



***WHY LUTHERANISM? BECAUSE IT'S ALL GRACE***

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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

*Jim Ross, Reader*

## PRELUDE "Lift High the Cross"

arr. Leavitt

*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.

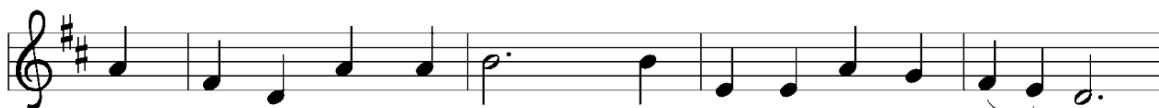
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**

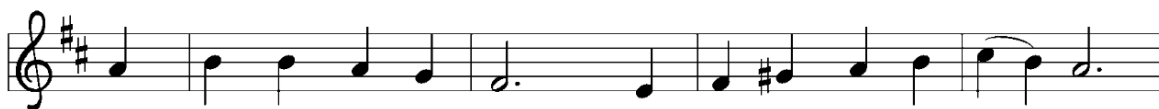
You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✠ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

## \*GATHERING SONG "Oh God, My Faithful God"

*Hymn 806*



1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,  
2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing  
3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;  
4 When dan-gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:  
what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—  
guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;  
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in  
to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless  
but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,  
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.  
what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.  
then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.  
and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

## \*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.**



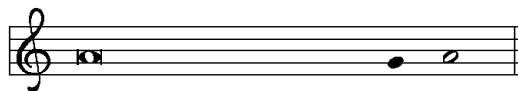
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([messiahsi.org](http://messiahsi.org)) and  
clicking on the Donate  
tab. Another option to  
reach the portal is to  
scan this QR code  
using your  
smartphone's QR  
reader.*

*If you would like to  
give the old-fashioned  
way, the offering plate  
is on the table as you  
exit the Sanctuary.*

"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.



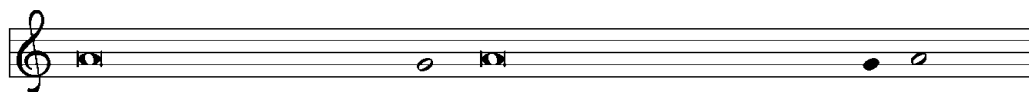
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



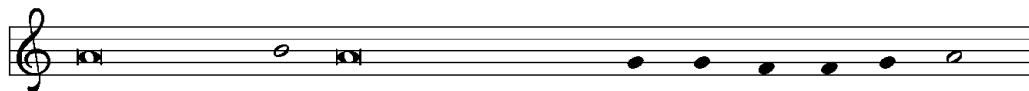
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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**

Gracious God,  
You welcome us without price, love us without condition, and  
redeem us without merit. Before we could speak repentance, you  
ran to embrace us. Before we could believe, you poured out mercy.  
By your grace alone, you have called us, saved us, and set us free.  
Help us to trust in your unearned love, to rejoice in your  
abounding mercy, and to live each day as those who know—grace  
was first, grace will be last, and grace will be always. Through Jesus  
Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## **ANTHEM “Gracious Spirit Dwell in Me”**

arr. Scott

*Chancel Choir*

## **WORD**

*Jim Ross, Reader*

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-7**

*Old Testament 645*

*This is a stunning image of God’s free and abundant grace. No  
payment required. God initiates the feast and invites those who  
bring nothing. Echoes of the radical hospitality of grace.*

<sup>1</sup> Hear, everyone who thirsts;

come to the waters;

and you who have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not  
bread

and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;

*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.*

listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
<sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.  
<sup>5</sup> Now you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
<sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 103:6-13**

*As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him*

<sup>6</sup> The Lord works vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.  
<sup>7</sup> **He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.**  
<sup>8</sup> The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
<sup>9</sup> **He will not always accuse,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.**  
<sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
<sup>11</sup> **For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**  
<sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west,  
so far he removes our transgressions from us.  
<sup>13</sup> **As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.**

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:4-9

*New Testament 170*

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God...*

<sup>4</sup>but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God <sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

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 15: 11-32

*New Testament 68*

*The Parable of the Prodigal son*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup> Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> “Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’

*In the sermon, the Word of God is brought to bear on the lives of the hearers. This is the equivalent of sitting at the feet of Jesus. But it's more than mere instruction.*

*Through the sermon, God speaks to us with a two-edged sword of challenge and promise, Law and Gospel. The subject of the sermon is both God and us.*

*Through the sermon we come to a better understanding of ourselves, especially our need for God's love and forgiveness. We also come face to face with God's mercy and love.*

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

### SERMON "Because It's All Grace"

Reverend Jason Talsness

### \*HYMN OF THE DAY "Let Us Walk with Jesus"

Hymn 802



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.  
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.  
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,  
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:  
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.  
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.  
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.  
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.

Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.

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## **\*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: Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

*(Final petition and response.)*

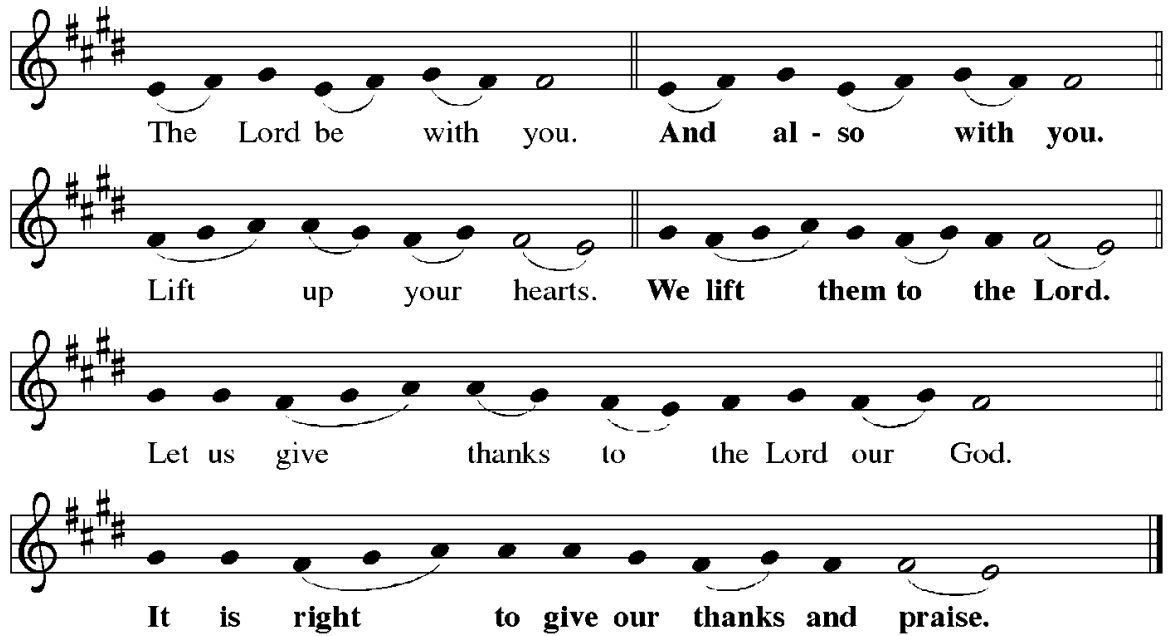
Leader: Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our  
prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus  
Christ, our wisdom and companion.

People: Amen.

*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.*

# MEAL

## \*DIALOGUE



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.

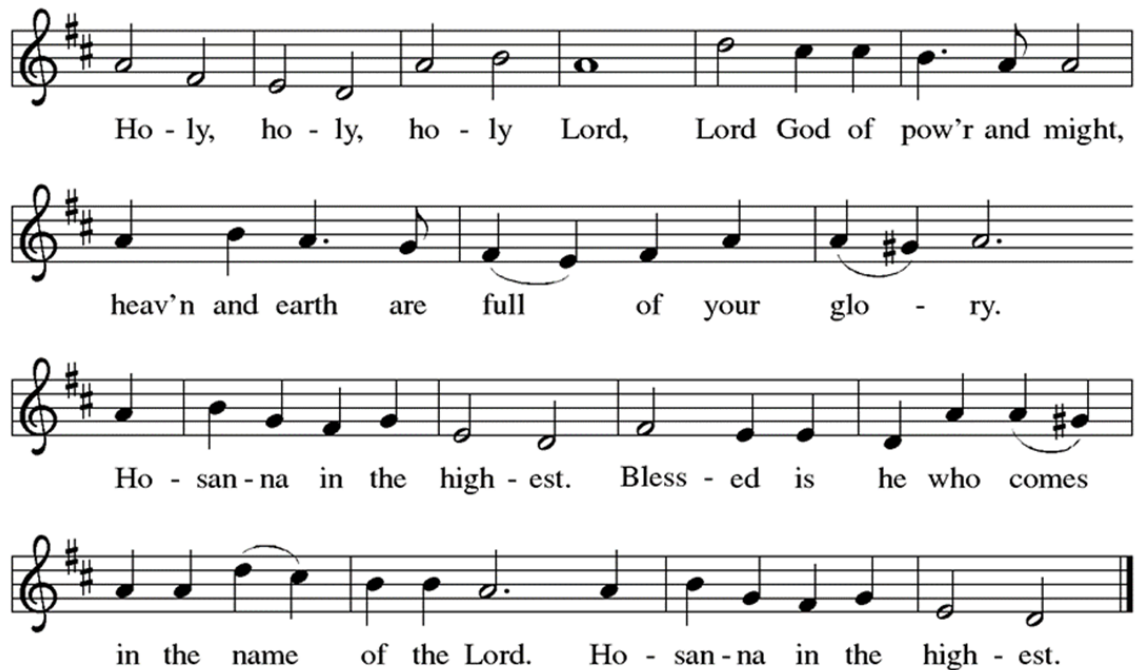
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## \*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...

