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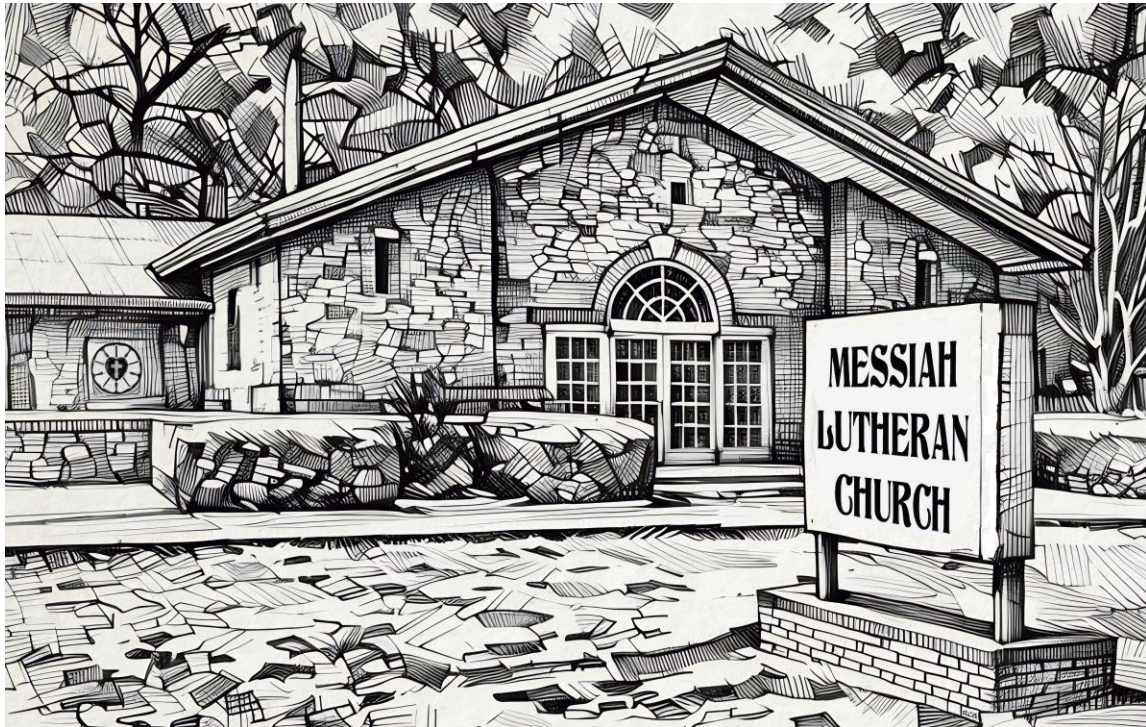
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"We have found the Messiah"

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 4th & 5th in the **Pine Tree House**.
 Sundays at 9:15 am: Sunday School: Grades 6th – 12th 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**.

THE EIGHTEENTH 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

“²³And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”
Matthew 21:23

It can be easy to be like the Pharisees and question God’s authority, especially when we don’t like what He does. But who are we to question the Creator of us, the universe and everything? And furthermore, we know the truth: that God does all things for our good, to lead us to Him, exemplified most of all in His gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, to us.

PRELUDE & PERSONAL DEVOTION (*Quiet Please*)

+CONFESSON 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 151

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.

