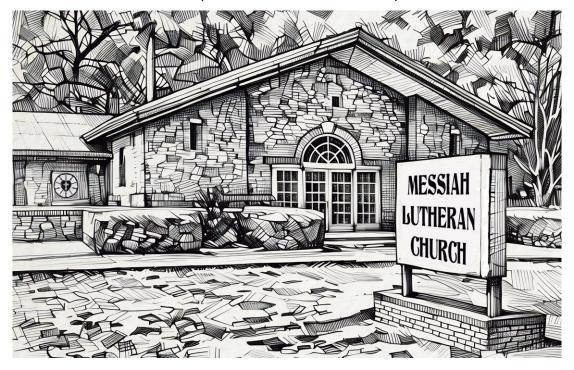
# Messiah Lutheran Church

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# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025



"We have found the Messiah"

John 1: 41b

## WELCOME VISITORS!

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.
- <u>QUIET/CALMING ROOM</u> 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<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> in the **Pine Tree House**.

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

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 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

"Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." Luke 20:38

Life. It's something we value more than almost anything else, and it should have that value. But even we fall into the trap of treating this life as more important than the next. We forget that it's the next life, our heavenly life, together with Jesus Christ and all believers, that is the true, eternal life. Our God is a living God, and because of His Son, we share in that same never-ending life!

## 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.

CONFESSION OF SINS LSB 151

- **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 OF THE PEACE:

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

## +SERVICE OF THE WORD+

## 802 IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE



You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

He is their help and their shield.

Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.

Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.

The dead do not praise the LORD, nor do any who go down into silence.

But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.

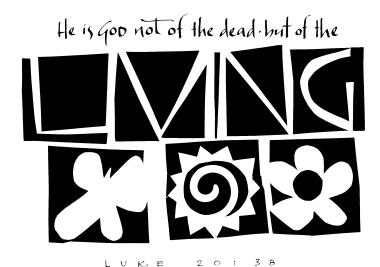
Praise the LORD!

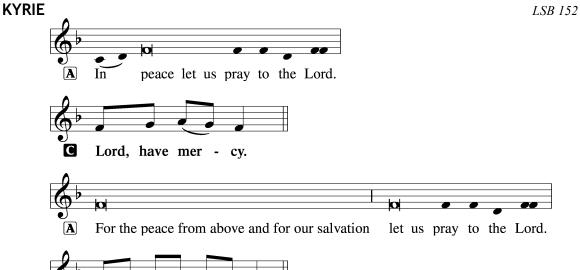
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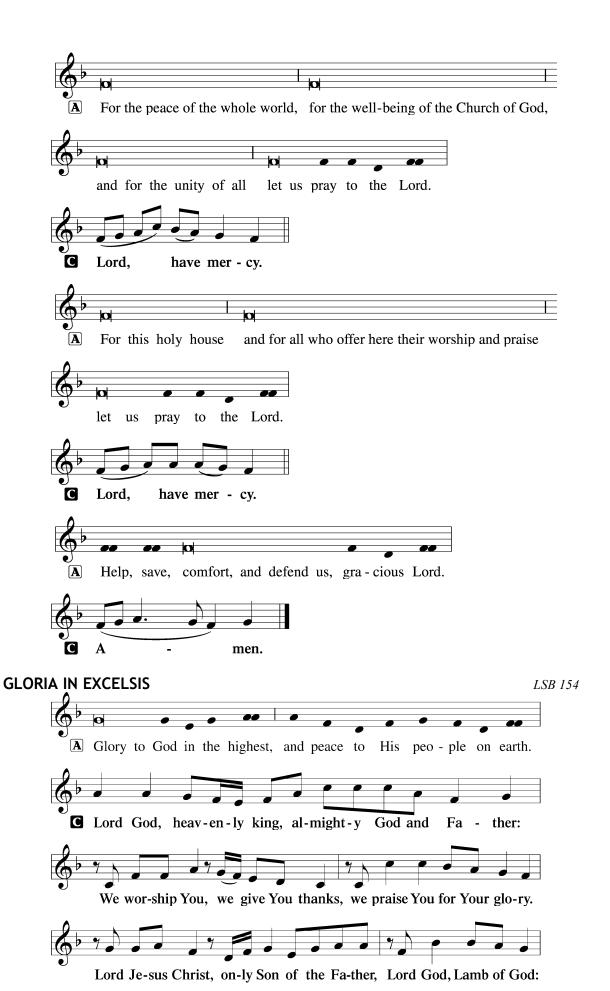
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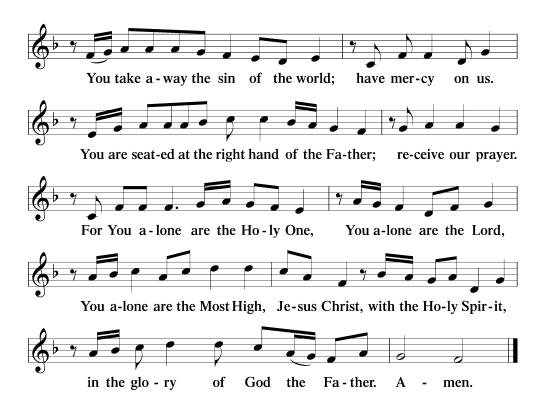
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.









