

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

VALDOSTA, GEORGIA

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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.

<u>RESTROOMS</u> 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.

<u>QUIET/CALMING ROOM</u> 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.

<u>RECEIVING COMMUNION</u> 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

Sunday – 9:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study – led by Pastor – Will Resume June 23rd.

Sunday – 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School – Classroom (hallway outside of the Fellowship Hall) – Ages $4 - 5^{th}$ Gr.

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

Tuesday – 10:00 a.m. – Pastor's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall



SECOND 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

Today we begin in earnest the second half of the Church Year. Having completed a review of God's plan for salvation (Advent - Pentecost) the second half of the Church Year focuses on the growth of the Church. Therefore, the color green is seen throughout this season. Growth in both the number of souls brought into the Church and growth in faith and deeds of mercy towards our neighbors.

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

- 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.

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CONFESSION OF SINS

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.

804 - O WORSHIP THE KING 10 wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove. 2 O tell of His might. of His grace, 0 sing 3 This earth. with its store of won ders un - told, 4 Thy ful re - cite? boun - ti care what tongue can grate - ful -0 ly sing His pow'r and His love; Whose robe is the light, whose can space: 0 ру of Al might - v. Thy pow'r hath found - ed old. It breathes in the air. it shines in the light, Our shield and de - fend - er. An - cient of Days, the His char - iots wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form, of Es - tab - lished a change - less it fast by de cree, streams from the hills. de - scends plain, It it to the



Verse 5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail. Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

Verse 5

O measureless Might, ineffable Love, While angels delight to hymn Thee above, Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays, With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

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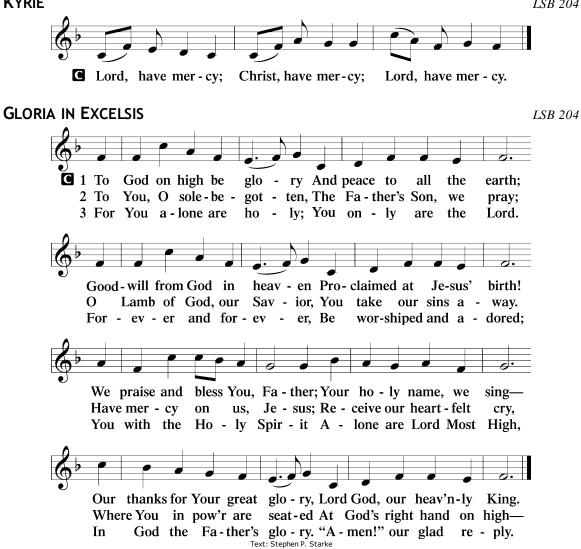
+Service of the Word+

INTROIT

Psalm 62:5-8; antiphon: v. 1

- P For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.
- C For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.
- P He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
- C On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.
- P Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.
- 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.
- C For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

KYRIE





SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Eternal God, Your Son Jesus Christ is our true Sabbath rest. Help us to keep each day holy by receiving His Word of comfort that we may find our rest in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 5:12–15

¹²"Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. ¹⁵You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day."

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

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

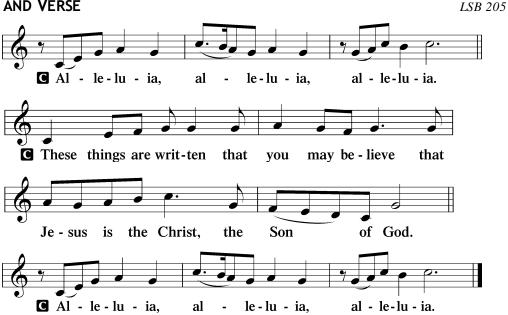
⁵What we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 2:23-3:6

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²³One Sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: ²⁶how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" ²⁷And he said

to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

¹Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. ²And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." ⁴And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

- 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.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY



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SERMON

Pastor Emeritus Gary Siefert

Stand

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.
Cod of all light and power. You shine upon Your creatures and credicate

