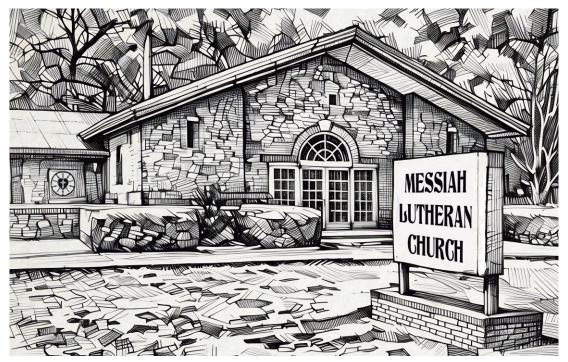
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, 2025



"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).
- <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 4th & 5th in the Pine Tree House.

Sundays at 9:15 am: Sunday School: Grades $6^{th} - 12^{th}$ in the **Pine Tree House**.

Tuesdays at 10:00 am: Tuesdays with the Pastor Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday 6:00 pm: Pastor's Men's Potluck Bible Study in the **Pine Tree House.**

Tuesday 6:00 pm: Women's Potluck Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE

The Mission of Messiah Lutheran is to grow in our relationship with God through worship, education, and service, while sharing Christ's peace and fellowship with all.

AS WE GATHER

"They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him." Malachi 3:17

Our work for the Lord is never in vain. We may struggle to carry it out, question God's purpose, even sometimes fail to complete it, but we are never abandoned. We are God's treasured possessions, His children, made so by Jesus Christ, His one and only Son. Because of Jesus we are spared, and most of all, we are God's!

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.
- 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.

- **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.

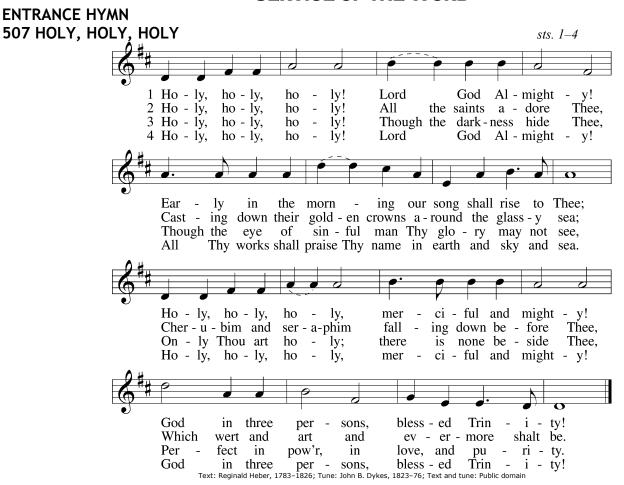
ABSOLUTION LSB 151

- 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.

SHARING PEACE:

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

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+



KYRIE LSB 152



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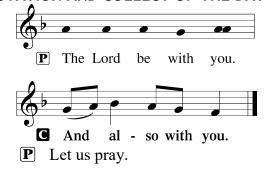




You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



5

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 4:1-6

The Great Day of the LORD

¹ "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Warning Against Idleness

2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE LSB 156 Al -le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:5–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus Foretells Destruction of the Temple

⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." ⁷And they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

Nation Will Rise Against Nation

¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.

Jesus Foretells Destruction of Jerusalem

²⁰"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

The Coming of the Son of Man

²⁵"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



HYMN OF THE DAY 809 GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS



SERMON

PASTOR STEPHEN WAREHAM

Stand

NICENE CREED

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

- Holy God, hear Your people as they pray, and grant to us all things needful and beneficial according to Your gracious promise in Christ, our Lord. Keep us from being led astray by those who speak lies in Your name. Awaken within us ears to hear Your Word and hearts to believe, even in the face of trial and trouble, that we may be found faithful when our Lord comes in His glory to finish His new creation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Uphold all ministers of Your Gospel and those who hear it gladly. Cause

 Word to be honored and so deliver them from wicked and evil men.

