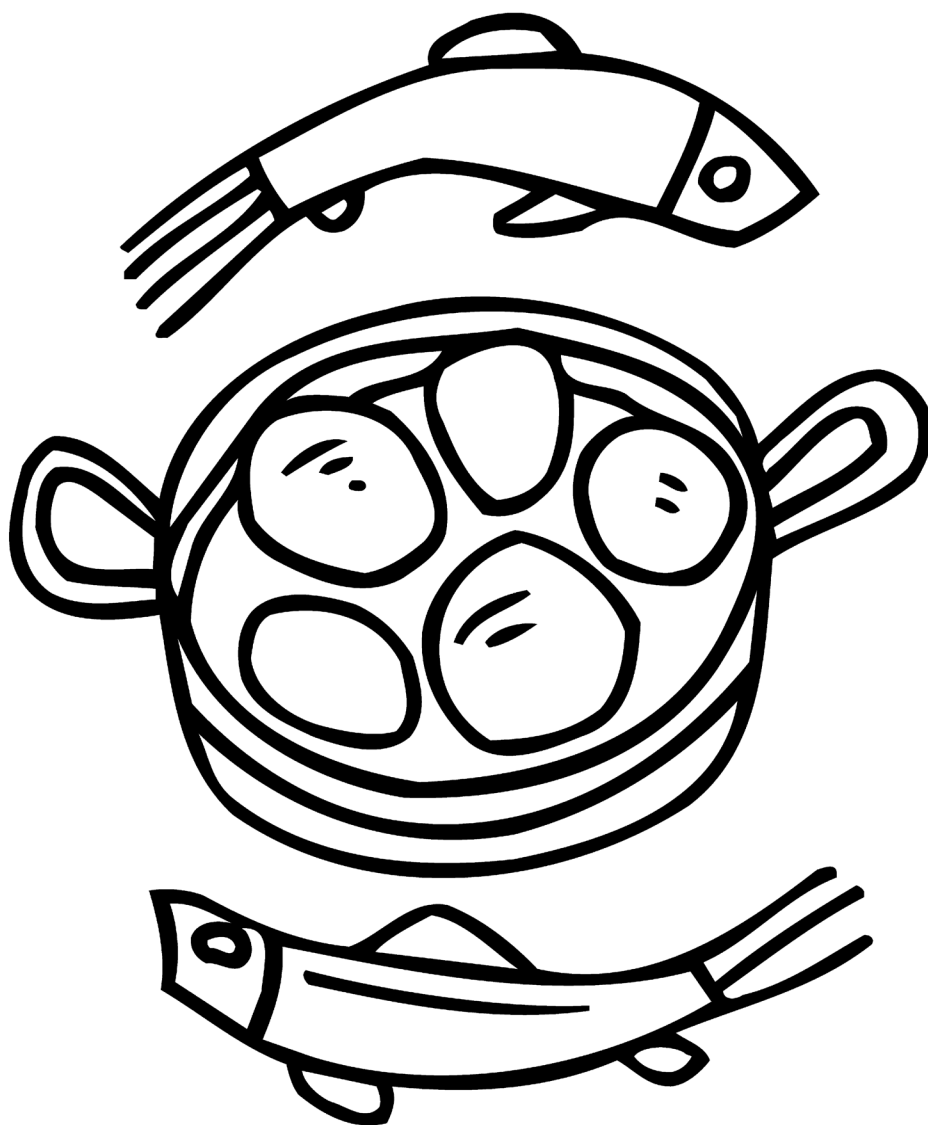




WELCOME TO THIS
WORSHIP CELEBRA-
TION of the living
Christ's presence in
our midst. Christ
comes to us with new
life and strength for
Christian living in
daily life through the
hearing of the Word,
preaching, prayer,
song, and community.

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

*Congregational re-
sponses are in bold*

** Asterisks through-
out the order of
worship indicate
the people stand-
ing, in body and/or
in spirit.*

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Denny, reader

PRELUDE "Prelude in F Major"

Shirley Newhart, organ

J.S. Bach

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection

Leader: Compassionate God.