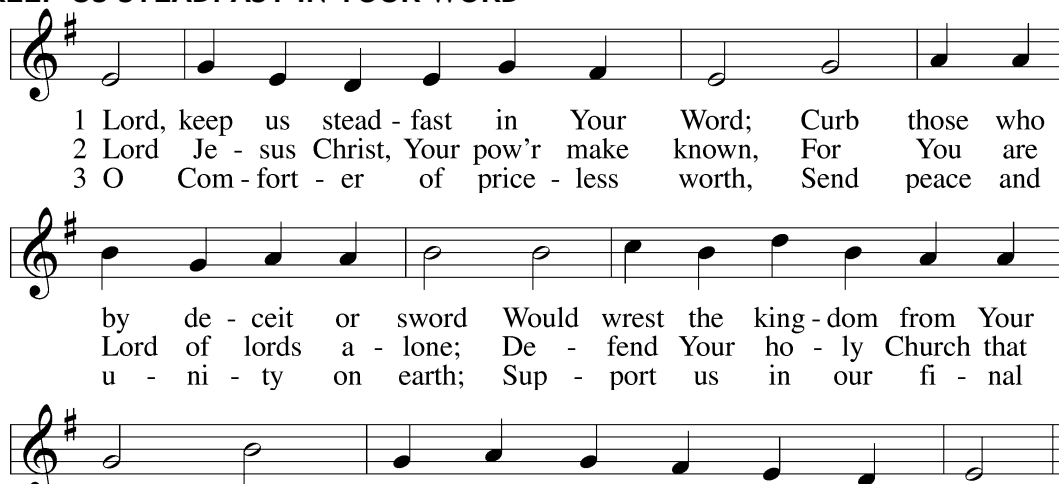
SHARING PEACE:

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

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

ENTRANCE HYMN

655 LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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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.

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

us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the

Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the

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

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

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 173





You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-27

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



HYMN OF THE DAY

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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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.

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.
The God incarnate, man divine, 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.
The God incarnate, man divine, 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.
The God incarnate, man divine, and crown him Lord of all.

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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 ✠ 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.

Merciful Lord, You founded Your Church upon the proclamation of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Purify the tongues of Your servants, that the tongues of the wicked may be silenced. Turn them from their evil ways, that their sins may be washed away. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, You have built Your Church and called her to hold fast to the Word of life in the midst of a crooked and twisted world. Preserve her from all grumbling, rivalry and conceit, and sustain her in humble and devout faith until the day of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** O Lord, though the world denies Your justice, strengthen Your Church to proclaim it rightly. Let the wicked be broken by Your truth, that they may turn and follow in the way of forgiveness and life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Creator of all things, bless the useful arts of science and industry, that we may use Your resources for the good of Your people and take responsible care of all You have made. Prevent us from misusing Your gifts and our reason, lest we bring harm upon ourselves and others. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Mighty Father, all the might of man is nothing before You, yet You have appointed earthly realms and rulers to punish evil and honor good. Give us faithful leaders who will serve honorably and well. Bless also those who serve in the armed forces to defend us and protect our liberty. Lord, in Your mercy,
- P** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord Almighty, draw near to those who face the distress of sickness, surgery and pain. Let them not be afraid, and heal them according to the abundance of Your steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Unite us, O Lord, that we may be of one mind and one will in doctrine, witness and service. Bless us as we come at Your bidding to receive the body and blood of Your Son at His table. Grant that what we receive in this Holy Communion we may keep in holy hearts and holy lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God, in You there is no shadow due to change. Enkindle Your divine light in us, that we may stand united as Christ's own body, holding fast to the Word of life and shining brightly in the midst of this world's darkness; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

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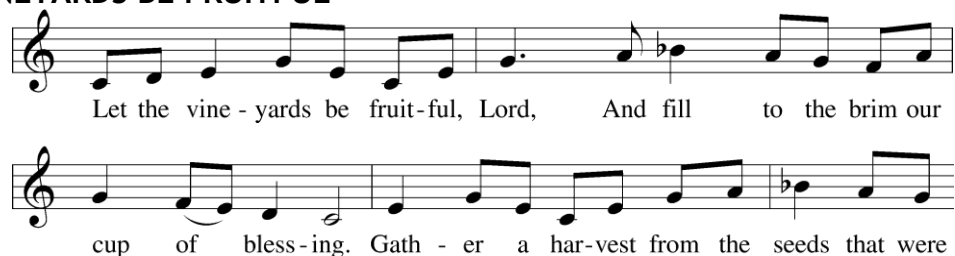
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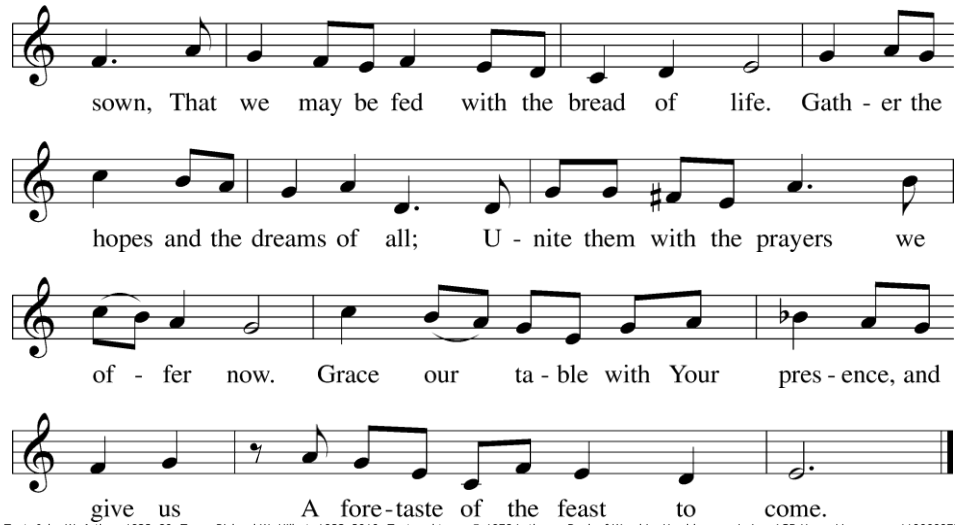
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OFFERTORY