 Give a mouth and wisdom to Your people in all adversity to confess

 You boldly and to endure faithfully to the end. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- We give You thanks, O Lord, for the gift of family, and we ask You to bless the homes in which Your people dwell. Make them to be places of blessing and peace centered in Your Word, where the faith is preserved and passed on to children and grandchildren. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Lord, You judge the world with righteousness and Your people with equity. Bless us with good and faithful leaders and government to defend Your people, punish the evildoer and encourage virtue. Raise up those who will serve the cause of peace among the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Your Christ is our Rising Sun with healing in His wings. Shine His light upon the sick, those who suffer loss and persecution for the sake of Your name, those whose hearts are heavy with grief, and all who have requested our prayers [especially]. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- **P** (Special Petitions)
- C hear our prayer.
- P Bring us to receive with thanksgiving and faith the most blessed food of Christ's flesh for the life of the world and His blood that cleanses us from all our sins. Bless us with unity of faith and harmony of doctrine and life. By this blessed Sacrament, equip us with all the gifts of the Spirit and bring to harvest the rich fruits of the Spirit in the lives of Your people, both now and forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, You are the strength of Your people. Grant that we may not give into temptation or be caught up in evil but endure through Your grace to the day of Christ's return. We pray that we would be found holy and blameless by the power of His grace when You bring the dawn of the Last Day and lead us into the place where there is no night, no darkness and no death. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Blessed Lord, You have promised never to abandon us and to provide all that we need for this day and for eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, hear the prayers of Your people, and grant

them all good things for Your mercy's sake. To You, the eternal God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be glory now and forevermore.

C Amen.

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OFFERING

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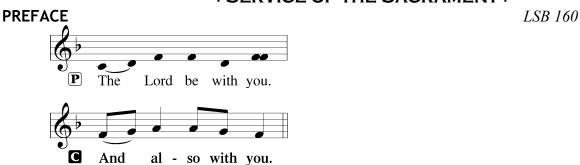
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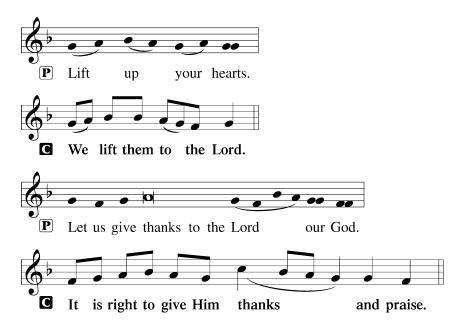
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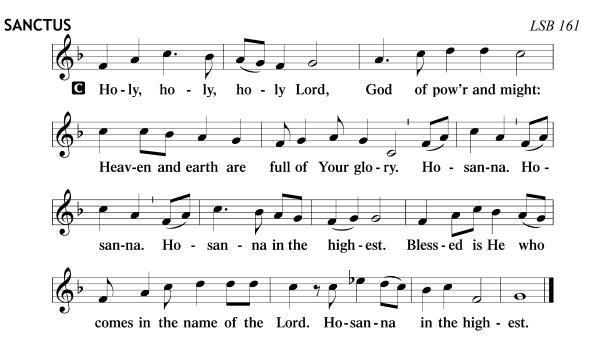


+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+





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:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

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."

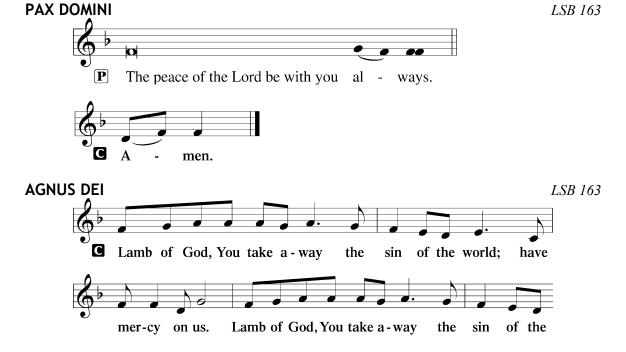
 In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed
- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

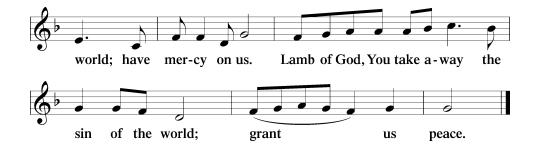
for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- **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:

LORD'S PRAYER

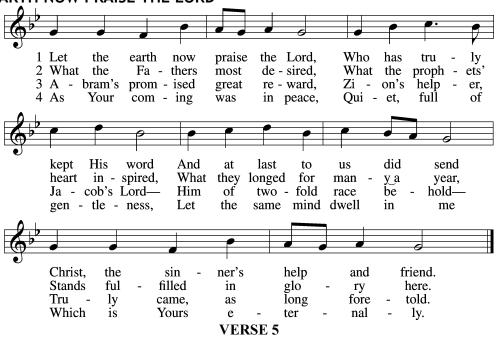
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.





Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 352 LET THE EARTH NOW PRAISE THE LORD



Bruise for me the serpent's head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith,
Safely kept through life and death.
VERSE 6

Then when You will come again
As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face,

Freely ransomed by Your grace.

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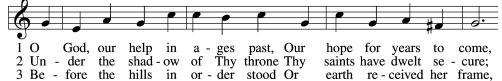




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eve - ning gone,



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a - ges in Thy sight Are

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home: Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure. From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same. Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

VERSE 5

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away; We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day. VERSE 6

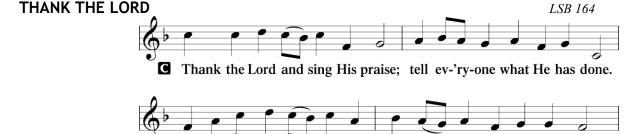
O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!

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Stand



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



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

BENEDICTION LSB 166

- C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

783 TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE



Take my mo-ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee. Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee. Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

VERSE 5

Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne. VERSE 6

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be

Ever, only, all for Thee.

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DISMISSAL

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

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Last Sunday of the Church Year

Malachi 3:13 – 18; Colossians 1:13 – 20; Luke 23:27 – 43

SAINT DAYS, FEAST DAYS, & COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, November 19th: Elizabeth of Hungary – Saint of Charity & Mercy

"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 (16th)

Serving NEXT week (23rd)

501	ving Tills week (10	<u>, </u>	Scraing MEAT week (2)		
OFFICIANT	Pastor Wareham	OFFICIANT	Pastor Wareham		
LECTOR	Don Brugel	LECTOR	Lisa Hill		
COMM. ASST.	Mike DiMarco	COMM. ASST.	Larry Lorden		
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GREETER	Deb Gordon	GREETER	Karin Boles		
USHER 1	John Obermann	USHER 1	Sandy Bingham		
USHER 2	Ken Eldridge	USHER 2	Donna Berg		
ELDER	Larry Lorden	ELDER	Charlie Francis		
ORGAN/PIANO	Kay Vincent	ORGAN/PIANO	Kay Vincent		

+ THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH LUTHERAN +

TUES	10:00	Bible Study with Pastor
	11:45	Joyful Noise Luncheon (El Cazador)
	5:30	Elders Meeting
	6:00	Men's Potluck Bible Study
	6:00	Ladies' Potluck Bible Study
WED	11 - 3	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
THURS	9 - 12	NO LWML QUILTERS GROUP - holiday break 'til 1/8/2026
	5:30	Long-range Planning Committee Meeting

HONEY & MISSION DOLLARS = SWEET SUCCESS! A BIG THANKS!

Thank you to everyone who donated and supported the Honeybee Festival and Holiday Bazaar! Together, we raised \$4,863.52. LWML will meet in December to choose the charities that will receive these funds.

Special thanks to the Vincents for their help with the signage!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

"As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

Luke 21:6

Everything in this world is headed for the graveyard, but some things are also destined to rise from the grave. On that Day of Resurrection — as we look back on our earthly life — what will we see? What would have really mattered? This is a good question to ask ourselves in this season of the church year that focuses on the Last Things.

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:

- o 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.
- Tom Jenkins: health concerns.
- o Christina: Friend of the Rothas: being treated for cancer.
- Martin Fluder: ongoing health issues.
- Linda Leinwol: sister of Mary Beth Francis, ongoing prayers.
- o Rita Norman: friend of the Francises, diagnosed with cancer.
- 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.
- Sonia Vance: Eldridge's son's girlfriend, ongoing health concerns.
- Don & Judy DeWitt: ongoing health concerns.
- o Darial Simone Davis (Keller's friend): NICU & life-saving measures.
- Prayers to the family grieving the loss of Leslie McGhin.
- George Vincent: Prayers for healing after hip surgery.

Nursing Home/Homebound

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

Fiscal 2025-26 YTD Income v. Expenses - Week 09	
Income Fiscal YTD (includes designated gifts)*	\$ 45,465.66
Expenses Fiscal YTD	\$ 30,873.07
Variance Fiscal YTD*	\$ 14,592.59
Funds Collected to Date vs Budget Plan	\$ 39,493.66
Budget Planned Goal Fiscal YTD**	\$ 39,093.78
Above/Below Budget Goal to Date**	\$ 399.88

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