People: **we confess to you all our sins.**

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Leader: Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

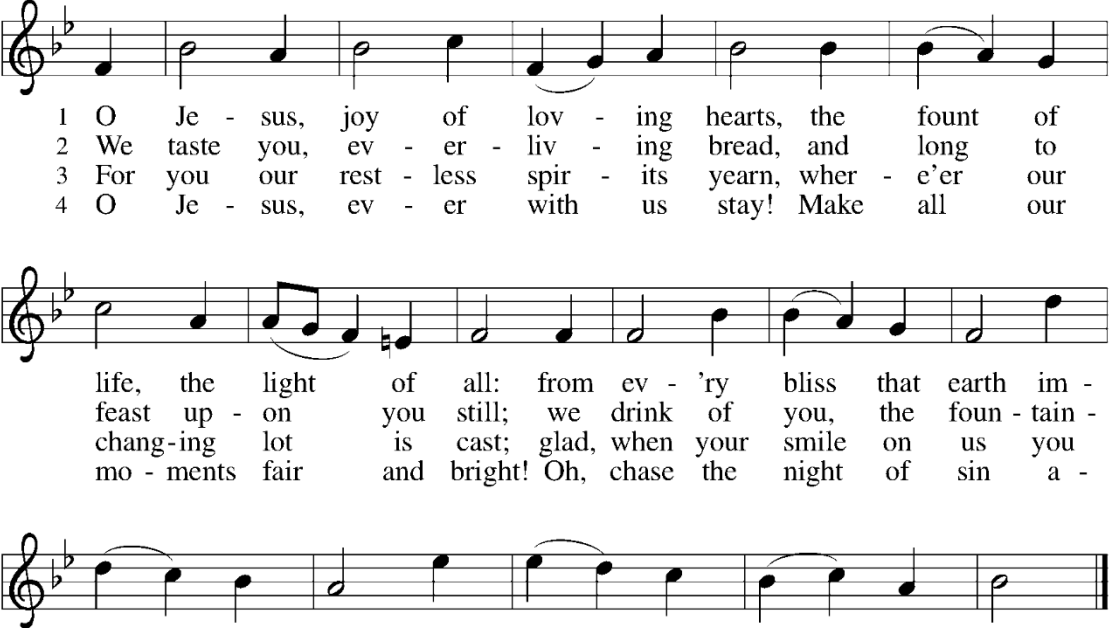
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

People: **Amen.**

*GATHERING SONG “O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

Hymn 658



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.
Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

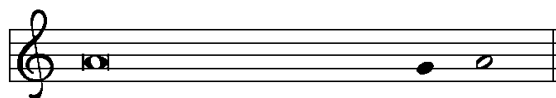
*GREETING

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

People: 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.

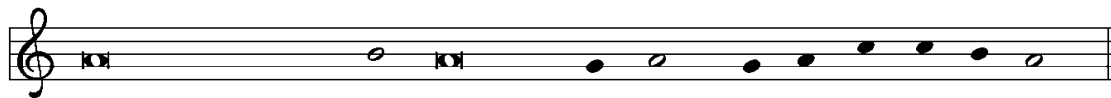
*KYRIE



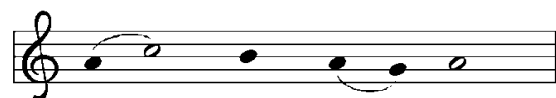
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



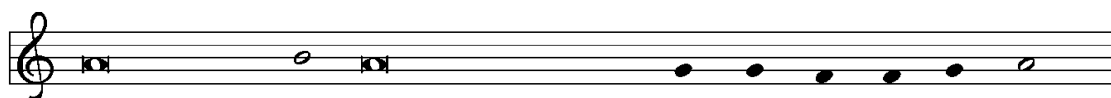
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

The reading of Scripture is the time that 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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Leader: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Gather Us In”

Haugen

Trevor Olson, solo

For lyrics, see Hymn 532

WORD

John Denny, reader

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

Old Testament 645

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

Leader: ⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**People: ⁹ Lord, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

Leader: ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**People: ¹⁵ The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.**

Leader: ¹⁶ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**People: ¹⁷ You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

