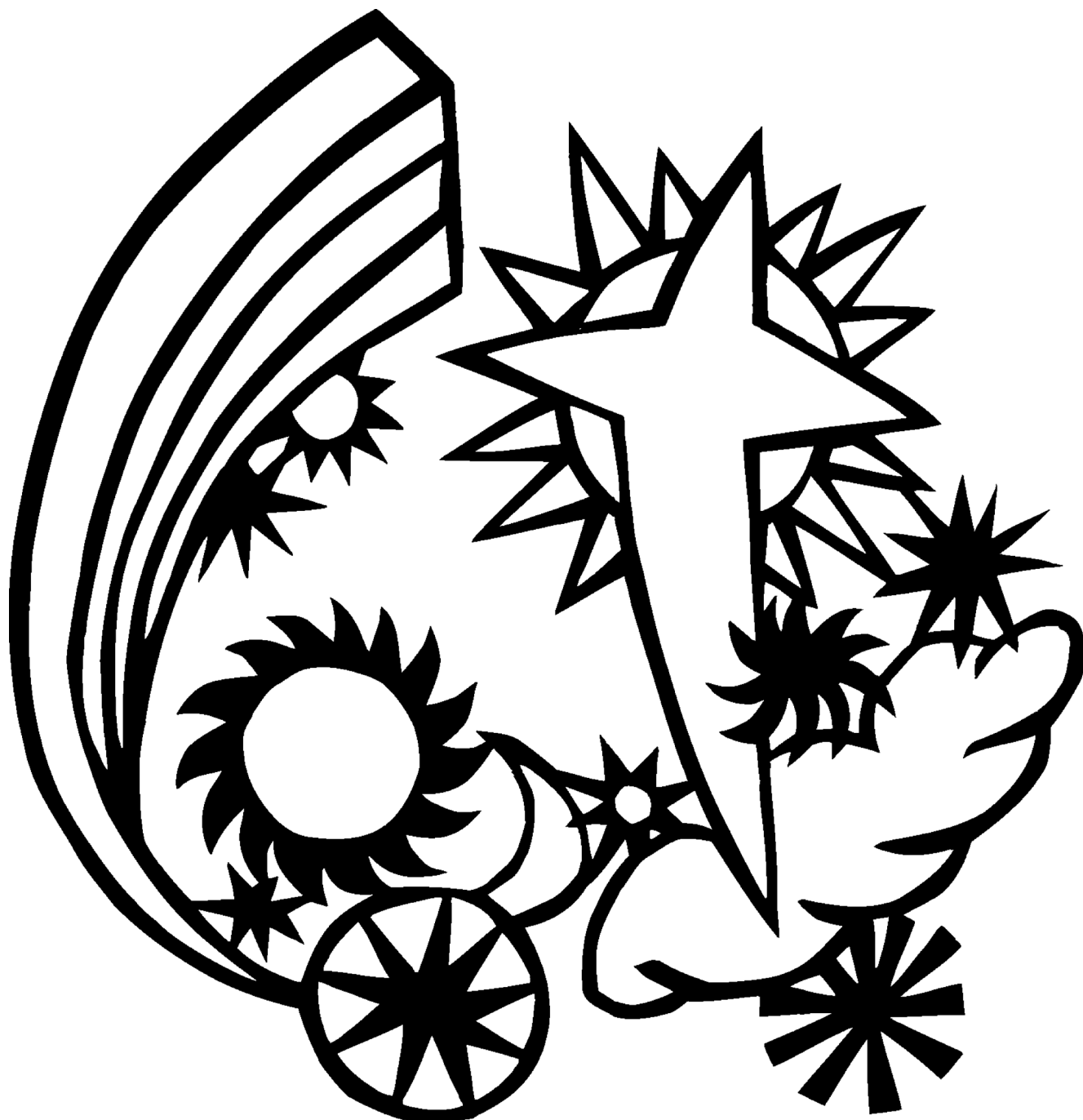




WELCOME TO THIS
WORSHIP
CELEBRATION of the
living Christ's presence
in our midst. Christ
comes to us with new
life and strength for
Christian living in
daily life through the
hearing of the Word,
preaching, prayer,
song, and community.

*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

Brad VenHuizen, Reader

PRELUDE "Morning Has Broken"

arr. Shackley

Shirley Newhart and Rodney Powers, piano

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our refuge,
our delight,
our beginning and our end.

People: Amen.

