



# WHY LUTHERAN?

## ***SIXTH SUNDAY BECAUSE OF THE SACRAMENTS***

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WELCOME TO THIS  
WORSHIP  
CELEBRATION of the  
living Christ's presence  
in our midst. Christ  
comes to us with new  
life and strength for  
Christian living in  
daily life through the  
hearing of the Word,  
preaching, prayer,  
song, and community.

*As the Confession and  
Forgiveness begins, all  
may make the sign of  
the cross, the sign that  
is marked at baptism.*

*Congregational  
responses are in bold*

*\* Asterisks  
throughout the  
order of worship  
indicate the people  
standing, in body  
and/or in spirit.*

# GATHERING

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Karen Floto, Reader*

## PRELUDE "Praise, My Soul, the King Of Heaven"

arr. Haan

*Shirley Newhart, Organ*

## \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.  
**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✠ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"**

*Hymn 864*



- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.
- 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis - tress.
- 3 Tend - er - ly he shields and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows.
- 4 An - gels help us to a - dore him, who be - hold him face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais-es sing.  
Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
In his hands he gent - ly bears us, res-cues us from all our foes.  
Sun and moon bow down be - fore him; all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

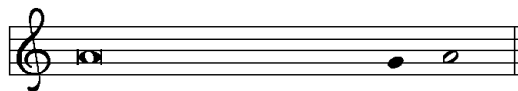
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**\*GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

"Kyrie" is a Greek word meaning "Lord." In Christian liturgy, particularly in Kyrie Eleison, it's used as a plea for God's mercy. The full phrase, "Kyrie eleison," translates to "Lord, have mercy," and has a common element in various Christian worship services since the 4th century.

## \*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



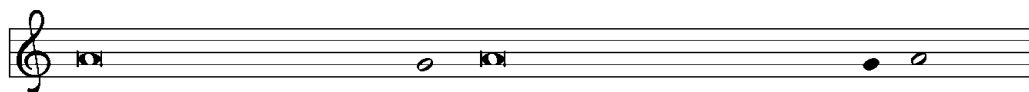
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



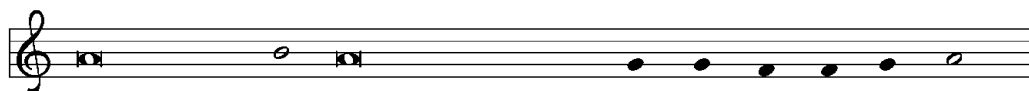
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in our baptism he claimed us to live and serve in his name. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## ANTHEM "Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior"

Setting by Machemer

*Chancel Choir*

*The congregation is invited to join in singing verses 2, 4, & 5*



Choir 1 Thee we a - dore, O hid - den Sav - ior, Thee,  
All 2 In this me - mo - rial of Thy death, O Lord,  
Choir 3 Thou, like the pel - i - can to feed her brood,  
All 4 Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God:  
All 5 O Christ, whom now be - neath a veil we see,



Who in Thy Sac - ra - ment art pleased to be;  
Thou dost Thy bod - y and Thy blood af - ford:  
Didst pierce Thy - self to give us liv - ing food;  
Cleanse us, un - clean, with Thy most cleans - ing blood;  
May what we thirst for soon our por - tion be:



Both flesh and spir - it in Thy pres - ence fail,  
Oh, may our souls for - ev - er feed on Thee,  
Thy blood, O Lord, one drop has pow'r to win  
In - crease our faith and love, that we may know  
To gaze on Thee un - veiled and see Thy face,



Yet here Thy pres - ence we de - vout - ly hail.  
And Thou, O Christ, for - ev - er pre - cious be.  
For - give - ness for our world and all its sin.  
The hope and peace which from Thy pres - ence flow.  
The vi - sion of Thy glo - ry, and Thy grace. A - men.

