

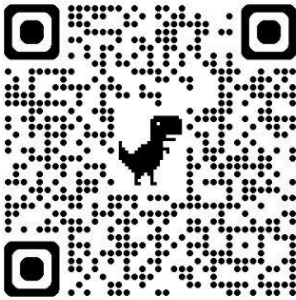
Nursing Home/Homebound:

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

Fiscal 2024-25 YTD Income v. Expenses - Week 41	
Income Fiscal YTD (includes designated gifts)*	\$ 154,812.63
Expenses Fiscal YTD	\$ 163,792.30
Variance Fiscal YTD	\$ (8,979.67)
*A light income week June 8th	
Funds Collected to Date vs Budget	\$ 139,955.75
Budget Goal Fiscal YTD	\$ 171,502.37
Below Budget Goal to Date**	(31,546.62)
**Income has improved but we remain below goal.	

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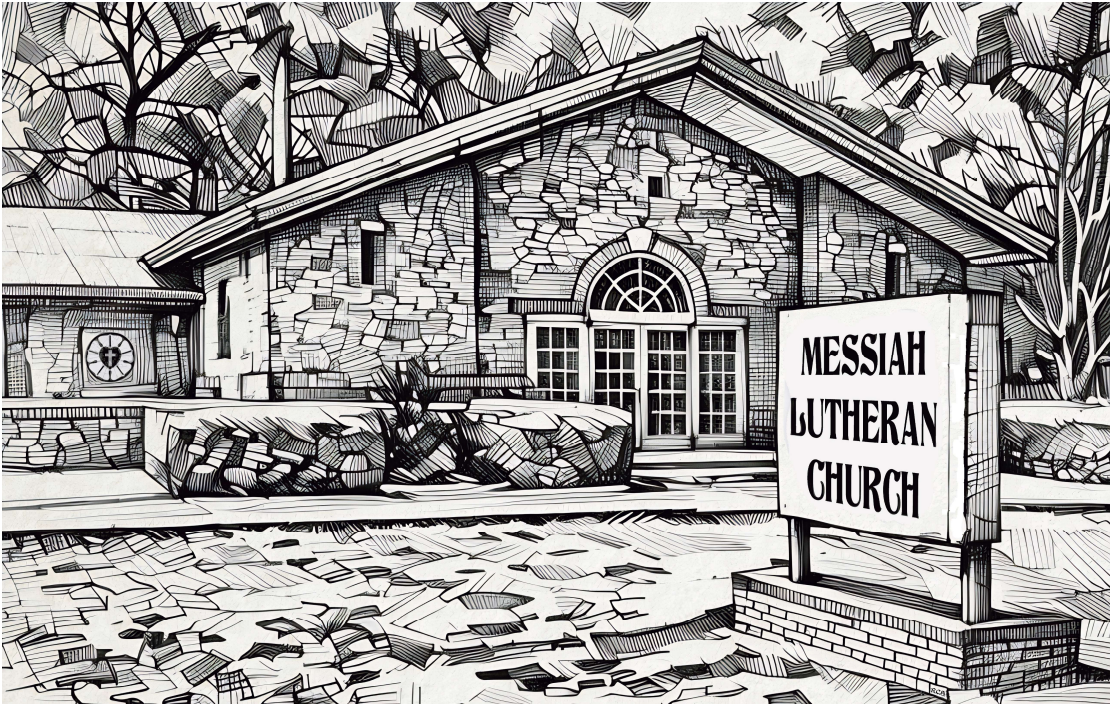


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SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND, 2025



“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 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**.



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! REMEMBER TO RSVP!**

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:

Greg Bohnhoff, Connor Montgomery, Dallas Cook, Devin Parrish, Robin Schmidt, Nikki & Gene Davila, Bryan & Hannah Tordoff, Keith Crist, Randi Markham, Eric Matlock, Matthew Francis, Jeff Kraushaar, Abbey Wolters & Catherine Hernandez, & Grayson Coester.

In Our Prayers:

- Don Dewitt: recovering from chemotherapy.
- Shirley Nelson: Diagnosed with colon cancer; had surgery.
- Mary Beth Francis: recovering from heart surgery.
- Martin Fluder: ongoing health issues.
- Gary West: Karin Boles' neighbor, Guillain-Barré Syndrome.
- Donald Barnes: Ken Eldridge's cousin, stage 4 colon cancer.
- Chuck Thomas: Cindy Hodge's friend, recovering from heart attack.

