



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 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

Greg Stinson, reader

PRELUDE "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

arr. Forrest

Rodney Powers, piano

*CONFESSON 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 "Let the Whole Creation Cry"

Hymn 876



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song,
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

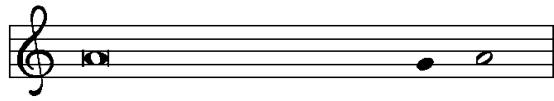
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Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

*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



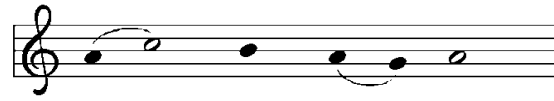
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



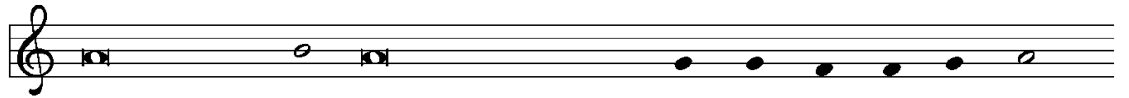
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

"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.

*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

Leader: Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Nearer, Still Nearer”

Morris/Forrest

Trudy Harting, solo, and Karin Viglione, clarinet

WORD

Greg Stinson, reader

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

Old Testament 681

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

⁷ O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, “Violence and destruction!”
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹ If I say, “I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,”
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

¹⁰ For I hear many whispering:
“Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”

*The reading of Scrip-
ture 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.*

All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.

“Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him.”

¹¹ But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

¹² O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous;
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the Lord;
praise the Lord!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18

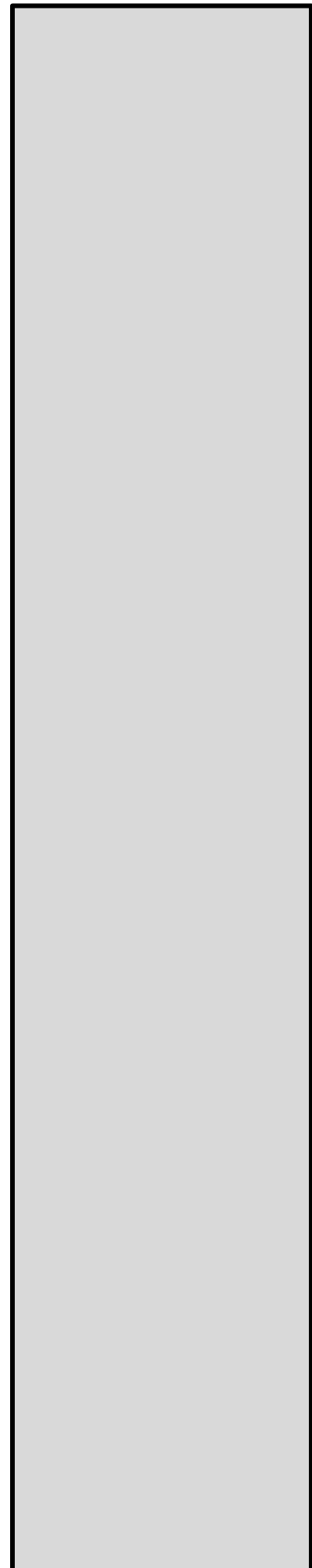
Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind. (Ps. 69:16)

Leader: ⁷ Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.

People: ⁸ **I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.**

Leader: ⁹ Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

People: ¹⁰ **I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach.**



Leader: ¹⁶ Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;
in your great compassion, turn to me.

People: ¹⁷ **Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.**

Leader: ¹⁸ Draw near to me and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

New Testament 136

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.

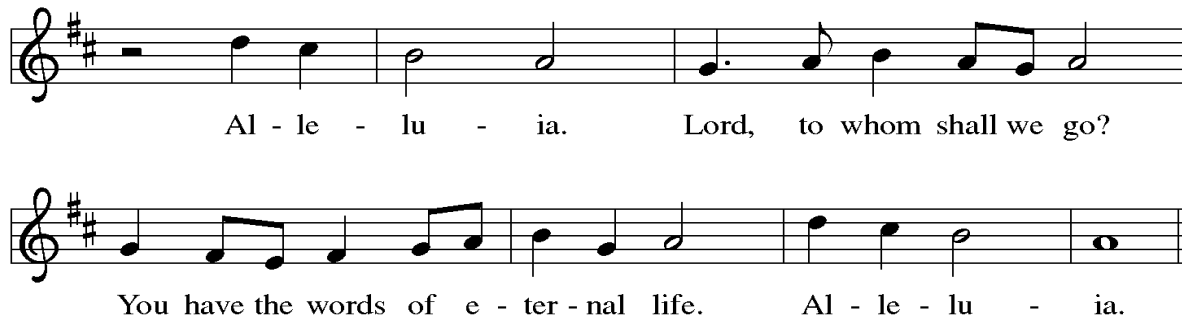
^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ 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. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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 10:24-39

New Testament 9

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

There are no donors for this week's Altar Flowers. If you would like to help support this effort for future weeks, you can sign up on the Flower Calendar on the Narthex Kiosk. To pay, please use one of the flower envelopes on the Narthex Table.