#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



\_ And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit



# OLD TESTAMENT READING The Burning Bush

Exodus 3:1-15

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the

bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you." <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** 

2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17

## The Man of Lawlessness

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, <sup>2</sup>not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. <sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, <sup>4</sup>who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. <sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? <sup>6</sup>And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. <sup>7</sup>For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. <sup>8</sup>And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. . .

#### **Stand Firm**

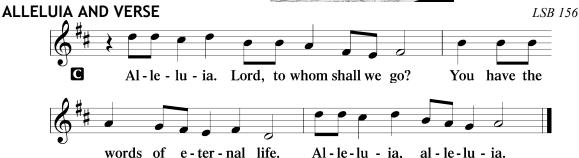
<sup>13</sup>But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, <sup>17</sup>comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

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

C Thanks be to God.





HOLY GOSPEL Luke 20:27–40

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

#### Sadducees Ask About the Resurrection

<sup>27</sup>There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, <sup>28</sup>and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>29</sup>Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. <sup>30</sup>And the second <sup>31</sup>and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. <sup>32</sup>Afterward the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

<sup>34</sup>And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup>but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, <sup>36</sup>for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup>Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." <sup>39</sup>Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." <sup>40</sup>For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

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

Sit

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 727 ON EAGLES' WINGS





**SERMON** 

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 T of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Almighty God and Father, You sent Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to overcome the world for us through His cross and resurrection. Grant us grace and peace in Him, that whatever troubles, tribulations and temptations afflict us in this world of sin and sorrow, we may never forget You or forsake You. Rather, strengthen us by Your grace, that we may bear our crosses in patience and trust and remain faithful in Christ Jesus, until He comes again in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- 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 Grant to us, heavenly Father, those good works that flow from faith in Your precious Son. Grant that everything Your children do in thought, speech and action would bring glory and honor to the name of Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- O Lord, we ought always to be thankful for Your rich and abundant blessings to us and to our country. Bless Donald, our president; the Congress of these United States; \_\_\_\_\_\_, our governor; our legislators; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Deliver us from threats of violence, and teach us the way of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
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- P (Special Petitions)
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord, You have set us apart as Your own people and given us a place at the table of Your Son. Grant to us the faith to discern Christ's body and the repentance to receive this Holy Communion worthily. Bless our fellowship at the table of the Lord, that we may be sustained in unity of doctrine and life together. Bring us to that day when divisions shall no longer prevent us from receiving the Sacrament as one Church. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C Amen.

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#### **OFFERING**

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

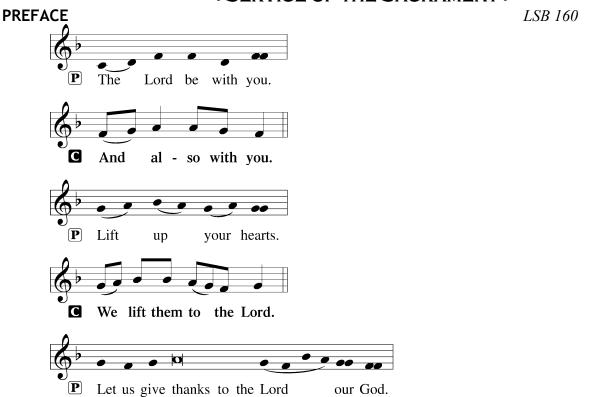
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## **OFFERTORY**





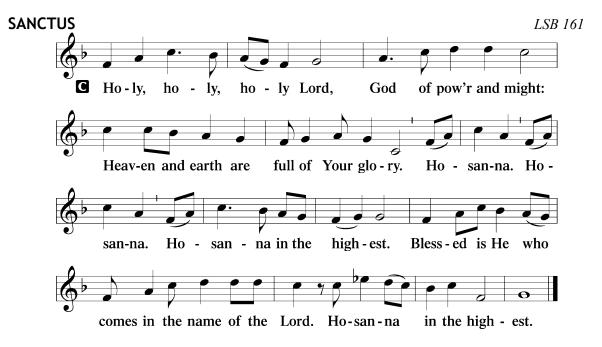
#### +SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+



our God.