Leader: ¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

**People: ¹⁹ You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

Leader: ²⁰ You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

**People: ²¹ My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

New Testament page 139

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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: Matthew 14:13-21

New Testament 14

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

Leader: The Gospel according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

SERMON

Dr. Cale Robert Hall, Guest Preacher

*Today's Altar Flowers
are given by Janet &
Walter Reardon "in
celebration of their
wedding anniversary."*

*The August Eternal
candle was donated
by Cheryl Liebgot "to
thank God for all his
blessings."*

That Christ visited the dead after his crucifixion is based on 1 Peter 4:6 "For this is the reason the gospel was proclaimed even to the dead, so that, though they had been judged in the flesh as everyone is judged, they might live in the spirit as God does."

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.

*HYMN OF THE DAY "Break Now the Bread of Life"

Hymn 515



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.

Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

*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: Merciful God,

People: receive our prayer.

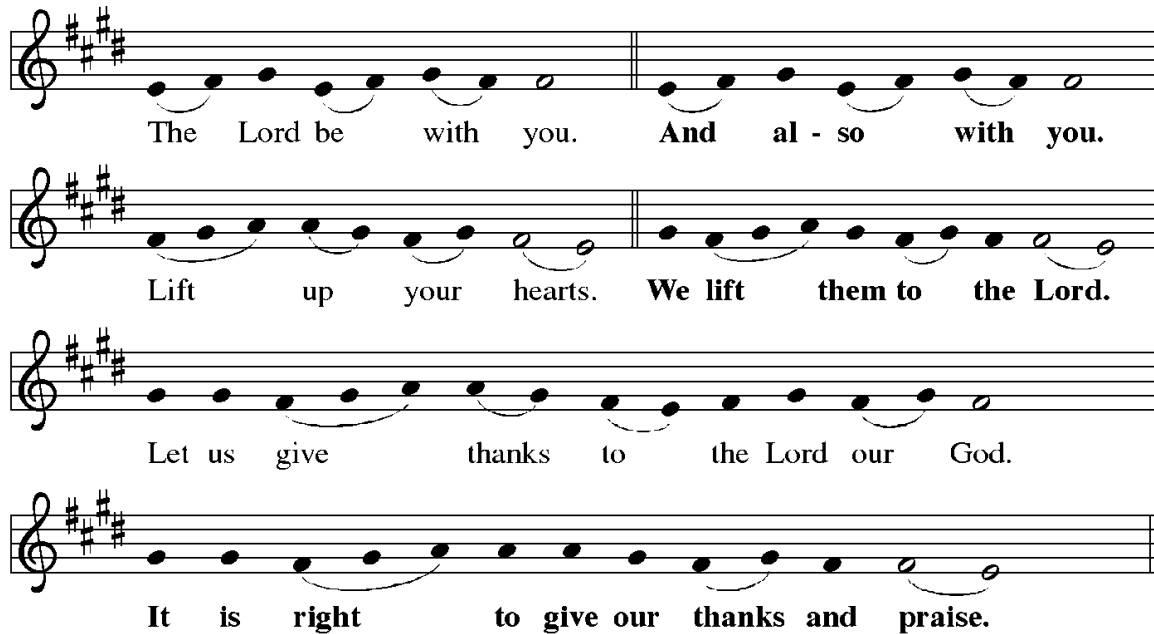
(Final petition and response.)

Leader: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have
promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

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:

During Pentecost there is Holy Communion on the first and third of each month. All who are seeking Christ and his grace are welcome at our communion table.

*Today, we will receive Communion by **intinction** (dipping the bread into the wine or juice).*

Here is the process:

Approach: Please follow the direction of the ushers to come forward via the center aisle.

