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"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 located in the red folder in each pew. Let us know how we may be of service to you in any way.

- **RESTROOMS** are located in the Narthex.
- **QUIET BAGS** are available in the Narthex for older children. We also offer a children's bulletin for ages 3-6 and ages 7-12.
- QUIET/CALMING ROOM and 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 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 6th – 12th in the **Pine Tree House**.

Tuesdays at 10:00 am: Pastor's Bible Study in the Pine Tree House.

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



THE HOLY TRINITY 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

Today is Trinity Sunday. On this day, the Church pauses to reflect on our Triune God, whom we confess as the only true God. He is one God yet with three distinct persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We assign work for each person, yet all persons are in each area. We list the Father as Creator, the Son as Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit as Sanctifier. Today, we confess and praise the Holy Trinity.

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

- \blacksquare In the name of the Father and of the \dashv 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 OF THE PEACE

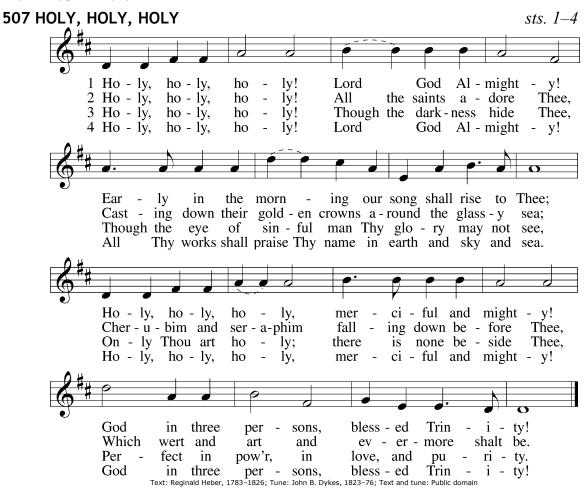
- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you

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



+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

ENTRANCE HYMN





INTROIT

Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

P Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

I have set the LORD always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

my flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

or let your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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.

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

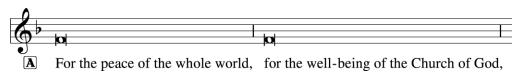
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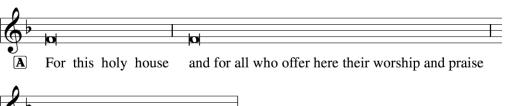
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.











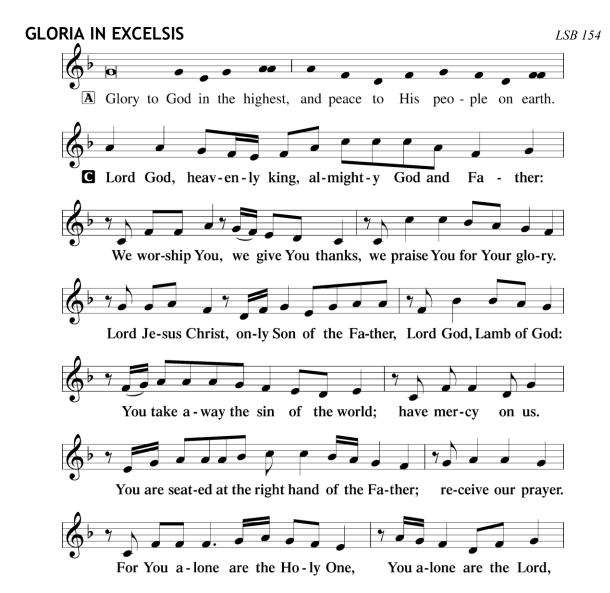






A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.







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



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

- ¹Does not wisdom call?
 - Does not understanding raise her voice?
- ²On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;

³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

4"To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man. . . .

- ²²"The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old.
- ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
- ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.
- ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth,
- ²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world.
- ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
- ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,
- ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰then I was beside him, like a master workman,

and I was daily his delight,

rejoicing before him always,

- ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man."
- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Acts 2:14a, 22–36*

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

²²"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did

through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

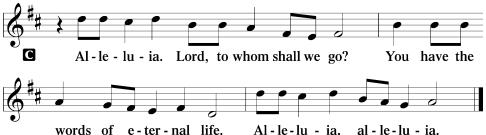
"The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool."

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

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

Stand

ALLELUIA VERSE LSB 156



HOLY GOSPEL John 8:48–59

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." 52The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' 55But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

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

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY 717 ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE



Verse 4

O Trinity of love and pow'r, Our people shield in danger's hour; From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them wheresoe'er they go; Thus evermore shall rise to Thee

Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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SERMON

"A Father's Delight" Reverend Dr. Richard Lohmeyer

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ATHANASIAN CREED

- L Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
- **L** And the catholic faith is this,
- that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
- For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
- L Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- **C** the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
- L the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- **C** the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- **L** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
- L In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.
- L So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
- L So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- L Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- **C** The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- **L** The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

- The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- L Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;
- but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- **L** But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.
- L He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
- equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
- one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- L For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,

- ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
- And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- In thanksgiving for our redemption in Jesus Christ, for the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing us to faith, and for adoption as God's children through Baptism, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the gift of the Holy Spirit, that we may know the Word of the Lord and keep it in faith through all the days of our earthly pilgrimage until we are joined with faithful Abraham, with patriarch, prophet, apostle and evangelist, in the presence of the Lord forevermore, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For parents and children, that they would be given the courage to love as God has loved us and be united in their common life by the Holy Spirit to know Jesus and serve Him; and that the Lord would bless the single with chastity, protect the orphan and defend the helpless, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- That we may render due honor to our rulers, while faithfully serving Christ, by whom all kings reign, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the ailing, the dying, all those in any need <u>[especially</u>] and those we name in our hearts [brief silence], that

