Nor the things prayed for come short of the prayer.
Your bless - ed peo - ple shall ev - er - more raise.
Praise to the Spir - it, to God, Three in One.

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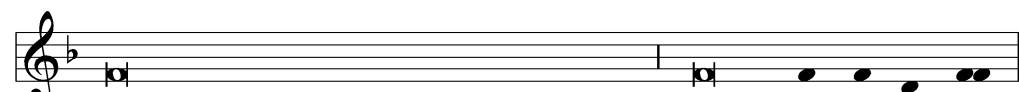
LSB 152



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.



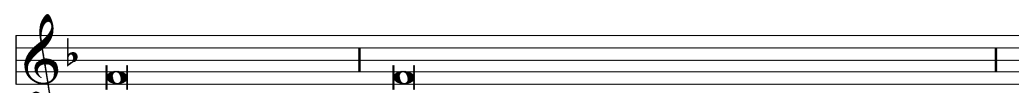
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,




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.

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.

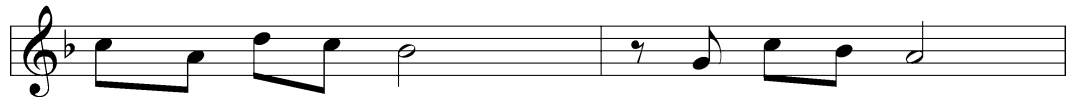
C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

629 WHAT IS THIS BREAD



1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y
2 What is this wine? The blood of
3 So who am I, That I should
4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By
5 Is this for me? I am for -



ris - en from the dead: This bread we break,
Je - sus shed for mine; The cup of grace
live and He should die Un - der the rod?
Word and prom - ise clear, In mouth and soul
giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve



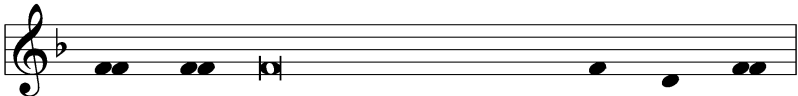
This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -
Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til I
My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en
He makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His



lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.
sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.
me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.
meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.
blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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Stand



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.

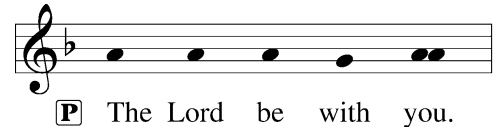


You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



G And al - so with you.

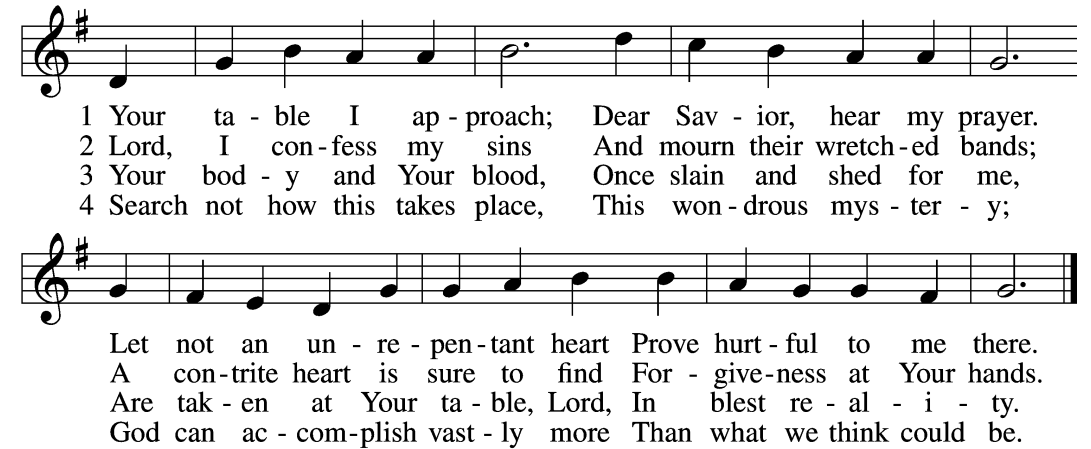
P Let us pray.
 O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

Sit

628 YOUR TABLE I APPROACH



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
 2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
 3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
 4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;
 Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
 A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
 Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
 God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

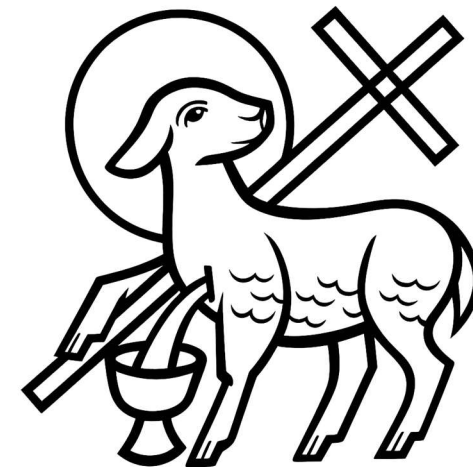
VERSE 5

O grant, most blessèd Lord,
 That earth and hell combined
 May not about this sacrament
 Raise doubt within my mind.