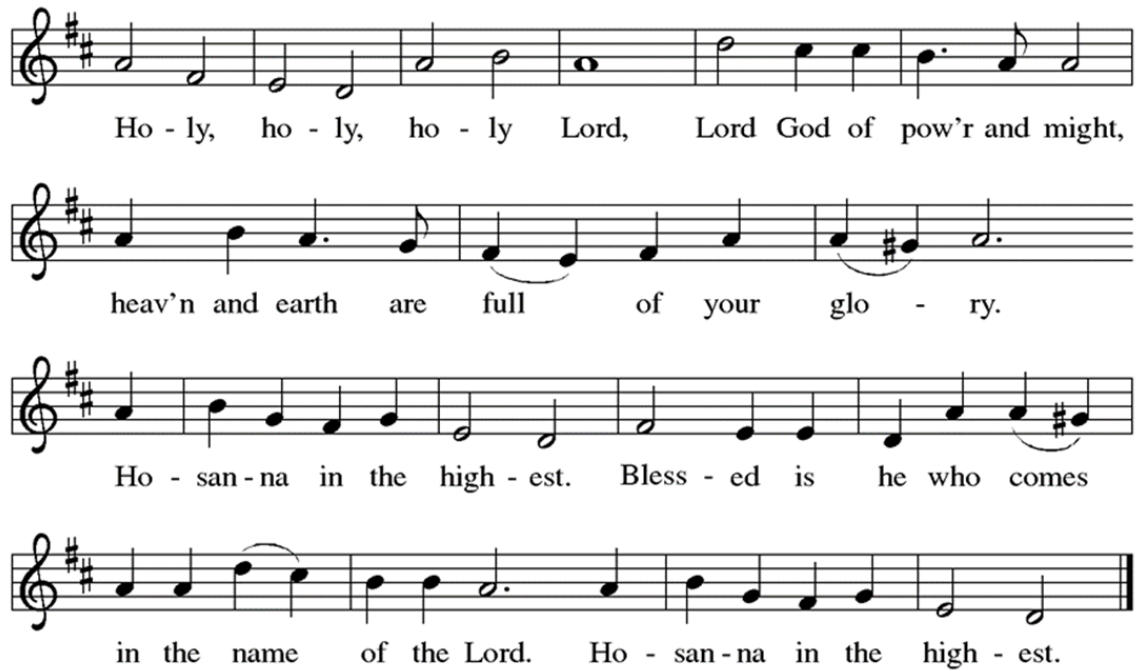
Receive the Bread: Extend your hands to receive a piece of bread or a wafer from the minister.

Dip: Hold the bread carefully and dip a portion into the chalice.

Consume: Place the intincted bread directly into your mouth and reverently return to your seat by the side aisles.

Note: If you prefer a gluten-free option or a blessing instead, please let the minister know as you approach.

