

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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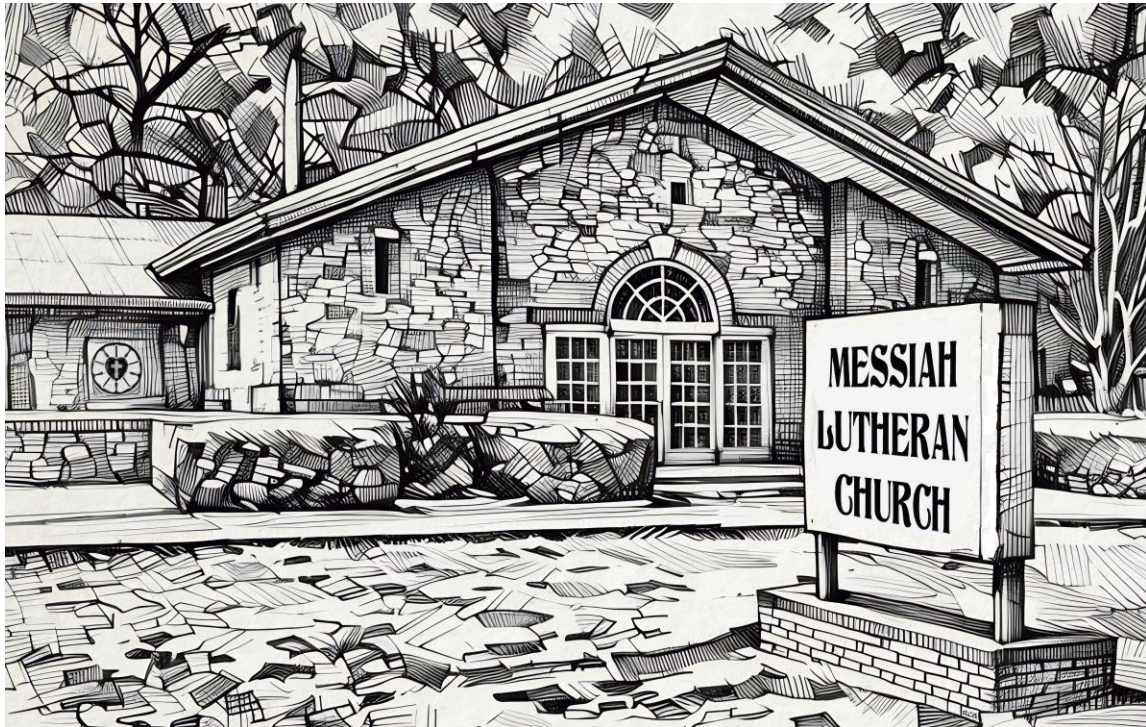
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*"We have found the Messiah"*

*John 1: 41b*

*Welcome*

**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).
- **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 **Fellowship Hall**.  
 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: Tuesdays with the Pastor Bible Study in the **Fellowship Hall**.  
 Tuesdays at 6:00 pm: Pastor’s Men’s Potluck Bible Study in the **Pine Tree House**.  
 Tuesdays at 12:00 pm: Women’s Potluck Bible Study in the **Pine Tree House**.

## THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST DIVINE SERVICE SETTING TWO

*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

“...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...” Romans 3:23 – 24

Our faith, our redemption, is a gift from God. We can do nothing to earn it or prove worthy of it or find it by our own power, because in our sin we are corrupted beyond our own power to fix. But our God is gracious, endlessly, unendingly gracious! He gives us His Son Jesus Christ to be our redeemer, and then He gives us the faith in Christ Jesus through which all His other great gifts come! All that we need is provided by our Father, now and always.

### 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.

## 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 PEACE:

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

## +SERVICE OF THE WORD+

### ENTRANCE HYMN

#### 549 ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;  
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,  
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da-vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



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The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

### VERSE 5

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
the wormwood and the gall,

Go, spread your trophies at His feet and crown Him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet and crown Him Lord of all.