The June Eternal Candle was donated by Marcia & Greg Stinson "to the glory of God."

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷ "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Reverend Guillermo A. Arboleda

*HYMN OF THE DAY "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

Hymn 449,



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

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That Christ visited the dead after his crucifixion is based on I 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.

***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: **hear our prayer.**

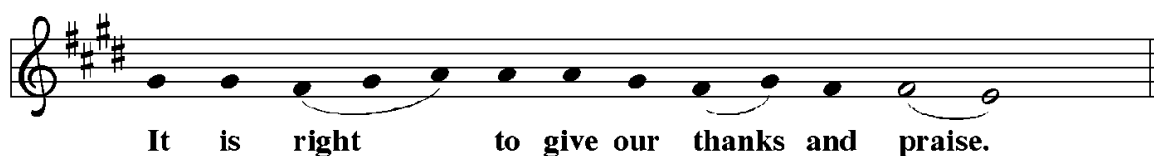
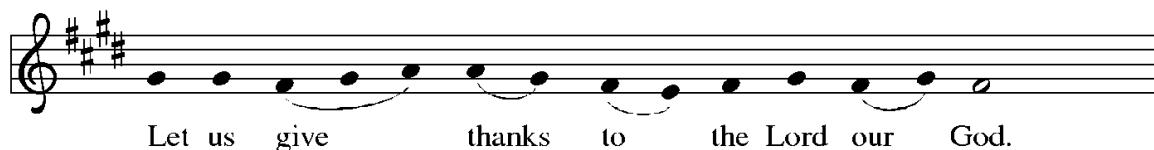
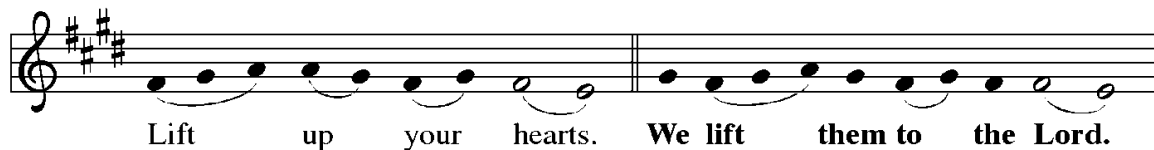
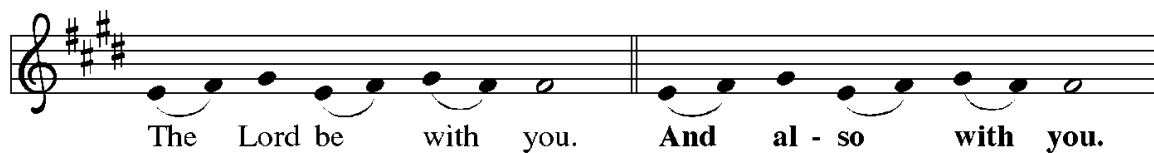
(Final petition and response.)

Leader: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

People: **Amen.**

MEAL

*DIALOGUE



*PREFACE

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

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

During Pentecost there will be Holy Communion on the first and third Sunday of each month.

All those who are seeking Christ and his grace are welcome at our communion table.

To commune, you may come forward when the ushers invite your row. You will receive the bread (wafer)

from the pastor (gluten free wafers are available upon request), then

continue toward the communion assistant holding individual cups of wine. Grape

juice is also available in the center of the tray. If you do not wish to receive communion,

you may come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to walk forward, please indicate

this to the ushers, and assistants will come to you after everyone else has communed. After

communing, those worshipers who desire to stay and pray may do so at the railing be-

hind the communion stations.

*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,

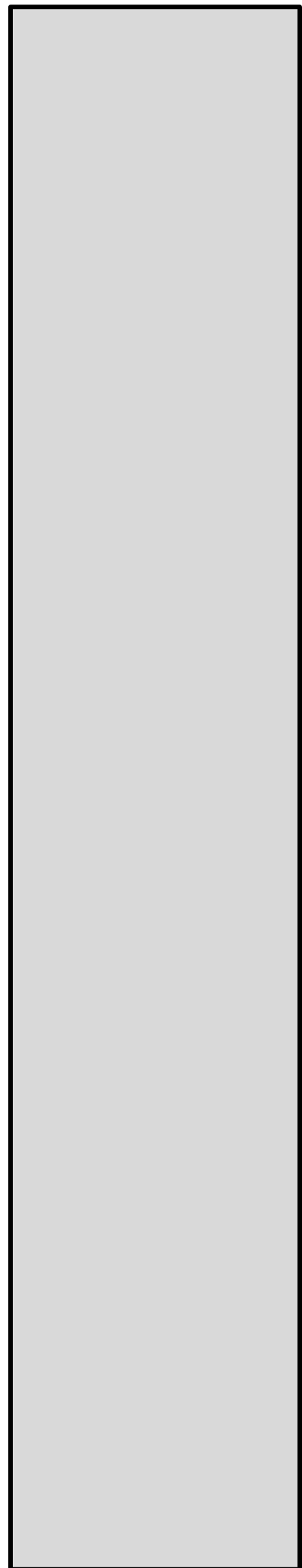
People: **through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.**