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

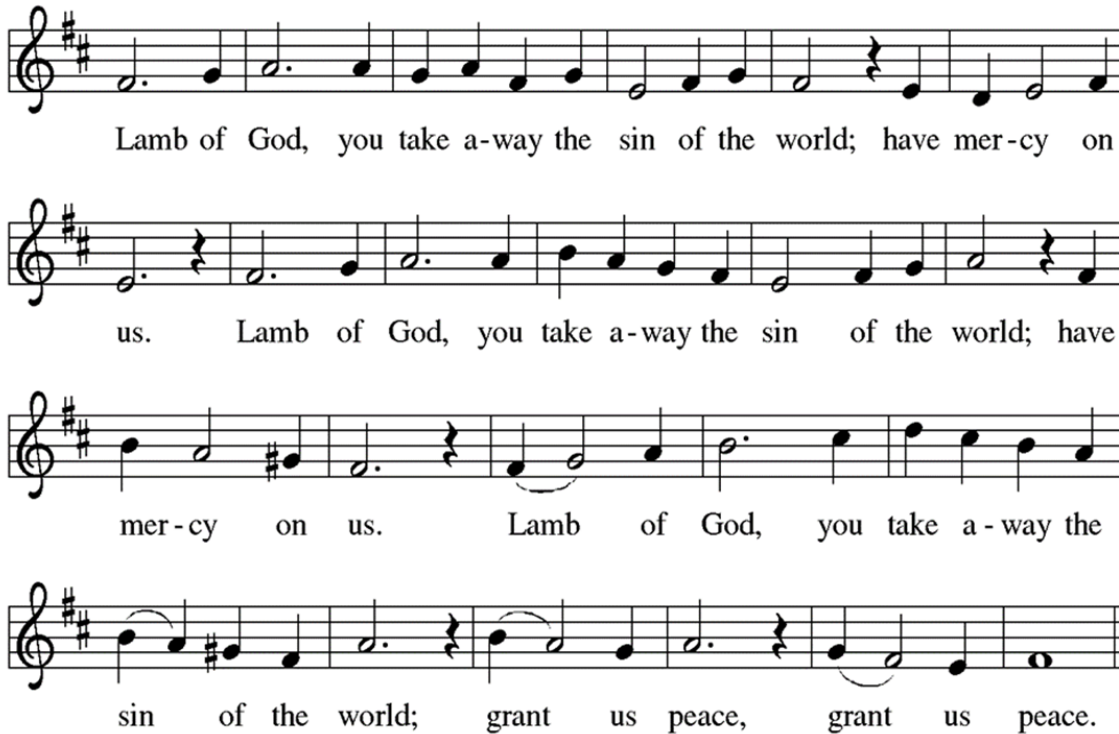
***LORD'S PRAYER**

People: 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**

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

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

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Compassionate God,

People: through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

Leader: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

People: Amen

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*SENDING SONG “Praise and Thanksgiving”

Hymn 689



- 1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
- 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
- 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
- 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune
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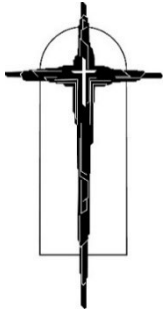
Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE “Fugue in F Major”

Shirley Newhart, organ

J.S. Bach



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 2	9:00 am Worship 10:00 am SING THE FAITH Rehearsal 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship
Monday, August 3	5:00 pm Ronald McDonald House Dinner <i>6:00 pm Mahjong</i>
Tuesday, August 4	
Wednesday, August 5	8:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Thursday, August 6	
Friday, August 7	<i>1:00 pm Needlepoint Society</i>
Saturday, August 8	

Italics indicate outside group

PASTOR SCHEIB OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

MESSIAH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday-9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 pm

Wednesday-8:30 am to 11:30 am

Friday-Closed

ONLINE GIVING

Please consider making a one-time or recurring gift to Messiah using the secure online portal at the website (messiahsi.org) and clicking on the Give tab. Another option to reach the portal is to scan this QR code using your smartphone's QR reader. This link may be used for paying for altar flowers and other church-related activities. Questions? Contact the Church Office.



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



THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Ministers	The People of Messiah
Pastor	Jason Talsness
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Director, Faith Formation	Ken Ritz
Pastor Emeritus	James Peper
Presiding Bishop ELCA	Yehiel Curry
Bishop, SE Synod ELCA	Kevin Strickland
Director of Music & Organist	Shirley Newhart
Choral Director	Rodney Powers
Altar Guild	Janet Reardon
Reader	John Denny
Communion Assistants	Bonnie LaPread, Ken Mitchell, Jim Ross
Evangelism Greeters	Christine Lind
Ushers	Jim Dawson & Phil Nack
Audio Visual	Steve Allen and Ken McLauchlan
Coffee Hour	Jennifer Nguyen (host) Jennifer Nguyen (treats)

MILESTONES THIS WEEK

Birthdays: Peter Talsness 8/3; Trish Tallon 8/3; Dick Munson 8/5; Karen Floto 8/7

Anniversaries: Janet & Walter Reardon 8/3; Karen Floto & David Driggers 8/6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME OUR GUEST PREACHER

Dr. Cale Robert Hall serves as Resident Chaplain at Trinity United Methodist Church in Savannah, where he leads Square One, a ministry of presence and radical hospitality among Savannah's unhoused community. He is also a professor of business and leadership, teaching graduate and doctoral students, and is currently completing the ordination process as a Deacon in The United Methodist Church.

Cale holds degrees in business, theology, and ministry, including a Doctor of Ministry from Emory University's Candler School of Theology. His passion is helping people discover God's presence in everyday life through compassion, contemplation, and service, believing that every person is created in the image of God and worthy of dignity, grace, and love.