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# WORD

*Karen Floto, Reader*

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 55: 10-11

*Old Testament 645*

*As the rain and the snow come down from heaven... so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty.*

- <sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 34:1-8

*O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.*

- <sup>1</sup> I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
<sup>2</sup> **My soul makes its boast in the Lord;**  
**let the humble hear and be glad.**  
<sup>3</sup> O magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.  
<sup>4</sup> **I sought the Lord, and he answered me**  
**and delivered me from all my fears.**  
<sup>5</sup> Look to him, and be radiant,  
so your faces shall never be ashamed.  
<sup>6</sup> **This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord**  
**and was saved from every trouble.**  
<sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord encamps  
around those who fear him and delivers them.  
<sup>8</sup> **O taste and see that the Lord is good;**  
**happy are those who take refuge in him.**

*The reading of  
Scripture is when God  
makes known his will:  
God desires mercy and  
salvation.*

*Ultimately, this word  
points us to the Word,  
the incarnate Son of  
God.*

*Through Christ —  
God's only Son — are  
we able to know the  
Father's favor and  
grace.*

## SECOND READING: Romans 6:3-5

*New Testament 136*

*Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?... so we too might walk in newness of life.*

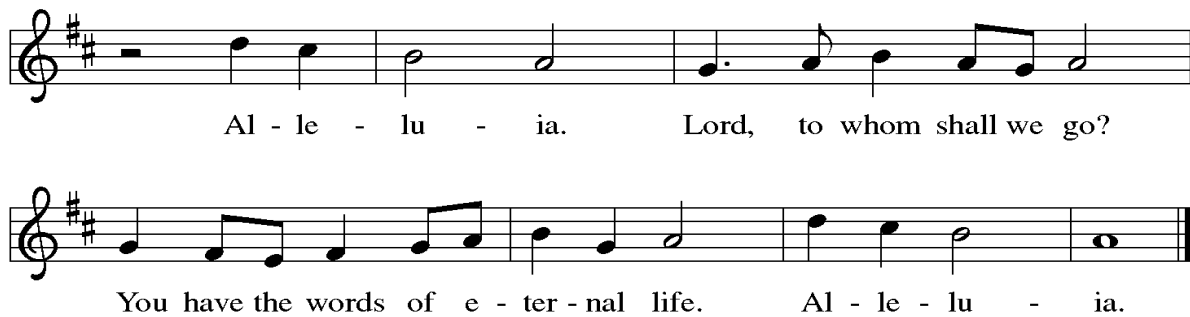
<sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

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

### \*GOSPEL: Luke 22:14-20

*New Testament 75*

*This is my body... this cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup> When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, <sup>16</sup> for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, <sup>18</sup> for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." <sup>19</sup> Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he



broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup> And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** "God Comes with Water, Bread, and Wine"  
*Reverend Jason Talsness*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** "We Come to You for Healing, Lord"  
*Hymn 617*  
*Verses 1-4*

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of  
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and  
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through  
4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through  
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your  
reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -  
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of  
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of  
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.  
mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.  
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.  
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.  
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are  
given today by **Pat  
Cooper** "in celebration  
of the 24 Kairos  
Graduates" and by  
**Randi & Brad  
VenHuizen** "in  
celebration of 30 happy  
years of marriage."

**THE ETERNAL  
CANDLE** for October  
is given by **Shirley  
Stiber** "with  
thankfulness for God's  
blessings."

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*In the Apostles' Creed,  
the phrase "holy  
catholic Church" refers  
to the universal  
Christian church, not  
exclusively the Roman  
Catholic Church. It  
signifies the belief in a  
single, unified body of  
believers across time  
and space, united by  
their shared faith in  
Christ.*

## **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*(In between the petitions of the prayers, the following response is  
offered.)*

**Leader:** God of Grace,

**People:** Receive our prayers.

*(Final petition and response.)*

**Leader:** We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your  
everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

## **\*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.

## **SENDING**

### **\*PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

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## \*SENDING SONG “Go, My Children with My Blessing”

*Hymn 543*



1 “Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 “Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 “Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.”  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.”  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.”