Leader: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Leader: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

**People: we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.
We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot
rest.**

Unbind us and set us free.

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.
Amen**

Leader: These words are trustworthy and true:
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.
For his sake, you are ✝ forgiven
and God remembers your sin no more.
Let your heart be glad again,
and rejoice in your salvation.

People: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG** “Through the Night of Dark and Sorrow”

Hymn 327

Follows on the next page.

"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.



1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward
2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the
3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as
4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,



goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -
ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and
from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the
with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its



ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -
ter - ror, bright - 'ning all the path we tread. One the
per - il, one the march in God be - gun. One the
bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall



fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the
ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which
glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e -
come the great a - wak - 'ning; soon the rend - ing



guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of
nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing
ter - nal shore, where the one al - might - y
of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all



pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.
for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
Fa - ther reigns in love for - ev - er - more.
shad - ows, and the end of toil and gloom.

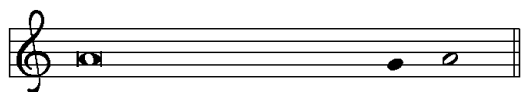
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Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944

*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



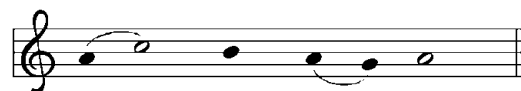
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



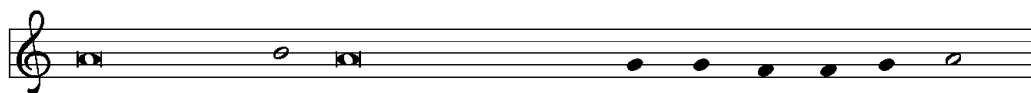
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

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*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**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC “I Heard the Lord, Call My Name”

Krieger

Chancel Choir and Summer Choir

Trevor Olson, Howard Anderson, Trudy Harting, soloists

Oskar Johnson-Liu, cello

Scripture Reference. 1 Samuel 3:10

And the LORD came, and stood, and call as at other times, Samuel, Samuel.

Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

Lyrics:

I heard the Lord, call my name. Listen close, you'll hear the same. I heard the Lord call my name. Listen close, you'll hear the same. I heard the Lord call my name. Listen close, you'll hear the same. Take His hand; we are glory bound.

His word is love; love's his word: that's the message that I heard. His word is love; love's His word: that's the message that I heard. His word is love; love's His word: that's the message that I heard. Take His hand; we are glory bound.

Place your hand in His and you will know; He will show you where to go.

I felt His love, from above, settle on me like a dove. I felt His love, from above, settle on me like a dove. I felt His love, from above, settle on me like a dove. Take His hand; we are glory bound.

And to the Father all your days with the Son and Spirit praise. And to the Father all your days with the Son and Spirit praise. And to the Father all your days with the Son and Spirit praise. Take His hand; we are glory bound.

Place your hand in His and you will know; He will show you where to go.

WORD

Brad VenHuizen, Reader

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

Old Testament 842

Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 98

In righteousness will the Lord judge the world. (Ps. 98:9)

¹ Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

² **O Lord, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of
Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ **Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵ Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

*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.*

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes
to judge the earth.

⁹ The Lord will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

New Testament 183

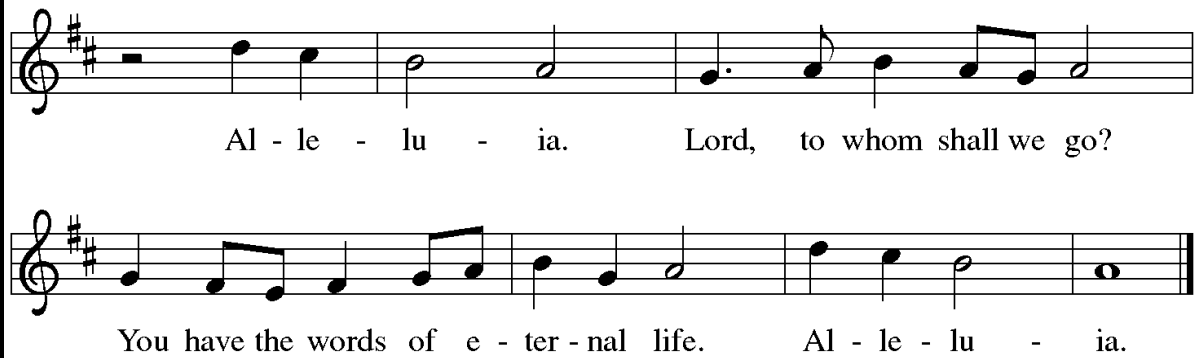
Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

New Testament 74

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

SERMON

Reverend Jason Talsness

*HYMN OF THE DAY “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

Hymn 596



- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
- 2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

ALTAR FLOWERS

today are given by
Terri Breyman “in
loving memory of
Terry Breyman and his
mother, Helen
Breyman,” and by
Barbara Van Doren
and **Tim Andrews** “in
celebration of Tim’s
November birthday.”