God of all light and power, You shine upon Your creatures and eradicate all darkness that lies within them. Destroy the darkness our sin has caused in our lives. Help us to shine the light of Your grace and truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P Lord of glory, You have gathered Your Church and sanctified us in Your truth. Guide and direct Matthew, our Synod president; <u>James</u>, our district president; and <u>Bert</u>, our circuit visitor. Preserve all vacant congregations, send laborers into Your harvest and sustain those whom You have sent. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Bless the fields and orchards with good weather, that all people may be well supplied and filled with an awareness of Your mercies. Grant that we may show forth grateful and generous hearts within Your Church and in the world around us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, You have established all authorities on the earth. Bless all public servants, especially Joseph, our president, and <u>Brian</u>, our governor, that they would fulfill their offices with wisdom and compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, be the strength and song of those who are afflicted in body or mind, [*especially*__,] as well as all who sufferin our midst. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P (Special Petitions)
- C hear our prayer.
- P Give repentance and faith to all who receive our Lord's body and blood today, that in the unity of a true confession, they may receive it for the forgiveness of their sins. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

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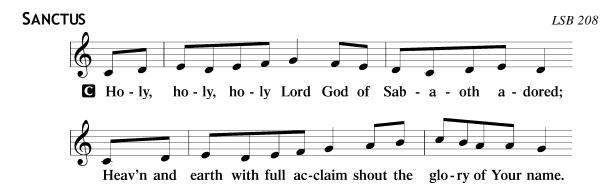
+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

Stand

PREFACE

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- 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:





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.

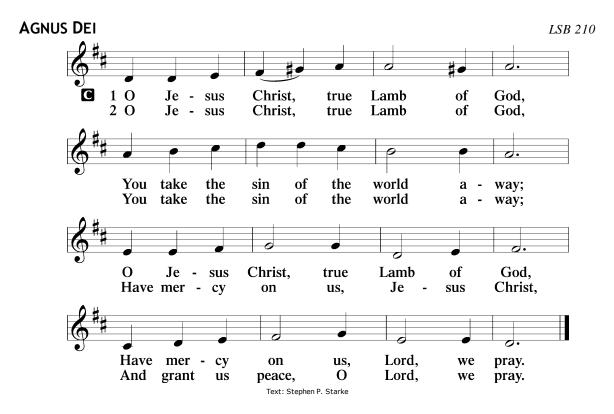
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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."

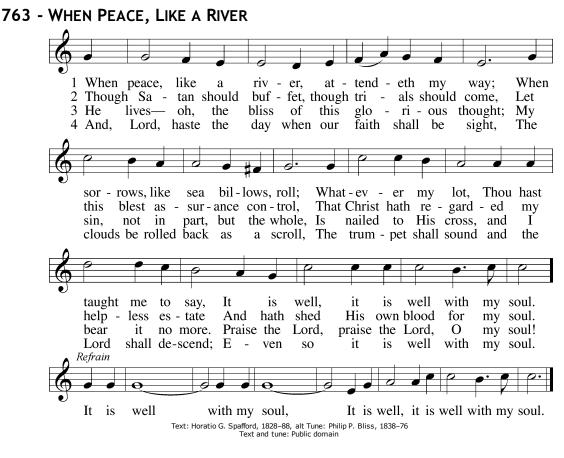
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS



AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

Refrain:

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were gath-ered in-to one to be-come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be gath-ered in-to one in you.