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

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 

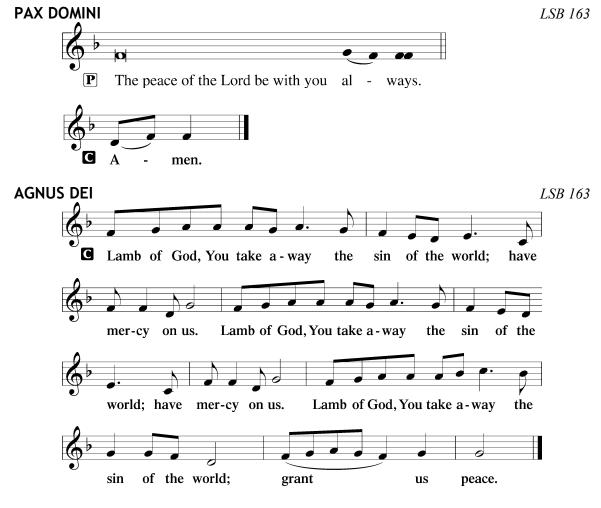
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

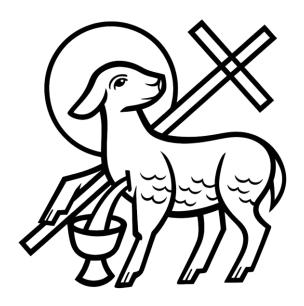
- **P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, 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

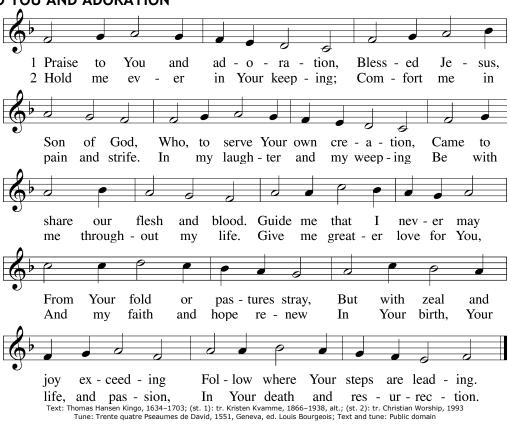
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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



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# DISTRIBUTION 692 PRAISE TO YOU AND ADORATION



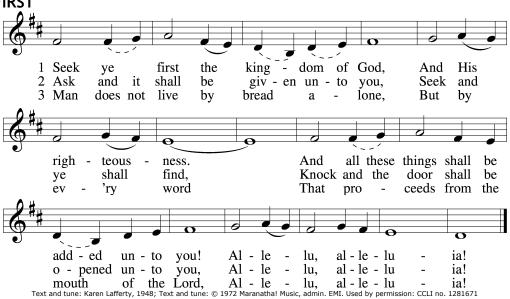
## 770 WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS



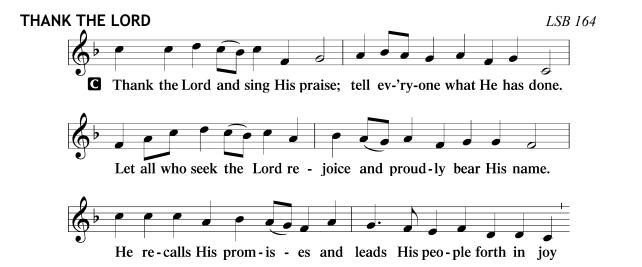
- 1 What a friend we have in Je sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an y-where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav y lad en, Cum bered with a load of care?



712 SEEK YE FIRST



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.

BENEDICTION LSB 166

- 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.

660 STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS



#### DISMISSAL

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

## **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost**

Malachi 4:1-6; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-28

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

Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>: Martin Chemnitz – Pastor & Confessor Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>: Martin of Tours – Pastor Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>: Emperor Justinian, Christian Ruler & Confessor of Christ

"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 (9<sup>th</sup>)

Serving NEXT week (16<sup>th</sup>)

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OFFICIANT	Pastor Wareham	OFFICIANT	Pastor Wareham
LECTOR	Bob Gordon	LECTOR	Don Brugel
COMM. ASST.	Paul Hill	COMM. ASST.	Mike DiMarco
ALTAR CARE	Donna Berg	ALTAR CARE	Beth Bush
ACOLYTE	Deb Gordon	ACOLYTE	JM Pellicone
GREETER	Kelly Berg	GREETER	Deb Gordon
USHER 1	Curt Fahsholz	USHER 1	John Obermann
USHER 2	Don Brugel	USHER 2	Ken Eldridge
ELDER	Mike DiMarco	ELDER	Larry Lorden
ORGAN/PIANO	Kay Vincent	ORGAN/PIANO	Kay Vincent

## **† THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH LUTHERAN †**

NOTICE: THE CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY.

MON	6:00	Church Council Meeting
TUES	10:00	Bible Study with Pastor
	6:00	Men's Potluck Bible Study
	6:00	Ladies' Potluck Bible Study
<b>THURS</b>	9 - 12	NO LWML QUILTERS GROUP - holiday break 'til 1/8/2026

## **STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT**

From Old Testament times right through to today, the Lord has urged us to give to His work in the Church in proportion to how He has blessed us. He has also called us to sacrificial giving, that is, giving that actually costs us something. That's the shape of true Christian generosity.

<sup>&</sup>quot;For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Mark 12:44