THE ETERNAL

CANDLE for

November is given by
Katharine & John
Marshall “in
thankfulness for the
people of Messiah.”

*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.**

TEMPLE TALK "The Learning Academy"

David Ackerman, Principal

***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.

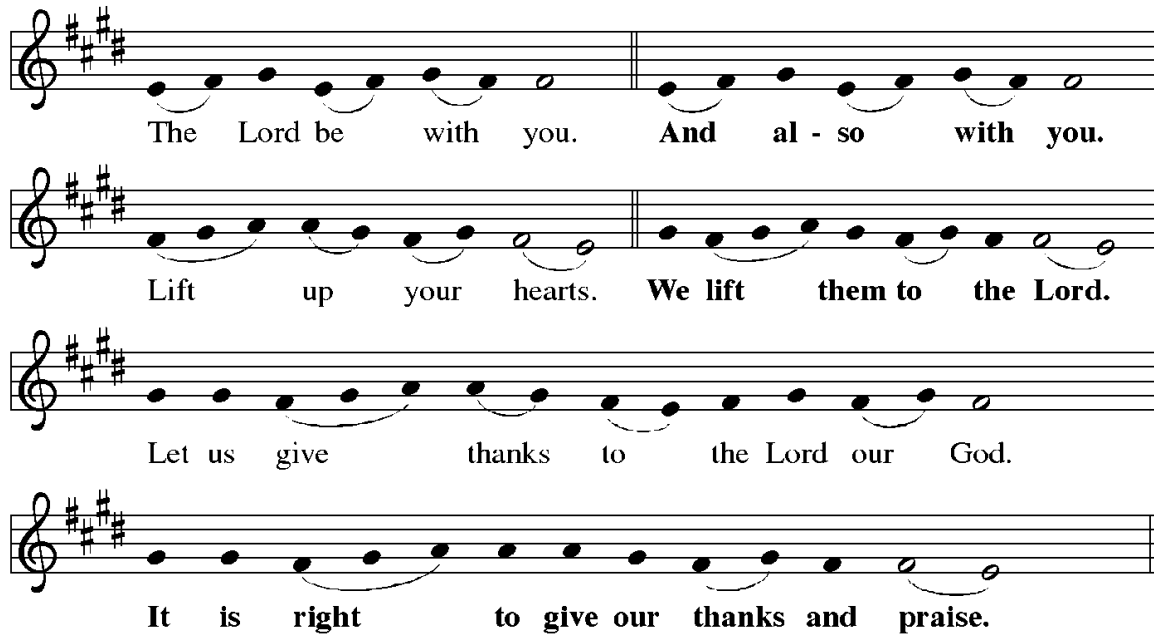
(Final petition and response.)

Leader: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in
your grace and unyielding love; through 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.