Verse 1

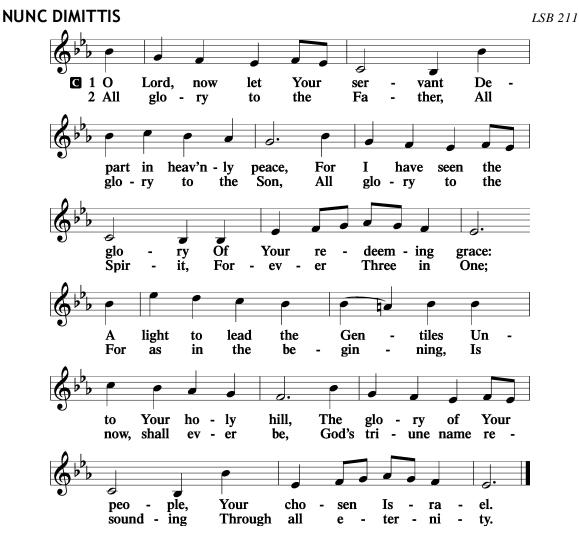
As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst, may we share the pres-ence of your love. Refrain

Verse 2

Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when all cre-a-tion shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

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Stand



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

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



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DISMISSAL

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

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Our "THANKS" to Rev. Gary Siefert for leading us in worship and bringing God's word. Pastor and Judy Lohmeyer are on vacation, and we pray they will receive blessings of safe travel, rest, and relaxation during their travels.

If you need Pastoral Care while Pastor Lohmeyer and Judy are on vacation, please contact one of the following members of the Board of Elders:

This Week at Messiah Lutheran

Tuesday10:00 – 11:00NO Bible Study with PastorThursday9:00 – NoonQuilting Group with Devotions & Lunch6:00 – 7:00NO Messiah Singers

<u>Readings for next Sunday – The Second Sunday After Pentecost</u> Genesis 3:8-15, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 & Mark 2:20-35



Saint Days, Feast Days, and Commemorations this Week

June 5th – Boniface of Mainz – Missionary to the Germans

"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

A Funeral service for Margaret Rupp will be held this Tuesday at 11:00 here at Messiah.

STEWARSHIP THOUGHT FOR MAY 26 TRINITY SUNDAY

Luke 16:19 – "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day."

Compared with most of human history, and even most of the world today, we have been abundantly blessed with riches in our time and place. The parable today indicates that God calls us to use this blessing according to His wisdom and priorities and not merely for our own comfort. We've been called to imitate God in His kindness and generosity, especially towards those in need. <u>Quarterly Fellowship Luncheon</u>: Join us for fellowship and celebration of all our wonderful Moms & Dads, following worship June 9th. LWML Group 2 will be providing the lunch. Y'all provide the smiles. Hope to see you there.

<u>MITE BOXES</u>: Next Sunday, June 9th, is "Mite Box Sunday", please remember to bring your mite boxes.

<u>LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY</u>: Next Sunday, June 9th, is our Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry Second Sunday. We are in need of any and all items, especially peanut butter, crackers, and powdered milk, please consider donating some items to share with our community. Thank you!!!

<u>"JOYFUL NOISE" Luncheon</u> will be held on Tues., June 18th, at 11:45 a.m., at Smokin' Pig BBQ, 4228 N. Valdosta Rd., Valdosta. Everyone is welcome.

<u>Volunteers Needed</u>: The tree stump at the Pine Tree House has been removed. We need help bagging all the sawdust so the hole can be filled in. Please contact the office if you are able to help. Thank you!

Heads up!! Messiah Lutheran T-shirts and Polo shirt samples are finally here and on display in the Narthex. Make checks payable to Messiah Lutheran

Church. Please state "shirt" in the Memo line. T-shirts are \$20 and Polos are \$30. For a description of each see below.



The unisex T-shirt brand is Gildan Softstyle, 100% preshrunk ring cotton. The front left corner of the T-shirt will have the Lutheran stained glass logo that is pictured to the left. Messiah Lutheran Church will be wrapped across the top and Valdosta GA wrapped underneath the logo. On the back of the

T-shirt will have our MLC church name, address, phone number and webpage. The color of the shirt is Iris Blue.



Both the men's and women's polo brand is Port Authority Silk Touch, 65/35 poly cotton/pique. The front left corner of the polo will have an embroidered Lutheran logo that is pictured to the left. Messiah Lutheran Church will be wrapped across the top of the logo and Valdosta GA wrapped underneath. The

color will be Strong Blue.