955 LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL





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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



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.

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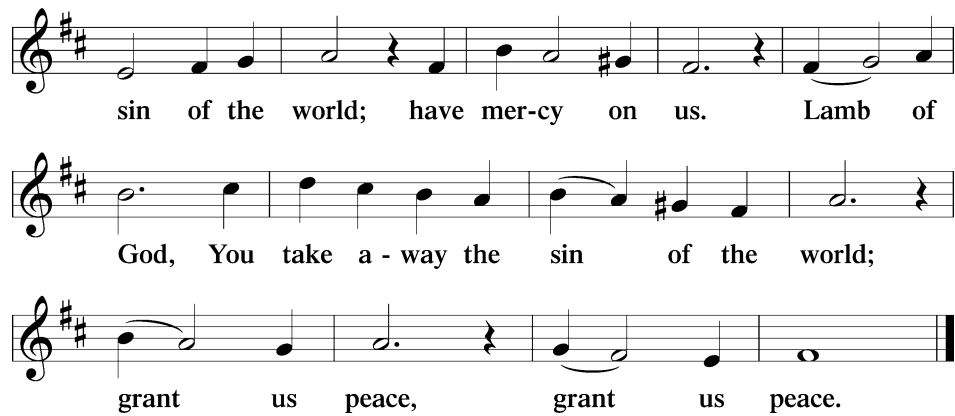
LSB 180



- 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



Sit



DISTRIBUTION 525 CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,
Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri-fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.
A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Fruit of the mys-tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
 down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
 Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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721 LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

Refrain



Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;



For if You lead me, I can - not stray.



Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.



1 I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r
 2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,
 3 I am lost if You take Your hand from me,



To help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
 Be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.
 I am blind with - out Thy light to see.



Help me through the dark-ness Thy face to see.
 I am put - ting all my trust in Thee.
 Lord, al - ways let me Thy ser - vant be.

Refrain

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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978 HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME

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O Lord, our Lord, how ma-jes-tic is Your name in all the
 earth. O earth. O Lord, we praise Your name. O
 Lord, we mag-ni-fy Your name: Prince of Peace, Might-y
 God, O Lord God Al-might-y. O y.

1 D.S. 2 Final ending

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Stand

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.
 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

☐ Let us pray.