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** “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Hymn 810



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.
Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

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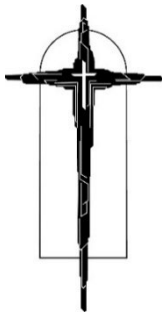
Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***POSTLUDE** “This Is My Father’s World”

arr. Sorenson

Rodney Powers, piano



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 21	<i>Florida Lutheran Youth (overnight Saturday night, departing early Sunday morning) 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am SING THE FAITH Rehearsal 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship</i>
Monday, June 22	<i>4:30 pm Council Meeting 6:00 pm Mahjong</i>
Tuesday, June 23	<i>3:00 pm MLC Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Messiah Reads</i>
Wednesday, June 24	<i>8:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study</i>
Thursday, June 25	
Friday, June 26	<i>Florida Lutheran Youth (overnight Friday night, departing early Saturday morning)</i>
Saturday, June 27	

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
Pastor, Congregational Care	Karen Scheib
Director, Faith Formation	Ken Ritz
Pastor Emeritus	James Peper
Presiding Bishop ELCA	Yehiel Curry
Bishop, SE Synod ELCA	Kevin Strickland
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Choral Director	Rodney Powers
Altar Guild	Christine Lind and Diane Munroe
Reader	Greg Stinson
Evangelism Greeters	Gayle & John Denny
Ushers	Terry Blaney and Randi VenHuizen
Communion Assistants	John Denny, David Greenawalt, and Gayla Webb
Audio Visual	Steve Allen and Ken McLauchlan
Coffee Hour	Pam Allen (host) Betty Mitchell(treats)

MILESTONES THIS WEEK

Birthdays: Virginia Hylander 06/21, Layne Rabold 06/23, Armand Wells 06/25

Anniversaries: Mary & Ron Maner 06/22, June & Carl Luecke 06/23

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER

Please welcome the Rev. Guillermo A. Arboleda, the Program Manager for New Church Starts for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). He coordinates with Lutheran synods in the USA and the Caribbean as they plan for and launch new worshiping communities and supports those new communities with grant funding and training. Guillermo is a Kaleidoscope Institute Facilitator who is passionate about helping churches to build bridges across the many differences that could divide us. Guillermo previously served as the Rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Savannah, and the Missioner for Racial Justice in the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia. His ministry has included community organizing, political advocacy, training leaders in antiracism, and theological research about criminal justice policy. He has degrees from Messiah University and Duke University Divinity School. A grandchild of Ecuadorian, Dominican, and Puerto Rican immigrants, Guillermo is married to the Rev. Kelly Steele, the Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Savannah.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Deadline: Today

A Father's Day collection to benefit the Old Savannah City Mission ends today. They are collecting a variety of personal care items as well as clothing items. Personal care items include deodorant, shaving cream, shampoo/conditioner, body & hand lotion, razors, travel size facial tissues, toothpaste, and toothbrushes.

Clothing items include new underwear (boxers sizes M-XXL), new tube socks, and shower shoes. If you would like the Outreach Ministry to do the shopping for you, drop a check made out to Messiah Lutheran Church in the Offering Plate with "Father's Day Collection" in the memo line.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

July 6-10, 2026

VBS is still looking for helpers. Here is how you can help:

- Crafts assistance (1.5 hours per day; may do part of the week)
- Sing-along/movement coach for video songs (15-20 minutes a day starting at 9:45 am)
- Bible storyteller with script and props provided (15-20 minutes per day starting at 10:00 am each day)
- Cutters to cut items for crafts activities (meet after worship)
- Donate these craft supplies; leave in the blue bag outside the Church Office:
 - Empty, clean soup cans
 - Empty paper towel rolls

If you can help or would like more information, call or email Peggy Pearson (443.995.1146; parkpear@aol.com).

**PASTOR KAREN SCHEIB
OFFICE HOURS**

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

Pastor Jason Talsness is on Sabbatical from June 1-August 31, 2026. Pastor Karen Scheib is in charge during this period. She will be responsible for coordinating church worship services, as well as supervising day-to-day church operations and church staff. Pastor Karen will be assisted by Director of Faith Formation Ken Ritz as well as by the Staff Support and Mutual Ministry and the Messiah Council.

SERMON PREVIEW FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 21

This week's Gospel picks up right where last week left off: Jesus tells his disciples to expect persecution and hardship when we "acknowledge [Jesus] before others" and that this "acknowledging" can divide families and even cause disciples to "lose their life for [Jesus'] sake." Together we will explore how we might acknowledge Jesus through loving our neighbor and defending God's children from hatred, greed, and violence. This discipleship can be unpopular and controversial but still faithful.

Questions for Reflection: Have you ever been criticized or hurt because you did the right thing? On the contrary, have you ever been upset with someone then realized later that you were in the wrong? How might Jesus be calling this congregation to be braver about loving our neighbors?

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