Ongoing Prayers:

- Linda Leinwol: sister of Mary Beth Francis, ongoing prayers needed.
- Circuit Visitor: Pastor Bert Matlock's mom, Doris, health issues.
- Rita Norman: friend of the Francis', diagnosed with cancer.
- Sue Kookan: friend of Carol Walters, terminal cancer.
- Donna McClintock: friend of the Mitchells, battling cancer.
- RuthAnn Clement: L. Hill & L. Pellicone's Aunt, inoperable mass.
- Mary Shufeldt: Cathy Deyo's aunt, in NY rehab, had a fall.
- Jenny Klement: Gary Klement's daughter-in-law, lymphoma.
- Terri Davis: friend of Gail Carroll, stroke & severely diabetic.
- Ron Poitras: friend of Sandy Bingham, bladder cancer.
- Nancy & Jim P.: friends of the DiMarcos, family in crisis.
- Traci Fix: friend of Sandy Bingham, starting radiation.
- Sonia Vance: Eldridges' son's girlfriend, ongoing health concerns.
- Hannah Carroll: ongoing prayers, at Langdale Place, room 373.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH LUTHERAN

TUES	10:00	Bible Study with Pastor
	6:00	Men’s Potluck Bible Study
WED	11 – 3	‘Loaves & Fishes’ Food Pantry
THURS	9:00	Quilting Group with Devotions & Lunch
SUN	9:00	Bible Study & Sunday School

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Luke 16:19

“There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.” This is often called the story of “The Rich Man and Lazarus.” But it should really be called the story of “The Two Rich Men and Lazarus.” The other rich man in this story is Abraham. Obviously, these two men used the gift of riches that God gave them in very different ways. The life and decisions of Abraham flowed from faith; the rich man’s life and choices flowed from disbelief and self-centeredness. Abraham was kind and generous, reflecting his trust in a kind and generous God. And the rich man? Well, you saw what happened to him and what god he served.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

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

**SECOND 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

This Sunday we begin the second half of the Church Year. We have focused on the redeeming work of Christ Jesus, and now we focus on the effect on us and the world. The color is green which points to the growth of the Church and our faith. Today in the Gospel lesson we see the effects of Jesus's redeeming work as He removes demons from a man who was being tormented by them. Transformed, he returns to his home to tell everyone what Jesus had done.

PRELUDE & PERSONAL DEVOTION (*Quiet Please*)

+CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ 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 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.”



DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Third Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 19:9b – 21; Galatians 5:1, 13 - 25; Luke 9:51 - 62

SAINT DAYS, FEAST DAYS, & COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

June 24th - The Nativity of John the Baptist
June 25th - Presentation of the Augsburg Confession
June 26th - Jeremiah
June 27th - Cyril of Alexandria - Pastor and Confessor
June 28th - Irenaeus of Lyons - Pastor

“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 (22 nd):		Serving NEXT week (29 th):	
OFFICIANT	Rev. Dr. Richard Lohmeyer	OFFICIANT	Rev. Dr. Richard Lohmeyer
LECTOR	Don Brugel	LECTOR	Lisa Hill
COMM. ASST.	Larry Lorden	COMM. ASST.	Mike DiMarco
ALTAR CARE	Cathy Deyo	ALTAR CARE	Iris Ducey
ACOLYTE	Don Brugel	ACOLYTE	PJ Hill
GREETER	Marcia Lorden	GREETER	Donna Berg
USHER 1	Curt Fahsholz	USHER 1	Don Brugel
USHER 2	Ed Sheeley	USHER 2	Ken Eldridge
ELDER	Paul Hill	ELDER	Charlie Francis
ORGAN/PIANO	Kay Vincent	ORGAN/PIANO	Kay Vincent

CLOSING HYMN

643 SENT FORTH BY GOD’S BLESSING

1 Sent forth by God’s bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,
The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-’ry-day life we will face.
The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,
The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.
The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.
His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing
To work for God’s king-dom and an-swer His call.
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

ENTRANCE HYMN

528 OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing My
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, As-
3 Je-sus! The name that charms our fears, That
4 He breaks the pow’r of can-celed sin; He
great Re-deem-er’s praise, The glo-ries of my
sist me to pro-claim, To spread through all the
bids our sor-rows cease; ’Tis mu-sic in the
sets the pris-’ner free. His blood can make the
God and King, The tri-umphs of His grace!
earth a-broad, The hon-ors of Thy name.
sin-ner’s ears, ’Tis life and health and peace.
foul-est clean; His blood a-vails for me.

