

# BUT THE WORD of GOD IS NOT CHAINED

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"Serve the Lord with gladness!"

Psalm 100:2

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# 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 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.



Fiscal 2025-26 YTD Income v. Expenses - Week 04	
Lowest Income week of the year to date	
Income Fiscal YTD (includes designated gifts)*	\$ 12,005.15
Expenses Fiscal YTD	\$ 15,722.24
Variance Fiscal YTD*	\$ (3,717.09)
Funds Collected to Date vs Budget Plan	\$ 11,405.15
Budget Planned Goal Fiscal YTD**	\$ 17,375.01
Below Budget Goal to Date**	\$ (5,969.86)
**We remain below goal.	

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### **♥** LADIES BIBLE STUDY KICKS OFF! **♥**

It's finally here! THIS COMING TUESDAY, October 14th at 6:00 PM, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for the very first session of our Ladies Bible Study.

Bring your Bible, a dish to share, and your joyful spirit as we dive into God's Word together. Come ready for fellowship, faith, and fun—we can't wait to see you there!

#### **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:

Connor Montgomery, Devin Parrish, Robin Schmidt, Bryan & Hannah Tordoff, Keith Crist, Eric Matlock, Matthew Francis, Jeff Kraushaar, Abbey Wolters, Catherine Hernandez & Grayson Coester.

### In Our Prayers:

- Shirley Nelson: Diagnosed with colon cancer; had surgery.
- o Gary West: Karin Boles' neighbor, Guillain-Barré Syndrome.
- o Donald Barnes: Ken Eldridge's cousin, stage 4 colon cancer.
- o Leslie McGhin: had surgery, and Walt McGhin: health concerns.
- o Tom Jenkins: health concerns.
- o Christina: Friend of the Rothas: being treated for cancer.
- $\circ$  Martin Fluder: ongoing health issues.
- o Linda Leinwol: sister of Mary Beth Francis, ongoing prayers needed.
- o Rita Norman: friend of the Francis', diagnosed with cancer.
- o Donna McClintock: friend of the Mitchells, battling cancer.
- o 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.
- o Nancy & Jim P.: friends of the DiMarcos, family in crisis.
- o Sonia Vance: Eldridge's son's girlfriend, ongoing health concerns.
- o Ruth Ann Clements: Aunt of L. Hill & L. Pellicone: in remission.
- Don & Judy DeWitt: ongoing health concerns.

#### **Nursing Home/Homebound:**

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

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION SUNDAY 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

"Serve the Lord with gladness!"

Psalm 100:2

Institutions have mottos to exemplify their mission and values. Messiah Lutheran Church's motto is "We have found the Messiah!" from John 1:4, which shows our commitment to proclaiming Jesus Christ to everyone; the Marines have "Semper Fidelis", for their commitment to God, Country, and Corps; and the Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) have Psalm 100:2 "Serve the Lord with gladness!" for the service they provide to God and the church and the joy with which they carry out that service. And so today we recognize the service that the women of Messiah Lutheran Church's LWML provide to both this church and the community of Valdosta, and the infectious joy with which they carry it out!

Serve the Lord with gladness indeed!

# 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

- 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.

## LWML LEAGUE PLEDGE (recited by the women of the congregation):

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us.

We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

#### **SHARING OF THE PEACE:**

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

#### **† THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH LUTHERAN †**

MON	6:00	Church Council Meeting
<b>TUES</b>	10:00	<b>Bible Study with Pastor</b>
	6:00	Men's Potluck Bible Study
	6:00	**NEW** Women's Potluck Bible Study
<b>THURS</b>	9 - 12	LWML Quilter's Group with Devotional
	5:30	Long-Range Planning Committee Meeting

#### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

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

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Prov. 9:10). 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? Once we see His love for us in the cross of Christ, how could we not trust Him? He knows what He is talking about, and we don't. He loves us and wants to bless us. 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 A MESSAGE FROM THE LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

After several meetings and multiple drafts, we have finally created a Vision Statement for our church! The Mission Statement reflects our united goal, and the Vision Statement helps to outline how we achieve that goal.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mission of Messiah Lutheran is to develop and grow our relationship with God, sharing Christ's love through Worship, Education, and Service, offering Peace and Fellowship with all.

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

Leading the way as a beacon of hope, where we nurture a Christ-centered life through ministry to our unique community to inspire, transform, and serve.

# **★** MITE BOX SUNDAY **★**

Every penny collected supports the mission grants of the LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League), helping to spread the Gospel and serve others around the world. Your faithful giving, whether through mites, prayers, or service, continues to bless ministries near and far. Look for the Mite Box in the Narthex to drop off your offering.

Thank you for being part of this mission work!