### VERSE 6

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,

on this terrestrial ball  
 To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.  
 To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.

VERSE 7

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
 we at His feet may fall!  
 We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all.  
 We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all.

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KYRIE

LSB 168

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.  
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.  
**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 mercy.  
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mercy.  
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C** Amen.

Preaching  
 your story  
 gives  
 = God glory =

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 170

**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.

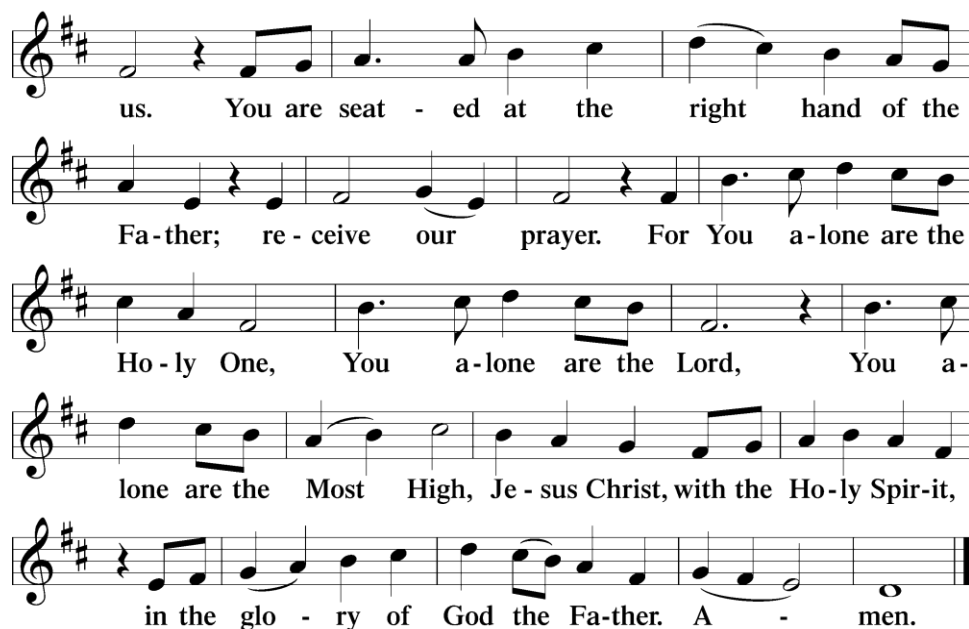
**C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and

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



### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; 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*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18*

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. . . .

<sup>15</sup>“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

<sup>17</sup>“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### EPISTLE

*1 Thessalonians 2:1 – 13*

<sup>1</sup>For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. <sup>2</sup>But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. <sup>3</sup>For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, <sup>4</sup>but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup>For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a

pretext for greed—God is witness. <sup>6</sup>Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. <sup>7</sup>But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. <sup>8</sup>So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

<sup>9</sup>For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. <sup>10</sup>You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers.

<sup>11</sup>For you know how, like a father with his children, <sup>12</sup>we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

<sup>13</sup>And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*LSB 173*



### HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 22:34–46*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

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

<sup>34</sup>When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. <sup>35</sup>And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” <sup>37</sup>And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup>This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

<sup>41</sup>Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, <sup>42</sup>saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” <sup>43</sup>He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, <sup>44</sup>“The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”?

<sup>45</sup>If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” <sup>46</sup>And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**



**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**411 I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT**

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.  
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.

The night and the day are both a - like.

The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



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## SERMON

PASTOR STEPHEN WAREHAM

*Stand*

## NICENE CREED

**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  $\text{✝}$  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.