We praise your name and join their unending  
hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### \*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.

### \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you.  
Eat and rejoice.

### COMMUNION SONG "Lamb of God"

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, grant us peace.

### COMMUNION

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Pattye & Clarke Field to the glory of God and by Tim Andrews with loving birthday wishes for his wife, Barbara.*

#### ETERNAL CANDLE

*The September candle is given by The Ridberg Family with blessings to all the students as they return to school.*

*The final blessing is a  
declaration of God's  
grace and peace upon  
the congregation as  
they depart the service.*

*It's not a prayer or  
request but a  
pronouncement of  
God's blessing, echoing  
the Aaronic blessing  
from the Old  
Testament in the book  
of Numbers chapter 6.*

*This blessing assures  
the congregation that  
God's presence and  
favor will accompany  
them as they go out  
into the world.*

## **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Loving God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
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.

# **\*SENDING SONG** “Lift High the Cross”

*Hymn 660*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till  
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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## **\*POSTLUDE** “March”

*Shirley Newhart, organ*

Handel

## **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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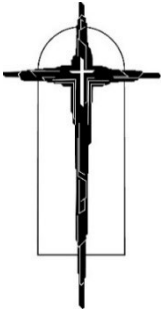
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 7	9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship 10:20 am Adult Discipleship Class 10:20 am Confirmation Class
Monday, September 8	10:00 am Women's Bible Study <i>6:30 pm Mahjong</i>
Tuesday, September 9	3:00 pm Stephen Ministers
Wednesday, September 10	8:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10:00 am PLARning Group 7:00 Choir Practice
Thursday, September 11	4:00 pm Theology 101
Friday, September 12	<i>10:00 am Stamp Club</i>
Saturday, September 13	

*Italics indicate outside group*

## SERMON PREVIEW

### Because It's All Grace

The sermon series on Lutheranism begins this week with the defining emphasis of our tradition: Grace—the goodness of God, which we receive unearned and unmerited. The concept of grace is the key discovery of Martin Luther, which unleashed the Reformation of the church in Europe. We will discuss grace through the lens of the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15. In it, the wasteful son squanders the advance of his inheritance from his father, only to return home hoping to be a servant. He is welcomed warmly and restored to his status as son. Jesus told this parable to illustrate God's love: we may rebel against God and squander the blessings God gives us, but God's response continues to be grace. Questions for Reflection: What comes to mind when you consider the word "Lutheran?" How acquainted are you with Lutheran principles and teachings? Can you think of a time when you sensed God's grace? What about God's judgment?



# THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Ministers	The People of Messiah
Pastor	Jason Talsness
Minister, Pastoral Care	Karen Scheib
Pastor Emeritus	James Peper
Presiding Bishop ELCA	Elizabeth A. Eaton
Bishop, SE Synod ELCA	Kevin Strickland
Director of Music & Organist	Shirley Newhart
Choral Director	Rodney Powers
Altar Guild	Kathy Ritz and Marcia Stinson
Reader	Jim Ross
Evangelism Greeters	Kathy & Ken Ritz
Ushers	Shirley & Phil Nack
Communion Assistants	Milda Blaney and Lynn McLauchlan
Acolytes	Confirmation Class
Audio Visual	Steve Allen and Ken McLauchlan
Coffee Hour	TBD (host), Milda Blaney (treats)

## MILESTONES THIS WEEK

*Birthdays: Dr. Tom Thomas 09/08, Al Small 09/10, David Ridberg 09/12*

*Anniversaries: Milda & Terry Blaney 09/09*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **PARISH LIFE MINISTRY**

### **Ladies Breakfast**

**Thursday, September 18, 9 am**

The monthly gathering will be at the Marshwood Club. Make your reservation to attend by September 11 by contacting Lynn McLauchlan (410.353.9795).