2026-2027 FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

The group assignments are complete! Electronic copies were distributed in *The Messiah Minute*, and hard copies are on the Narthex Table.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Deadline: Sunday, August 9

School starts in August, and the Outreach Ministry will be collecting school supplies until Sunday, August 9, with donations going to The Learning Academy. There is a list of items needed on the Narthex Outreach Table. You may leave donations in the baskets or on the Outreach Table. If you would like to donate money, make a check out to Messiah Lutheran

with "Back to School Drive" in the memo line and drop it in the offering plate. The Learning Academy is so appreciative of this supply drive, and it's a great way to help them start off a new school year!

Build-a-Bed With Appreciation

The Outreach Ministry extends its sincere thanks to the Messiah congregation for your extraordinary generosity in supporting our **Build A Bed** fundraising effort.

Thanks to your kindness, we have not only met but exceeded our fundraising goal of **\$7,500**. Your gifts will provide all the materials needed for our bed build on **Saturday, October 3**, and will also enable us to make an additional contribution to **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** to help them continue their mission of ensuring that *no child sleeps on the floor in our community*.

What's Next? Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for our **Build A Bed** event on **Saturday, October 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**. Volunteer sign-ups will be available soon. We hope you'll be part of this meaningful day of service as we work together to build beds—and hope—for children in our community.

continued

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are multiple ways you can support Messiah and its ministries:

- **Join the Evangelism Ministry** if you would like to help grow Messiah and meet new people. Contact Claire Williams (912.658.4114; cwilliams17@comcast.net).
- **Volunteer to be an usher** if you can help greet people and assist them during worship. Contact George Lawrence (912.484.2818; mppggl13@gmail.com).
- **Be a Reader** who shares the Welcome and Announcements and leads the Readings at worship. Contact Diana Wilson (912.656.0893; geofdiskid@gmail.com).
- **Sign up to be a Communion Assistant** on the Narthex Kiosk. For more information, talk with Marcia Stinson (912.704.4085; mfstinson@comcast.net).
- **Assist with Coffee Fellowship.** Sign up on the Narthex Kiosk. For more information, talk to Christine Lind (803.351.2151; saffron214@hotmail.com).
- **Donate flowers or the monthly Eternal Candle.** Sign up on the Narthex Kiosk. For more information, contact the Church Office (912.598.1188, ext. 101; messiahsk@gmail.com).

THE ARTS AT MESSIAH

Friday, August 14, 7:00 pm

The last concert of the 2026 season will feature two internationally acclaimed musicians. Their program will showcase some of the best works for their winning combination of instruments and is sure to be pure musical magic!

Praised for his “extreme finesse” and “boundless energy,” **Russell Iceberg** leads a dynamic career

as a solo violinist and chamber musician, concertizing throughout Canada, the United States, and Europe. He has won multiple awards, including grand prizes at the Golden Violin Competition, the Peter Mendell award, and top prizes at Prix d’Europe and Allentown Symphony Orchestra’s Schadt String Competition. Mr. Iceberg performs on a rare violin made in 1761 by Nicolò Gagliano on generous loan from a private sponsor.

Felix Hong has emerged as one of Canada’s most promising young pianists. He captured the Grand Prize of the prestigious Concours Prix d’Europe in 2017 and the Prix Jean Marchand for the best collaborative pianist in 2022. He was named to the CBC’s “List of 30 hot Canadian classical musicians under 30” in 2017 and one of the rising star artists in La Scena Musicale Magazine.

No reservations are required. No admission charge, but a suggested donation of \$20 per person would be most welcome.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Bonnie LaPread and Lynn McLauchlan will be co-facilitating the Monday morning women’s Bible study beginning on Monday, September 14, at 10:00 am.

All returning and new members who wish to join the Fall study should email Lynn McLauchlan.

Please respond promptly so we can order and receive the books by our start date.

Additionally, please look for the sign-up sheet on the Narthex Kiosk to select from three available topics. A brief summary of each topic will be listed there.

Contact Information:

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SERMON PREVIEW

In the feeding of the five thousand (Matthew 14:13–21), Jesus invites us to see the world through the eyes of compassion rather than the lens of scarcity. While the disciples focus on what is lacking, Jesus reveals that God's grace is never limited by what we have, but is multiplied through hearts willing to trust, share, and love. This message explores how Christ transforms not only our circumstances, but the way we see God, our neighbors, and ourselves.

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