Faithful and true God, You have set us free from sin by the blood of Your Son. Grant that we would love You with all our heart, soul and mind, and that we would love our neighbor as ourselves. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, guard and defend us and Your Holy Christian Church throughout the world, that we may be protected from the temptations of the devil, the world and our own sinful nature. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Gracious God, grant Your Holy Spirit to us and all who have wandered from the faith, that through Your people the erring might be called home to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord of all, Your works are beyond number. Bless parents as they recount these wondrous deeds to their children, that all might give thanks to You with their whole heart. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord God, bless Congress and the justices of our nation; Donald, our president; Brian Kemp, our governor; and all others in positions of civil authority. Lead them to administer their duties diligently in all godly wisdom, justice, compassion and contentment for the well-being of our nation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

- P** Merciful Lord, You do not forsake those who seek You. Look with kindness on all who cry to You for help and deliverance. Restore them to soundness and strength according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, You command Your people to be holy, and You make them holy in Christ. Gather them to the Holy Communion this day in repentance and faith, that they may receive His body and blood for their righteousness and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We thank You, Lord God, for all Your people who have gone before us and now rest in Your presence. Keep us faithful with them until that day when You make all things new. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## OFFERING

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

*Stand*

## 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

LSB 177

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

### PROPER PREFACE

- 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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 178

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. 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

LSB 178

- 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 ✠ 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

LSB 180

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 180

**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, grant us peace.

*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION

### 707 OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat-utes still!  
 2 Or - der my foot-steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin-cere;  
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict-er watch to keep;  
 4 Make me to walk in Thy com-mands—'Tis a de-light-ful road—

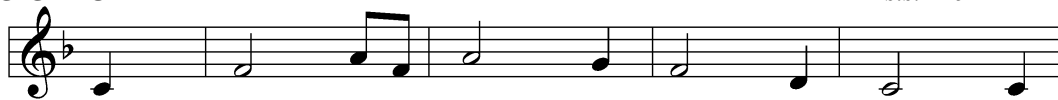


Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!  
 Let sin have no do-min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.  
 And should I e'er for-get Thy way, Re-store Thy wan-d'ring sheep.  
 Nor let my head or heart or hands Of-fend a-against my God.

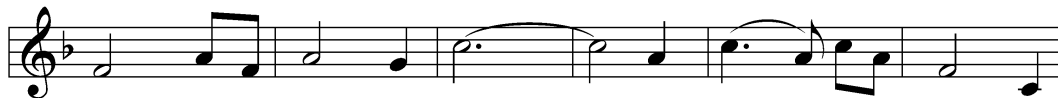
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### 744 AMAZING GRACE

*sts. 1–5*



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

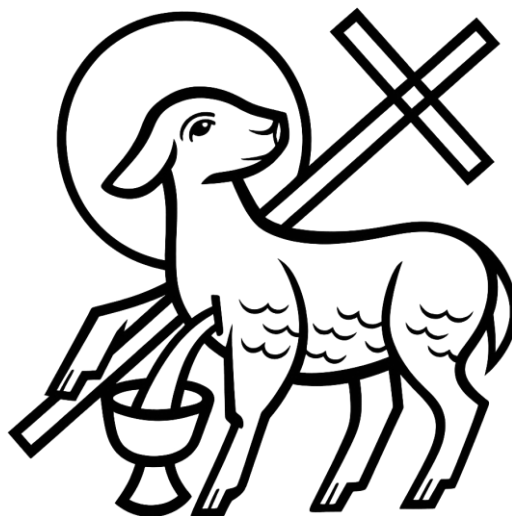


saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

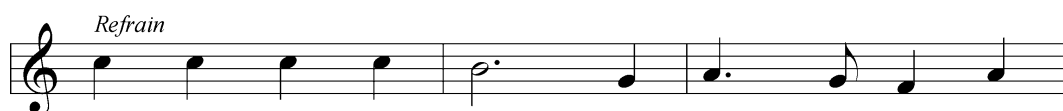
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## 547 THE LAMB


  
 1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.