God would grant them healing and patience in the midst of their afflictions, let us pray to the Lord:

- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** (Special Petitions)
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For faithful use of the Lord's gifts, that we may be drawn frequently to the Lord's table in true repentance to taste and see that the Lord is good, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For reform and renewal by the Word and Spirit, that where we lack love we may be built up in Christ and where we are distracted we would be given a single focus on our Lord Jesus, so that at last we may be found faithful and be reunited with those who have gone before us to the Lord's nearer presence, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood is named, we give You thanks for earthly fathers. Give them confidence in their station and zeal for their task to care for their families faithfully. Make them examples to their children of godly life and love of Your Word. Bless their work of bringing up children in the fear and instruction of the Lord, and give them the comfort of Your absolution over all their shortcomings. Gather us together with all our fathers to Your eternal household; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

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OFFERTORY

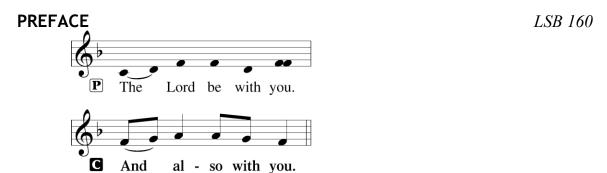
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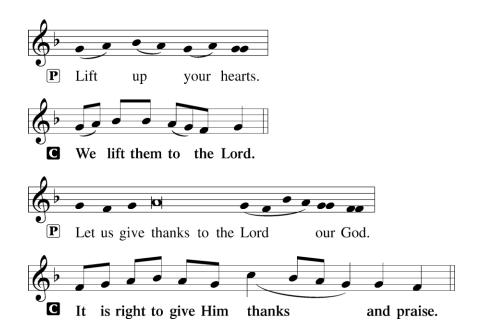


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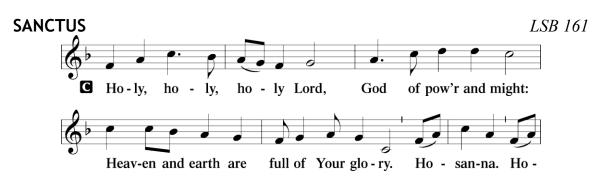
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+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+





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 ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. 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

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

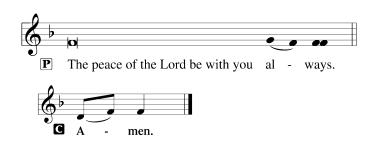
- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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 HYMNS

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Stand

805 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW



POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

THANK THE LORD LSB 164



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.







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.

Sit



BENEDICTION LSB 166



The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.



CLOSING HYMN 905 COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING



DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Isaiah 65:1-9; Galatians 3:23-4:7; Luke 8:26-39

SAINT DAYS, FEAST DAYS, & COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

This Week, we give God thanks for all the saints called home, set for the good example of being faithful to His enduring Word!

"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	Bible Study with Pastor: "The Parables of Jesus"	

6:00 Men's Potluck Bible Study

WED 11-3 Joyful Noise: Smokin' Pig (4228 N. Valdosta Rd.)

THURS 9:00 Quilting Group with Devotions & Lunch

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT From the LSB Service of the Sacrament

"Holy, holy holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored." Three times the angels cry out: "Holy, holy!" It is an indication of the three-ness in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the Name into which we are baptized. We have been made a part of God's family and are now called to live lives that are in harmony with this new family. We are to be godly and live in God's image. As God is loving, kind and generous, so also are we called to be.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Father's Day Celebration - TODAY!

Join us after worship TODAY as we honor the fathers and father figures in our lives! The LWML and the ladies of the church are hosting a special Father's Day celebration with refreshments, smiles, and plenty of appreciation. Everyone is invited—let's gather in fellowship and to celebrate the men who bless our lives with their strength, love, and faith.

New Member Sunday – June 29th

On **Sunday, June 29th**, we will **celebrate New Member Sunday** during our worship service as we officially welcome our newest members into the family of Messiah Lutheran Church. If you would like to become a member of Messiah, there are several ways to do so:

- By transferring your membership from another Lutheran congregation
- By profession of faith
- Completing the New Members Information Class

If you have the desire to officially join Messiah Lutheran Church on June 29th, I encourage you to speak with me or call me as soon as possible so we can make the necessary arrangements. I look forward to welcoming you!

— Pastor Lohmeyer

You're Invited! Ordination & Installation of Candidate Wareham

Join us for a joyful milestone in the life of Candidate Wareham, who recently earned his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.

His Ordination and Installation Service will take place on **Sunday**, **July 13**, **at 3:00** p.m. here at Messiah Lutheran Church. This is a special moment for him—and for our whole church family. **Mark your calendars and come celebrate with us!**

LWML Quilters Share Comfort and Care

The LWML Women's Quilting Group continues to share the love of Christ through their beautiful, handmade quilts. Recently, 12 quilts were donated to the Hospice House for patients, and 36 red, white, and blue quilts are being delivered to the Lake City VA Hospital—an annual tradition honoring our veterans. Our group is in need of new quilters, as we've recently lost several members to moves, illness, or being called home to our Lord. No experience needed—just a willing heart! We'd love to have you join us!