### **Questions & Answers from a Geriatric Doctor**

**Thursday, September 18, 6:30 pm**

Geriatric specialist Dr. Judy Hildebrand will lead a Question & Answer event. This is the second of five sessions sponsored by the Parish Life Ministry. The group will meet in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the Narthex Kiosk to aid planners.

### **Women's Retreat**

**May 15-17, 2026**

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

Planning is underway for the next retreat, and Karen Scheib will lead the sessions focused on the theme "Our Story and God's Story." Messiah's folks get so busy that the Parish Life Ministry is challenging the women of the church to create time for themselves at this special Women's Retreat. Early planning is . necessary to secure conference center space and get on people's calendar.

There is a \$50 deposit due by Sunday, September 7, to help plan and secure numbers. The total cost will be \$150 for each shared hotel-like room with 2 queen beds and a balcony overlooking the river. Parish Life

Ministry Chair Gayle Denny hopes to get sponsorship for 1/3 of the total cost for the

retreat. The registration form is on the Narthex Kiosk. Please write a check to Messiah Lutheran Church for \$50 (with Women's Retreat in the memo line) and submit it by September 7 with a completed copy of the registration form to the Church Office or place it in the Sunday offering plate. Need more information? Contact Parish Life Chair Gayle Denny (513.604.0764).

## **OUTREACH MINISTRY**

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

Peanut butter is the food for September.

### **Brats, Band & Building Beds**

### **A Celebration of Music, Food & Giving**

**Saturday, September 27, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm**

Plan to attend this fun-filled evening of great music, delicious food, and a powerful purpose—helping children get the beds they deserve. The event will be in the church parking lot, and there will be:

- Live music by the Bourbon Boys
- Brats and hot dogs fresh off the grill with sides, all courtesy of Messiah
- Leopold's ice cream for purchase
- Bring a chair and your drinks.

All proceeds will go directly to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a nonprofit that builds beds for children in need. *Because every child deserves a bed to sleep in.* Can't make it? Consider donating or joining the event to build the beds on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Guerry Lumber is a sponsor of the event.

## **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

**Beginning Friday, September 26 at 3:30 pm**

Have you lost a loved one recently? Join the Grief Support Group to come to a deeper understanding of grief, share experiences, and become companions on the journey towards healing. The group, which is open to anyone in the community, is for a maximum of 10 adults who have lost someone in a significant relationship.

The course will be held in the Conference Room at Messiah and will run for eleven weeks on Fridays, from 3:30 to 5 pm, on September 26 to November 21 and December 5 and 12. The cost is \$20, which pays for the course materials. To register, contact Pastor Scheib ([kdsspin54@gmail.com](mailto:kdsspin54@gmail.com); 404.401.0219) or contact the Church Office.

## **KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY Please Help!**

On October 2nd, the Kairos Prison Ministry Team will return to Emanuel Women's Facility in Swainsboro, Georgia. Kairos means "God's Special Time". The purpose of this program is to establish a Kairos Community inside this prison by the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. A Kairos Team of 22 Kairos volunteers will spend 3½ days with the residents sharing God's love for them.

## **How to Participate**

- **Pray for us:** Be a part of the Prayer Chain. This is vital...without prayer this weekend cannot happen. There will be a sign-up sheet and suggested prayers on the Kairos Table in the Fellowship Hall for the next four Sundays.
- **Donate:** All Kairos activities are funded by donations. One way to help is to buy meal tickets for the participants. A \$5 donation is suggested, but any amount will be helpful. The residents will see that someone they did not know was thinking about them and paid for their meal.
- **Color Placemats:** These placemats are used for each meal to brighten their mealtime during the weekend. The residents are thrilled to see that someone has taken the time to brighten their day.

Please stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall after worship and participate in this worthwhile mission. You may also contact Pat Cooper at 912-508-4250. God Bless

## **GLASS VASES NEEDED**

Glass vases are needed for an Altar flower project. If you have any vases to donate, please leave them on the counter in the Sacristy, which is the room at the back of the Sanctuary behind the altar.

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