  
 Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.  
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

*Refrain*  

  
 Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His  

  
 own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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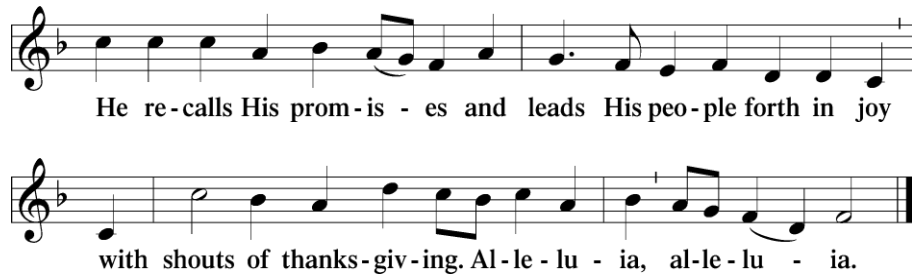
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## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE THANK THE LORD

LSB 164


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


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



## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**A** Let us pray.

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

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

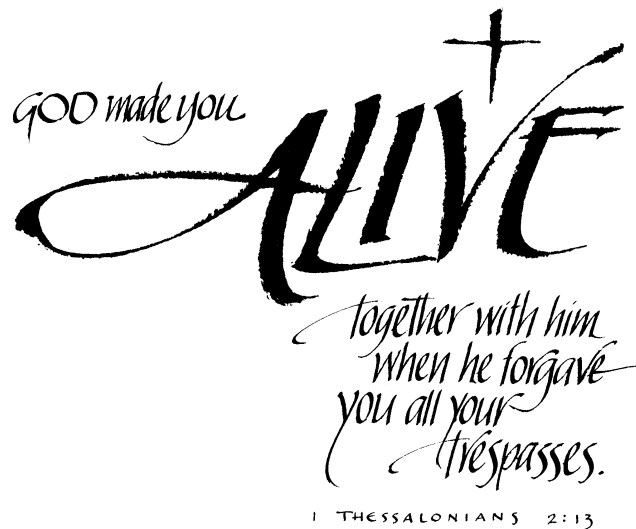
LSB 183

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

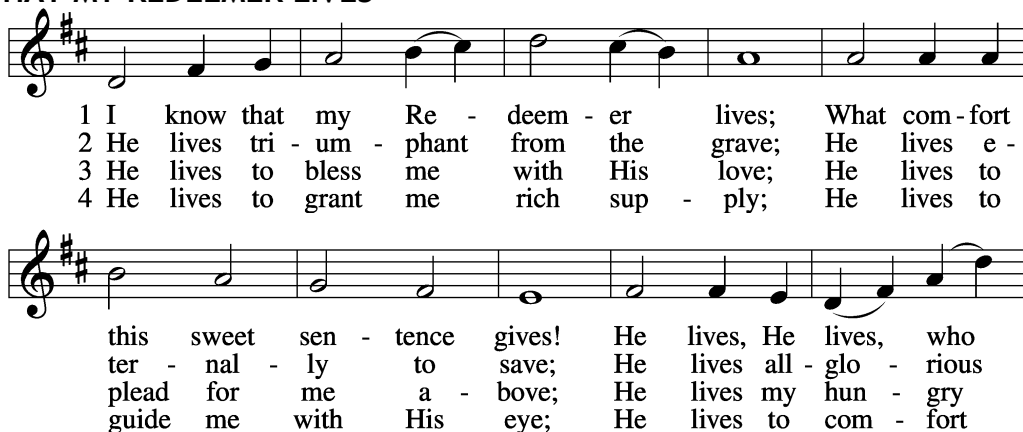
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

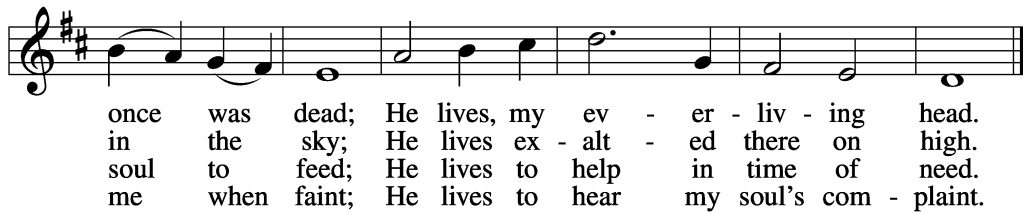
**C** Amen.