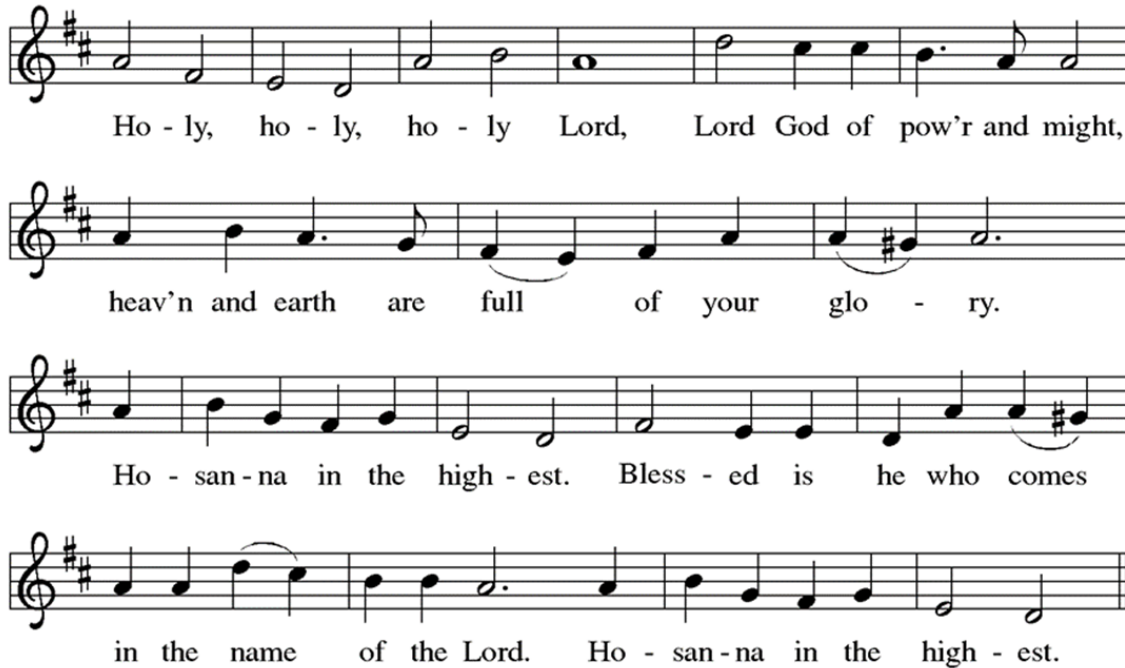
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

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

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*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**

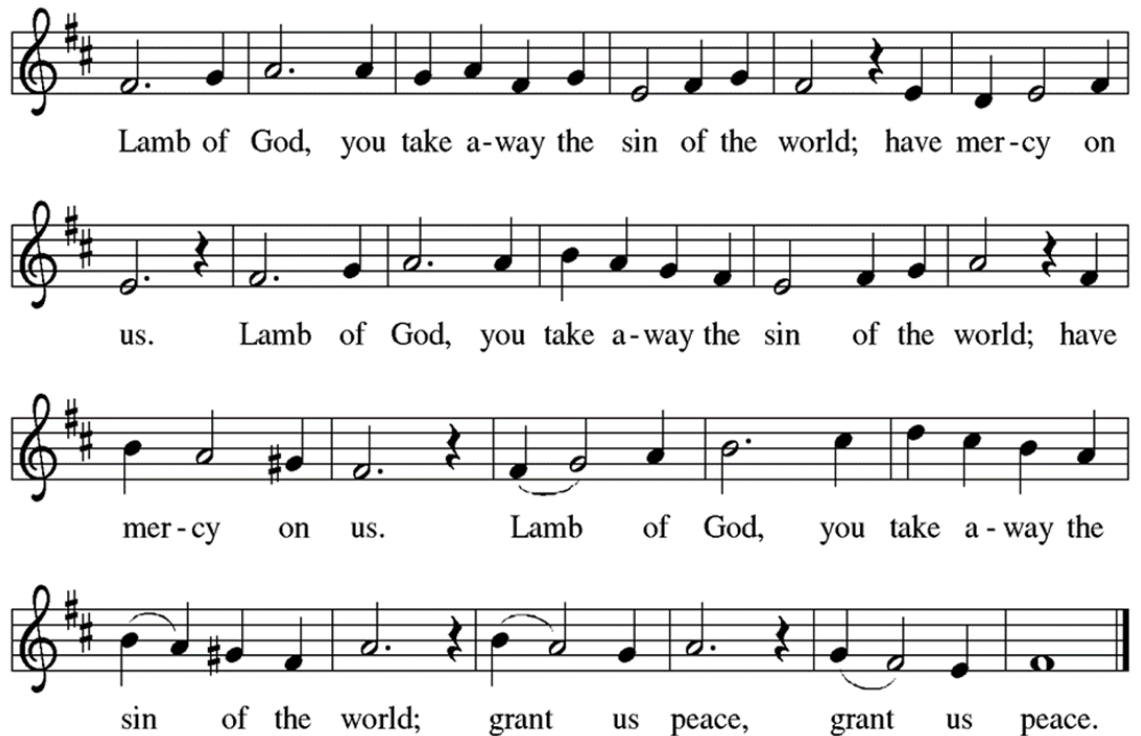
***LORD'S PRAYER**

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



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

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 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Hymn 632