#### DISMISSAL

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

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#### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 32:22 – 30; 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5; Luke 18:1 – 8

#### SAINT DAYS, FEAST DAYS, & COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>: Ignatius of Antioch – Pastor & Martyr Thursday, October 18th: St. Luke – Evangelist

"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 (12th): Serving NEXT week (19th):

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OFFICIANT	Pastor Wareham	OFFICIANT	Pastor Wareham
LECTOR	Laura Pellicone	LECTOR	John Obermann
COMM. ASST.	Lisa Hill	COMM. ASST.	Paul Hill
ALTAR CARE	Donna Berg	ALTAR CARE	Cathy Deyo
ACOLYTE	Elena Pellicone	ACOLYTE	Bo Miller
GREETER	Karin Boles	GREETER	Kelly Berg
USHER 1	Donna Berg	USHER 1	Curt Fahsholz
USHER 2	Carol Walters	USHER 2	George Vincent
ELDER	Charlie Francis	ELDER	Larry Lorden
ORGAN/PIANO	Kay Vincent	ORGAN/PIANO	Kay Vincent



#### +SERVICE OF THE WORD+

#### ENTRANCE HYMN

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#### INTROIT

Psalm 34:2-4, 17; antiphon: Psalm 48:1a

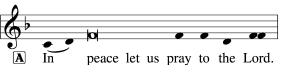
Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together! I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

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.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

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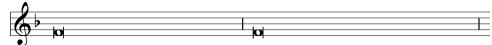
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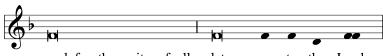
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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.

# CLOSING HYMN 662 ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS









#### 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

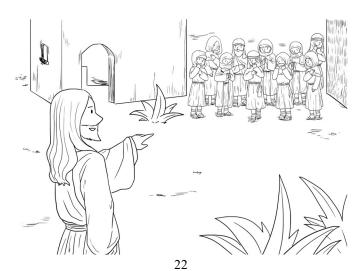
The Lord bless you and keep you.

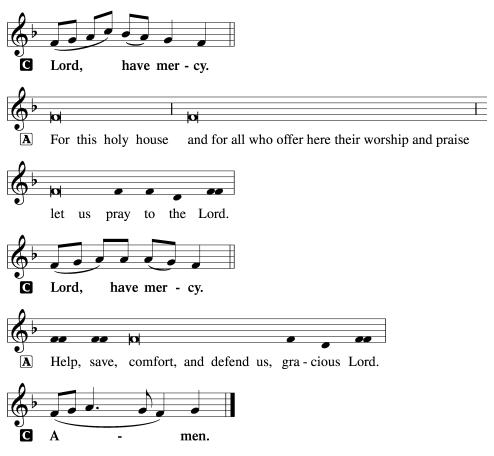
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

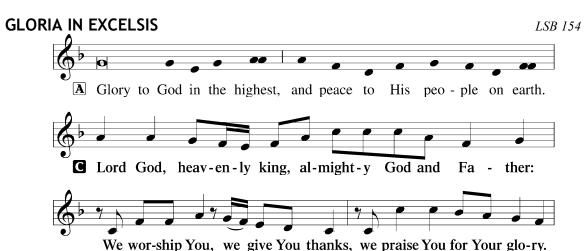
The Lord look upon you with favor and 

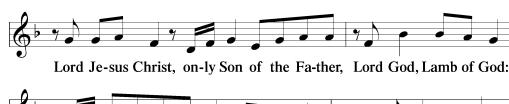
→ give you peace.

C Amen.











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.



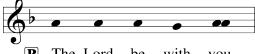
You a-lone are the Lord, For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One,



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



#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

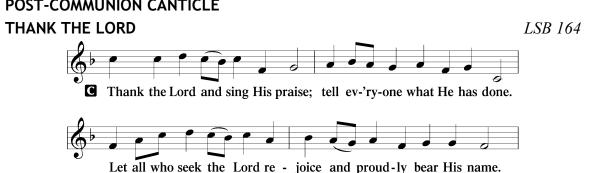
P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in



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#### 806 GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART



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faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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# OLD TESTAMENT READING Naomi Widowed

Ruth 1:1–19a

<sup>1</sup>In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. <sup>2</sup>The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup>But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup>and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

# Ruth's Loyalty to Naomi

<sup>6</sup>Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup>So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup>But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup>The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. <sup>10</sup>And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." <sup>11</sup>But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, <sup>13</sup>would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your

sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." <sup>14</sup>Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

<sup>15</sup>And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup>But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." <sup>18</sup>And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

#### Naomi and Ruth Return

<sup>19</sup>So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

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

**EPISTLE** 2 *Timothy 2:1–13* 

#### A Good Soldier of Christ Jesus

<sup>1</sup>You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup>Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup>No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. <sup>5</sup>An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup>It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. <sup>7</sup>Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

<sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him; <sup>12</sup>if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; <sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

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

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

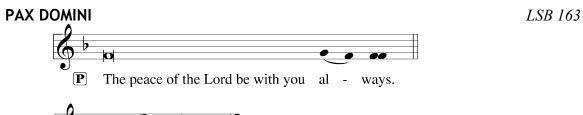
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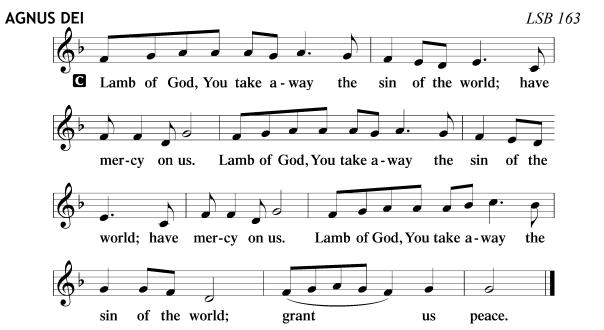


#### LORD'S PRAYER

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.







Stand



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 17:11–19

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

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

# **Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers**

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." <sup>14</sup>When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup>and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup>Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**







846 YOUR HAND, O LORD, IN DAYS OF OLD









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**SERMON** 

Pastor Stephen Wareham

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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.

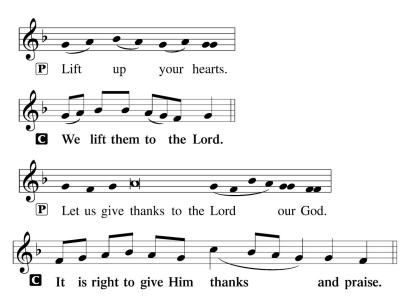
C Amen.

#### 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."

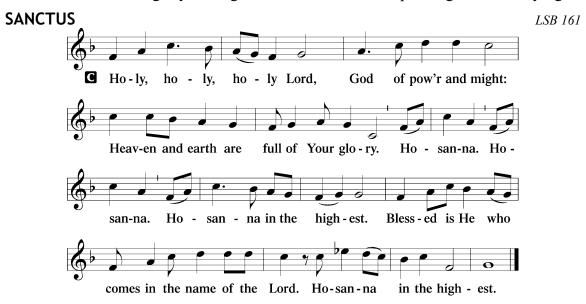
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- 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:



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:



**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** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For a thankful heart, that we may not forget the Lord's kindness nor presume His mercy; for a giving spirit, that we may be preserved from selfishness and jealousy; and for a new and contrite heart, that we may love God above all and love our neighbors as ourselves, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the pastors who speak to us in God's name and administer His Sacraments to us; for those preparing for this ministry; for those who are considering church-work vocations; and for the seminaries, colleges, universities and schools where our church workers learn and are being formed for service to us, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

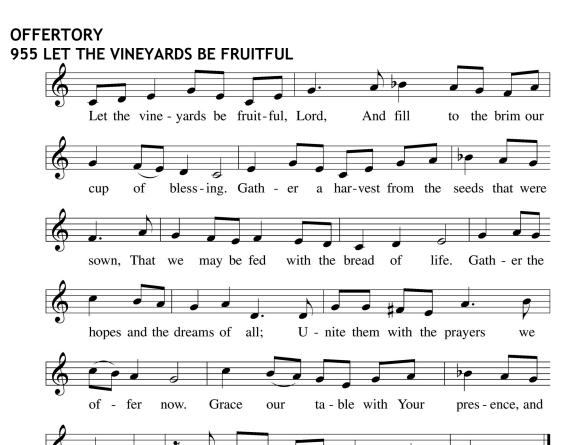
- For adult children who care for their parents, that God would sustain them in wisdom and compassion; and for their parents, that they might accept needed assistance with a humble spirit, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.
- For those who are single and desire marriage, that God would be their companion in their solitude and provide them a godly spouse and family according to His will, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.
- For those in authority, that God, who provides all that we need for this body and life, would maintain order through their efforts and give them wisdom, justice and compassion, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.
- For those in need of help, [especially that the Lord would hear their prayers and deliver them from all their troubles and fears, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.
- (Special Petitions)
- Lord, have mercy.
- For the Holy Spirit and faith, that we may worthily receive the blessed food of Christ's flesh and blood in this Sacrament; and for true unity of faith, that all may be one in doctrine and life and that this unity would be manifest at the table of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.
- All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him, with Him and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, forever and ever.
- Amen.

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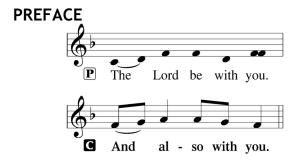


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