## \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

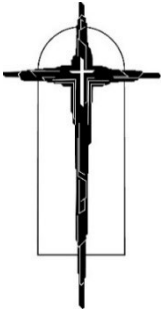
**Thanks be to God.**

## \*POSTLUDE “Foundation”

*Shirley Newhart, organ*

arr. Callahan

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 12	9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship 10:20 am Adult Discipleship Class 10:20 am Confirmation Class
Monday, October 13	10:00 am Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, October 14	3:00 p.m. Stephen Ministers
Wednesday, October 15	8:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10:00 am PLARning Group 7:00 Choir Practice
Thursday, October 16	3:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Stroke Support Group
Friday, October 17	4:45 pm SUNSET CRUISE
Saturday, October 18	

*Italics indicate outside group*



# THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Ministers	The People of Messiah
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Choral Director	Rodney Powers
Altar Guild	Jane Holst and Kay Yablecki
Reader	Karen Floto
Evangelism Greeters	Janet Reardon and Kay Yablecki
Ushers	Jim Ross and Ken Mitchell
Acolytes	Confirmation Class
Audio Visual	Steve Allen and Ken McLauchlan
Coffee Hour	Christine Lind (Host) and Cheryl Liebgott (cake)

## MILESTONES THIS WEEK

*Birthdays: Penny LeBlanc 10/15, Ron Whitaker 10/17, Michele Marie Derr 10/17,  
Howard Anderson 10/18*

*Anniversaries: Randi & Brad VenHuizen 10/14*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **IT'S BIRTHDAY SUNDAY**

Join us at Coffee Fellowship as we honor people with October birthdays.

## **PARISH LIFE MINISTRY**

### **Sunset Cruise**

**Friday, October 17, 4:45 pm**

This churchwide event will leave from Landings Harbor (north harbor on Marina Drive) promptly at 5:00 pm. BYOB and an appetizer to share is optional. The cost is \$35 per person with a maximum of 34 people. Sign up on the Narthex Kiosk. Questions? Contact Gayle Denny (503.604.0764)

## **Women's Retreat**

**May 15-17, 2026**

### **Epworth-by-the Sea, St. Simons Island**

Women may still reserve a space at next Spring's retreat until March by contacting Gayle Denny (503.604.0764)

## **OUTREACH MINISTRY**

### **Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia**

The food for October is canned fish and meat (e.g., tuna, chicken, etc.).

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

### **Desperate Women of the Bible**

The Bible is populated with authentic, passionate, and often desperate characters. In the upcoming series for the Women's Bible Study beginning October 20, you will meet eight nameless women from the New Testament who were driven by their circumstances to seek out Jesus. As you learn of these women and their culture, you will discover fresh insights into how God can transform your despair into hope.

The Women's Bible Study meets on Mondays at 10:00 am in Messiah's Conference Room and will be doing this study from October 20 through December 8. Please notify Randi VenHuizen ([randiv1026@gmail.com](mailto:randiv1026@gmail.com) or 402-216-3067) as soon as possible if you wish to participate so she can order a book for you.

# **SERMON PREVIEW**

## **Because of the Sacraments**

Lutherans are sacramental Christians, which means that we believe we experience God through the Word. That Word, however, comes not just through the Bible but through ordinary earthly elements such as water in baptism and bread and wine in communion. The Roman Catholic Church has seven sacraments. Luther read the Bible and concluded Jesus gave just two sacraments. Baptism and Holy Communion became touchstones for our faith--special ways Jesus comes to us and transforms us. In the sacraments we receive forgiveness and newness of life.

### Questions for Reflection:

Luther taught that in the Sacraments, "God's Word is the chief thing." How does it change your understanding of baptism or communion to see them as something God does for you, rather than something you do for God? In Luke 22, Jesus says, "The Cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood." What difference might it make that the promise is personal, as in "for you"? How can the reality of your baptism and the gift of Christ's table shape the way you approach your work, relationships, and community in the coming week?



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DAY OF BUILDING BEDS FOR  
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