Verses 1-4



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

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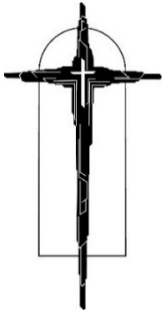
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE** “Postlude on *St. Denio*”

arr. Burkhardt

Shirley Newhart, organ



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 16	9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship 10:20 am Adult Discipleship Class 10:20 am Confirmation Class
Monday, November 17	<i>8:00 am Landings Garden Club</i> 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 3:30 pm Shirley & Friends <i>6:30 pm Mahjong</i>
Tuesday, November 18	2:00 pm Outreach Ministry
Wednesday, November 19	8:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10:00 am PLARning Group 7:00 Choir Practice
Thursday, November 20	<i>3:00 pm Skidaway Abigails</i> 3:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 21	
Saturday, November 22	

Italics indicate outside group



THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Ministers	The People of Messiah
Pastor	Jason Talsness
Pastor, Congregational Care	Karen Scheib
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	Cheryl Liebgott and Layne Rabold
Reader	Brad VenHuizen
Evangelism Greeters	Karen Dreger and Peter Talsness
Ushers	Jim Dawson and Kathy Ritz
Communion Assistants	Bonnie LaPread and Alison McVeigh
Eucharistic Ministers	Shirley & Phil Nack
Acolytes	Confirmation Class
Audio Visual	Steve Allen and Ken McLauchlan
Coffee Hour	Jennifer Nguyen (Host & Treats)

MILESTONES THIS WEEK

Birthdays: Carl Luecke 11/21

Anniversaries : Jennifer & Khoa Nguyen 11/17, Pattye & Clarke Field 11/17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL GUEST TODAY

Today's service includes a Temple Talk by The Learning Academy principal David Ackerman. Having worked there for nearly thirty years, he is well acquainted with the special needs school and its long partnership with Messiah to provide families and students with support, caring, and fulfilling their needs. He and the staff are looking forward to the opportunity to visit with the congregation.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The 31st Annual Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 23, following worship. Copies of the Annual Report and one other background document are available on the Narthex Table and have been distributed electronically to the membership.

OUTREACH THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Deadline: Today

The Outreach Ministry is once again organizing Thanksgiving Baskets of food to the families of students at The Learning Academy (formerly Coastal Georgia Comprehensive Academy). The ministry is requesting \$35 or more (but will be delighted to accept checks in any amount) for these families in need. There are multiple ways for you to donate:

- At a table in Fellowship Hall
- In the Sunday offering plate
- The Church Office
- Online at the website messiahsi.org/give with your debit or credit card. Just select Outreach as the Fund, then click on Thanksgiving Baskets for the memo.

LADIES' BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 22, 9:00 am

The November breakfast will be at the Marshwood Club. Please make your reservations by November 18th by contacting Lynn McLauchlan (410-353-9795).

SAVE THE DATE

The holidays will soon be here, so mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- Decorating the Church will be Saturday, December 6. The Men's Group will begin work on the Sanctuary tree at 8:30 am and stay tuned for plans for the rest of the Church.
- The annual Christmas Party is Sunday, December 7 at 5 pm in Peper Hall. Messiah will provide ham and wine, and revelers are asked to contribute their favorite holiday dish. Sign up on the Narthex Kiosk.
- The Ladies Christmas Dinner will be Thursday, December 11, at 5:00 pm at the 5 Spot in Sandfly. Sign up on the Narthex Kiosk.
- Advent begins on Sunday, November 30, with midweek supper and worship at 5:30 pm on December 3, 10, and 17.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia

The food for November is canned vegetables.

SERMON PREVIEW

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire, and the tone of the text is ominous. In Luke 20, Jesus speaks of wars and insurrections, earthquakes and famines, betrayal and suffering for his name's sake. It is not comfortable word. The temple in Jerusalem is so grand, yet he tells his followers it will come crashing down. All the signs point to chaos, loss, and fear.

And yet, we the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The people of God do not mistake turmoil for the end nor despair for faith. Jesus does not tell his disciples to flee or hide but to endure. "By your endurance you will gain your souls," He says. That is not a command to tough it out; it is a promise that, in Him, endurance is possible. The world may appear unstable, but Christians cling to Jesus until the end.

Questions for reflection: What building or monument represents permanence to you? The pyramids? The Taj Mahal? The Cathedral at the Vatican? What else? How good would you say you are at endurance? How can we boost are capacity for endurance? What hard times has Jesus gotten you through?

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