VERSE 6

Oh, may I never fail
 To thank You day and night
 For Your true body and true blood,
 O God, my peace and light.

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DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS


626 COME, LET US EAT

Leader



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word,

All



Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
In His pres - ence now we meet and rest.
Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word.

Leader



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom,

All



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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 25:2-10

- ²It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.
- ³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable.
- ⁴Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel;
- ⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness.
- ⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great,
- ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
- What your eyes have seen ⁸do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame?
- ⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret,
- ¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

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

PSALM

Psalms 131; antiphon: v. 2

I Have Calmed and Quieted My Soul

- ¹O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.
- ²But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.
- ³O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 13:1-17

Sacrifices Pleasing to God

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁶So we can confidently say,

“The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?”

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

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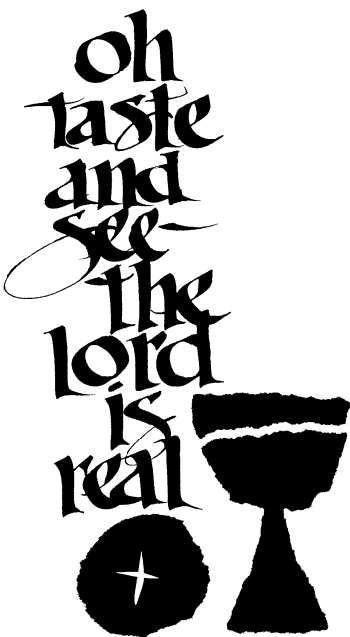
Stand

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

C 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.

Sit



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 ✝ 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.”

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

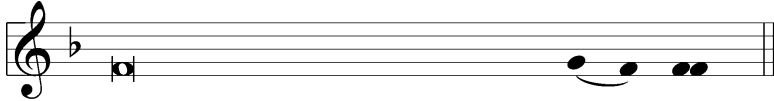
C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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:

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



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Healing of a Man on the Sabbath

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

The Parable of the Wedding Feast

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

The Parable of the Great Banquet

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you

give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

842 SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR

1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and

truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us

Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your

glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our

love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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SANCTUS

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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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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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.

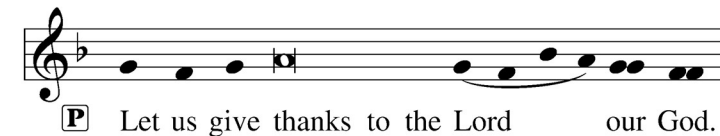
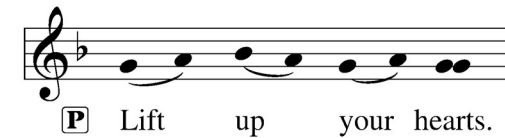
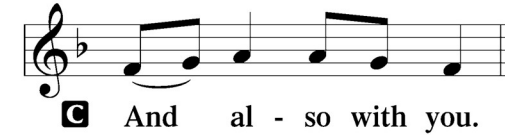
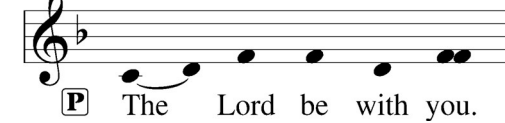
Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with 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.

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

PREFACE

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[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:

SERMON

Pastor Stephen Wareham

Stand

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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] Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Heavenly Father, through the humiliation of Your Son, You have called us to a place at Your heavenly table. Teach us to treasure this place of honor and so to spurn the foolish honors of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

[C] **hear our prayer.**

[P] Merciful Lord, Your Son has come to us who have offended Him, called us to repentance and offered us His forgiveness. Teach us to trust His love whenever we offend Him and to go to His house to be forgiven by those called to forgive in His name. Lord, in Your mercy,

[C] **hear our prayer.**

- P** Almighty God, grant mercy to Your Holy Church here and throughout the world and to all who confess the Christ, that unity of the Church in doctrine and practice may abound. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, You have established the family and the home to be a place where we learn, care and extend Your love to one another. We come to You on behalf of Your people, asking that You would visit and bless our homes. Strengthen and restore our relationships through the healing power of forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Righteous judge, bless our nation and those who lead us in this land, and guide those who serve on behalf of this people. Watch over all nations, that justice and peace may reign. Grant courage to Christians to endure in faith in times of test, trial and persecution. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Gracious God, we commend to You all who pass through difficult circumstances: the lonely and the persecuted, the imprisoned and the addicted, those suffering from mental distress and those suffering from bodily affliction [*especially*_____]. Comfort them with Your promise that You will never leave or forsake them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** (Special Petitions)
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Divine Master, You prepare for us a heavenly feast this day. Grant us faith to cherish this banquet of forgiveness, life and salvation and, being honored by a place at Your table, inspire us to spurn all the small and fleeting honors of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C** **Amen.**

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Stand

OFFERTORY

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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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