

Growth in God's Garden  
Sunday



**SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024**

# **MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

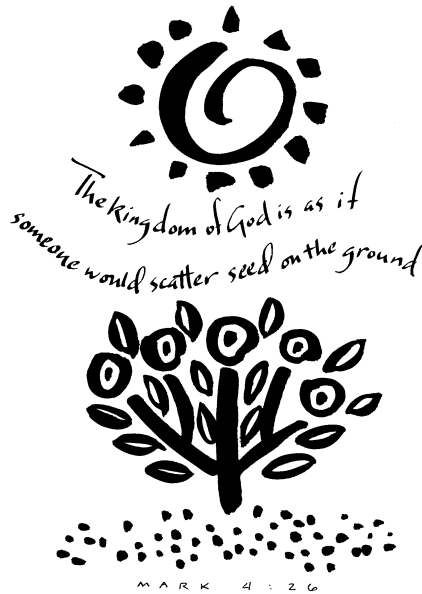
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## **WELCOME VISITORS!**

*We are pleased to meet you and have you visit with us today! Please sign our Guest Book located in the church entry way (Narthex) as well as completing 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 changing table is 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, and trusting in the promises of his Word, "—given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," 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 from 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 in the rack on the communion rail. 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**

Sunday – 9:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study – Fellowship Hall – studying the Minor Prophets – **Will resume July 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Sunday – 9:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study – led by Pastor – **Will Resume June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Sunday – 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School – Classroom (hallway outside of the Fellowship Hall) – Ages 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> Gr.

Sunday – 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School – Classroom (off the kitchen) – 6<sup>th</sup> Gr. – H.S.

Tuesday – 10:00 a.m. – Pastor's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall – "The Book of Concord"

A decorative cursive word "Welcome" with elegant flourishes and a long tail.

## **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

## DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR

*Messiah Lutheran Church is a place to worship for all to know Christ, be energized by the Gospel and share Christ's love.*

### AS WE GATHER

In today's Gospel lesson, Jesus tells the parable of a Sower and Seed and the Mustard Seed. In each case, the seed "sprouts and grows" and the sower does not know how it happens. So, it is for us who are the sowers of the seed - the Word of God. It has the smallest beginnings in God's fertile soil of His kingdom it grows and matures. Our job? To sow and let God attend the growing.

### PRELUDE & PERSONAL DEVOTION - *(Quiet Please)*

## + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

### EXHORTATION

*LSB 203*

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C **who made heaven and earth.**  
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**  
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 203

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**C** And also with you.

# + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

## ENTRANCE HYMN

### 790 - PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -  
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly  
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is  
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has  
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -  
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.  
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.  
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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## INTROIT

*Psalm 92:12-15; antiphon: v. 1*

- P It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High.
- C **The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**
- P They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.
- C **They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green, to declare that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.**
- C **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.**
- P It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

## KYRIE

*LSB 204*



**☐** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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

*Ezekiel 17:22-24*

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. <sup>24</sup>And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## MESSIAH SINGERS

**“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”**

Hanson

## EPISTLE

*2 Corinthians 5:1-17*

<sup>1</sup>We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup>if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup>He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

<sup>6</sup>So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that

one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup>and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*LSB 205*



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 4:26-34*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

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

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup>He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup>And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on



the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. <sup>34</sup>He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



## NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

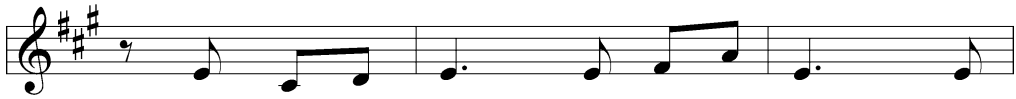
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of 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 ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

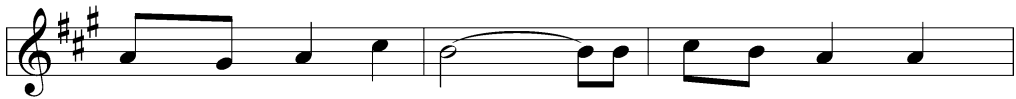
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## HYMN OF THE DAY

### 720 - WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No  
2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And  
4 For You, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, Are  
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as  
fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound To call on You when  
found in means di - vine: Be - neath the wa - ter  
realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.  
we re - jice And cry "My Lord and God!"  
You are near And seek where You are found.  
and the Word, Be - neath the bread and wine.  
as You are, With full and end - less sight.