VERSE 5

Look unto Him, ye nations; own
Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace.

VERSE 6

See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off’ring made
For ev’ry soul of man.

VERSE 7

To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv’n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav’n.

INTROIT

Psalm 71:20–24; antiphon: v. 3

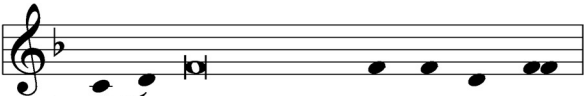
Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;
you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.
You will increase my greatness and comfort me again.
I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God;
I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.
My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you;
my soul also, which you have redeemed.
And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long,
for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do me hurt.

**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.**

Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;
you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

KYRIE

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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

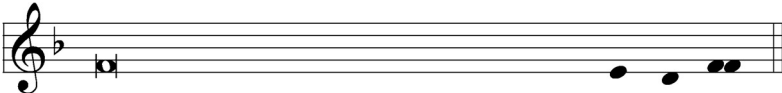
- A** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives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


Sit



BENEDICTION

LSB 166


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 A - men.

601 ALL WHO BELIEVE AND ARE BAPTIZED

1 All who be-lieve and are bap-tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Ho - ly Spir - it.

Bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion.
Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.

Through Christ's re-demp-tion they shall stand A - mong the glo-rious,
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -

heav'n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.
ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.

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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.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

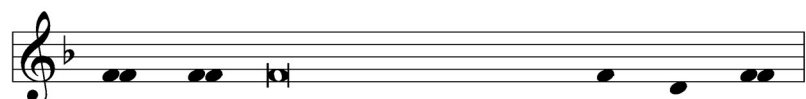
Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.




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



C A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS


LSB 154



A Glory to God in the highest, 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.

VERSE 5

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

VERSE 6

Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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744 AMAZING GRACE

sts. 1–5



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to




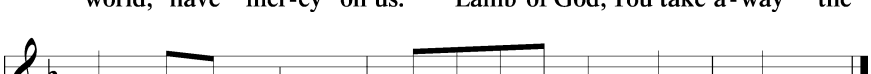


now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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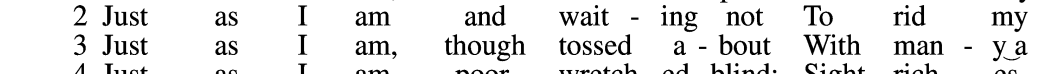

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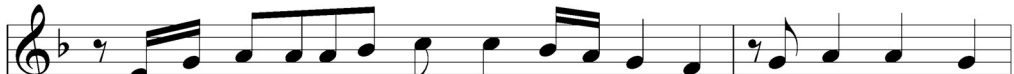

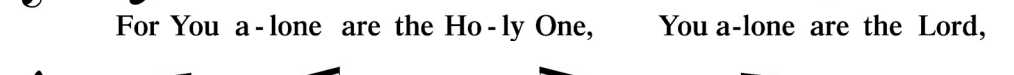
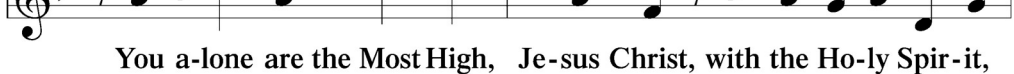

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

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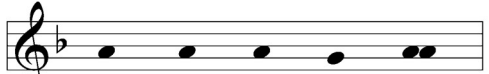
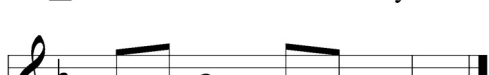
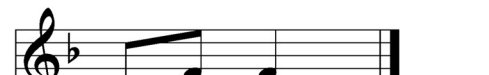
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

570 JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA


1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,

blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to

Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.