## CLOSING HYMN

### 461 I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES





VERSE 8

**He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

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**DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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

Sunday, October: 25<sup>th</sup>: Dorcas, Lydia, & Phoebe – Faithful women  
Mon, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>: Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heermann, & Paul Gerhardt – Hymnwriters  
Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>: St. Simon & St Jude – Apostles  
Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>: Reformation Day

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: All Saints' Day**

Revelation 7:9 – 17; 1 John 3:1 – 3; Matthew 5:1 – 12

*“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 †**

|              |               |                                                                |
|--------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>TUES</b>  | <b>10:00</b>  | ‘Tuesdays with the Pastor’ Bible Study                         |
|              | <b>12:00</b>  | Ladies Potluck Bible Study                                     |
|              | <b>6:00</b>   | Mens Potluck Bible Study                                       |
| <b>WED</b>   | <b>11 – 2</b> | Food Pantry – <b><u>VOLUNTEERS &amp; DONATIONS NEEDED!</u></b> |
| <b>THURS</b> | <b>9 – 12</b> | Quilter’s Group with Devotional                                |
|              | <b>6:00</b>   | Messiah Singers Practice                                       |



WHICH COMMANDMENT  
IN THE LAW  
IS THE GREATEST?

M A T T H E W 2 2 : 3 6

A quick scan's all it takes today,  
To help the church in a big way!  
Tap the code, lend us a hand—  
Faith grows strong when together we stand.



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



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LEVITICUS 19:18

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **🍷 OKTOBERFEST IS HERE! 🍷**

Get ready for an afternoon of **food, fellowship, and fun!** 🍷 🍷 **OKTOBERFEST IS TODAY!** 🍷 🍷

Guten Tag, Messiah family! The food, fellowship, and fun are happening TODAY, right after worship service!

@ Come hungry, bring your smiles, and get ready for a wunderbar afternoon with your Messiah family! ❤️ 🍷

“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!” – Psalm 133:1

**Thank you for helping make our Oktoberfest celebration a delicious, fun, and memorable afternoon for everyone!** 🍷



### **🔔 ALL SAINTS' DAY REMEMBRANCE SUBMISSIONS DUE TODAY**

On All Saints' Day, we remember and give thanks for loved ones who have gone before us. If you would like to honor someone, please submit names by TODAY so we can include them in the November 1st bulletin, either by emailing the church office or by completing a Saints Form at the table next to the office and placing it in the Prayer Box. Thank you for helping us honor the saints who have touched our lives.

### **IT'S LWML BAZAAR TIME AGAIN!!!!**

LWML BAZAAR – NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>. Join us from 8 am – 1 pm!

Handmade and baked good items donations may be dropped off on November 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 pm – 5 pm or November 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 7 pm. Please place your desired pricing on your items. **CALLING ALL BAKERS!** Please price and label baked goods, and indicate whether they contain nuts.

**SPECIAL INVITE FOR OUR MEMBERS TO SHOP:**

Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, from 5 – 7 pm! Members get first choice!

Questions? Contact Nan Boyd at 229-834-4881. Thank you!

The LWML Bazaar Ladies

**A THANKSGIVING OF THE HEART FROM THE DIMARCOS:**

**THANK YOU, MESSIAH FAMILY**

Mike and I want to share our thanks for your prayers, gifts, and donations in support of our grandson David Spencer. He is finally at home after four months of treatment.

David has a long road ahead, but we and his parents are deeply grateful to our Messiah family for your support. To God be all the glory for his grace and mercy!