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## SERMON

Vicar Greg Rowell

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P In thanksgiving to the Most High, who has planted His Holy Word among us; and for the Church's healthy growth, that we may weather the stormwinds of this world steadfast in Christ, ever bearing the fruits of love and singing praises to His name, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P For the preaching and teaching of God's Holy Word, that by His Spirit it may sprout and grow when and where it pleases God, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For this and every congregation, that God's kingdom may be extended and we may have thankful hearts to marvel at His work, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P That God would send faithful laborers into His fields to scatter His seed here and abroad, so in due time a harvest may be reaped for His glory, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For our homes and families, that the Lord would make the efforts of parents to teach their children fruitful, preserving them in the saving faith of Christ according to His promises, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For those in every need, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P (Special Petitions)
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P For all who commune, that the Lord who abounds in steadfast love would give them a holy fear of His wrath and faith in His promises to receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For all God's servants who groan under the burdens of this earthly tent and long to be clothed with His eternal life, which will swallow up all mortal sorrow [*especially those who mourn* \_\_\_\_\_]; and that He would give them good courage to walk by faith and not sight, to mourn the dead in the hope of the resurrection, and to make it their aim to please Him while here in the body, until at last we are all at home with Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood is named, we give You thanks for earthly fathers. Give them confidence in their station and zeal for their task to care for their families faithfully. Make them examples to their children of godly life and love of Your Word. Bless their work of bringing up children in the fear and instruction of the Lord, and give them the comfort of Your absolution over all their shortcomings. Gather us together with all our fathers to Your eternal household; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

*Sit*

## OFFERING

# + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

*Stand*

## PREFACE

*LSB 208*

- 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.**  
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

LSB 208



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## 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.*

## 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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

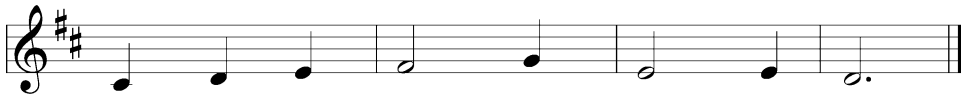
## AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### 892 - COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME



1 Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.  
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;  
3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har - vest home,  
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har - vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;  
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,  
Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.  
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,  
There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.  
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.  
But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.  
Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

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## 725 - CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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*Stand*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## 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.**

## BENEDICAMUS

*LSB 212*

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## BENEDICTION

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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

### 921 - ON WHAT HAS NOW BEEN SOWN



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;  
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou  
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -  
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!  
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.  
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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## DISMISSAL

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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### This Week at Messiah Lutheran

**Tuesday 10:00 – 11:00 NO Bible Study with Pastor**

**11:45 Joyful Noise**

**5:30 Church Elders**

**Thursday 9:00 – Noon Quilting Group with Devotions & Lunch**

**6:00 – 7:00 NO Messiah Singers**

**Readings for next Sunday – The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Job 38:1-11, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 & Mark 4:35-41**

## Saint Days, Feast Days, and Commemorations this Week

This week give God thanks for all the faithful Saints including Mothers who serve as examples for us to follow.

*“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*



### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR JUNE 16<sup>th</sup>

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**Luke 15:5 – “And when he has found [the sheep], he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.”**

The Lord Jesus came to seek and save what was lost. He came to put us back in the family of the Father, to restore us to the kingdom of God. We are now new creatures in Christ Jesus. When we were claimed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism, we receive new desires, new priorities and a new zeal for the things of God. We have been found – let our lives reflect this fact!

**“JOYFUL NOISE” Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, at 11:45 a.m., at Smokin’ Pig BBQ, 4228 N. Valdosta Rd., Valdosta. Everyone is welcome.**

**Today is the last day to order shirts!!**  
Messiah Lutheran T-shirts and Polo shirt samples are finally here and on

display in the Narthex. Please use the order form in your bulletin. We are asking that you make payment when you place your order. Make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran Church. Please state “shirt” in the Memo line. T-shirts are \$20 and Polos are \$30. Please see Cathy Deyo if you have any questions.



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FAITH ALONE  
SCRIPTURE ALONE**