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 al - so with you.
P Let us pray.
O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things
as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from
us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all
blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 65:1–9

¹I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;
 I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.
 I said, “Here am I, here am I,”
 to a nation that was not called by my name.
²I spread out my hands all the day
 to a rebellious people,
 who walk in a way that is not good,
 following their own devices;
³a people who provoke me
 to my face continually,
 sacrificing in gardens
 and making offerings on bricks;
⁴who sit in tombs,
 and spend the night in secret places;
 who eat pig’s flesh,
 and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;
⁵who say, “Keep to yourself,
 do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.”
 These are a smoke in my nostrils,
 a fire that burns all the day.
⁶Behold, it is written before me:
 “I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
 I will indeed repay into their bosom
⁷both your iniquities and your fathers’ iniquities together,
 says the LORD;
 because they made offerings on the mountains
 and insulted me on the hills,
 I will measure into their bosom
 payment for their former deeds.”
⁸Thus says the LORD:
 “As the new wine is found in the cluster,
 and they say, ‘Do not destroy it,

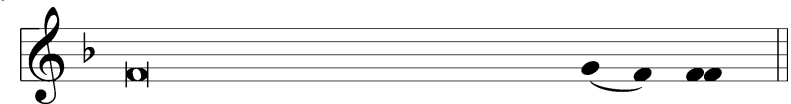
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

- 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



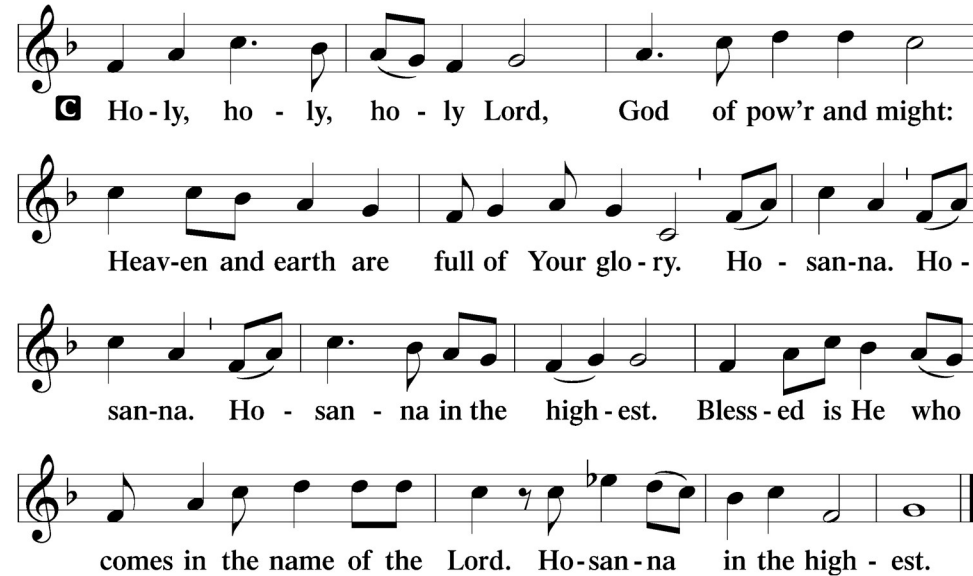
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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."

for there is a blessing in it,'
so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.
⁹I will bring forth offspring from Jacob,
and from Judah possessors of my mountains;
my chosen shall possess it,
and my servants shall dwell there."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Galatians 3:23—4:7

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA VERSE

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 8:26–39

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

²⁶Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.” ²⁹For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. ³¹And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³²Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. ³⁴When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

PREFACE

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The Lord be with you.
And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, 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:

OFFERTORY

955 LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons
had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying,
³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And
he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had
done for him.

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

Sit

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

849 PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered
at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious
Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and
Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us
storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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SERMON

“Proclaiming What He Has Done for You!”
Reverend Dr. Richard Lohmeyer

Stand

NICENE CREED

P 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 In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For peace in the world, for peace in the Church, for peace in the home and for peace in our lives, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church of the Augsburg Confession throughout the world, for the faithfulness of all churches to the truth of God’s Word, and for the proclamation of the Gospel to all people, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For Christian homes, that God would keep them safe from discord and evil intention, give faithfulness to husbands and wives, preserve love and respect between parents and children, and make them havens from fear and doubt, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the nations and those who govern them, for our own country and leaders, for our cities and communities, for good laws and faithful citizens, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick and those who suffer, for the grieving in their loss, and for the dying in their last days on earth, [*especially* _____,] let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P (Special Petitions)

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who commune this day, that we would faithfully eat Christ’s true body and drink His blood, given as new wine beyond all destruction, and so receive the blessing therein, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For thankful hearts at all of God’s gifts and for the grace of giving, that we may return to Him the tithes and offerings He is due, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Dear Father, You know the condition of our souls, that we frequently wander into sins, vice and danger. Hear our prayers for the sake of Christ, who defeated legions of demons so that we might receive adoption as sons; 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.

Sit

OFFERING

Stand