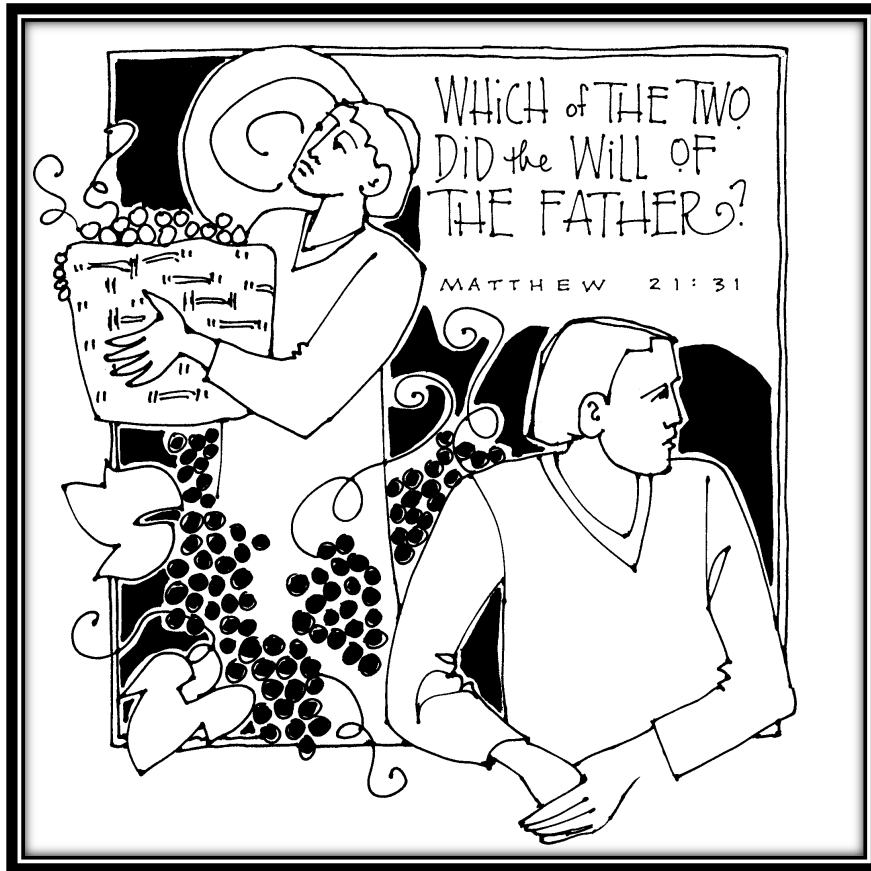
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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

☐ 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 512 AT THE NAME OF JESUS

1 At the name of Je - sus Ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
2 At His voice cre - a - tion Sprang at once to sight,
3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, To re - ceive a name
4 Bore it up tri - um - phant With its hu - man light,

Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess Him King of glo - ry now.
All the an - gel fac - es, All the hosts of light,
From the lips of sin - ners Un - to whom He came,
Through all ranks of crea - tures To the cen - tral height,

'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure We should call Him Lord,
Thrones and bright do - min - ions, Stars up - on their way,
Faith - ful - ly He bore it Spot - less to the last,
To the throne of God - head, To the Fa - ther's breast,



Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.
All the heav'n - ly or - ders In their great ar - ray.
Brought it back vic - to - rious When from death He passed;
Filled it with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.

VERSE 7



Glory then to Jesus, who, the Prince of light,
To a world in darkness brought the gift of sight;
Praise to God the Father; in the Spirit's love
Praise we all together Him who reigns above.

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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

Tuesday, September 29th: St. Michael & All Angels

Wednesday, September 30th: Jerome – Translator of Holy Scripture

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1 – 7; Philippians 3:4b – 14; Matthew 21:33 – 46

“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 †

TUES	10:00	NO ‘Tuesdays with the Pastor’ Bible Study
	6:00	Ladies Potluck Bible Studies – <u><i>NO MENs study this week!</i></u>
THURS	9 – 12	Quilter’s Group with Devotional
	6:00	Messiah Singers Practice

PASTOR OOO: Monday, September 28th – Friday October 9th

Raquel OOO: Monday, September 28th

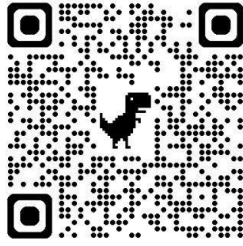
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

“But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd...”

Matthew 21:26

Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is! Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS
NEXT SUNDAY IS LOOSE CHANGE SUNDAY

Rake up your change like autumn leaves,
bloom from the gifts we weave.

As autumn arrives and seasons fade,
what might grow from gifts you've made?
So gather your change and give with care,
for the next season to grow and share.



Small miracles

Who knows

While we wait

