



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

*Randi VenHuizen, Reader*

## PRELUDE "Ring Jubilee"

arr. Geschke

*Skidaway Voices in Bronze*

## \*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** “When in Our Music God is Glorified”

*Hymn 851*

*Verses 1-4*



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -  
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -  
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and  
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most  
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as  
men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship  
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness  
e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us  
joke who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:  
moved us to a more pro - found  
to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!  
sing, for whom he won the fight:  
give us faith to sing al - ways:

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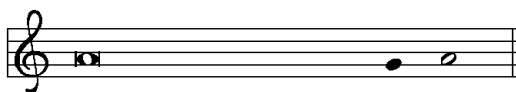
**\*GREETING**

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.



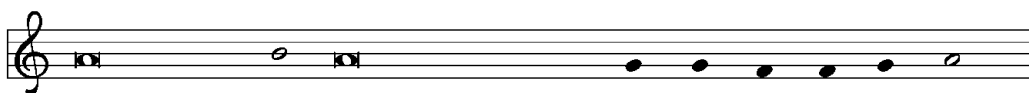
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 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.*

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

## **SPECIAL MUSIC “Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel”**

Emerson

*Chancel Choir*

## **WORD**

*Randi VenHuizen, Reader*

### **FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a**

*Old Testament 431*

*Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.*

<sup>23</sup> “O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

<sup>24</sup> O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock forever!

<sup>25</sup> For I know that my vindicator lives  
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;

<sup>26</sup> and after my skin has been destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,

<sup>27a</sup> whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 17:1-9

*Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings. (Ps. 17:8)*

<sup>1</sup> Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

<sup>2</sup> **Let my vindication come forth from your presence;  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

<sup>3</sup> Examine my heart, visit me by night,  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

<sup>4</sup> **I have not regarded what others do;  
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

<sup>5</sup> My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;  
and my feet do not slip.

<sup>6</sup> **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

<sup>7</sup> Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those  
who rise against them.

<sup>8</sup> **Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
hide me under the shadow of your wings,**

<sup>9</sup> from the wicked who assault me,  
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

## SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

*New Testament 182*

*This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.*

<sup>1</sup> As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup> He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring

himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup> But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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 20:27-38**

*New Testament 73*

*Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] <sup>28</sup> and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; <sup>30</sup> then the second <sup>31</sup> and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup> Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

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

## **SERMON**

*Reverend Jason Talsness*

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given today by **Pattye & Clarke Field** “in celebration of their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on November 17” and by **Peggy & Parker Pearson** “in honor of their grandson Jackson’s second birthday.”

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

# **\*HYMN OF THE DAY “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”**

*Hymn 619*

*Verses 1-4*



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5 He lives to bless me with his love;<br>he lives to plead for me above;<br>he lives my hungry soul to feed;<br>he lives to help in time of need.                       | 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;<br>he lives, and I shall conquer death;<br>he lives my mansion to prepare;<br>he lives to bring me safely there. |
| 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;<br>he lives and loves me to the end;<br>he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;<br>he lives, my prophet, priest, and king! | 8 He lives, all glory to his name!<br>He lives, my Savior, still the same;<br>what joy this blest assurance gives:<br>I know that my Redeemer lives!    |

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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.**

## **CONSECRATION OF STATEMENTS OF INTENT**

*Pastor Jason Talsness*

*Steve Derr, Chair, Stewardship Ministry*

## **\*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.

*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.*

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our  
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## **SENDING**

### **\*PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

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

# **\*SENDING SONG** "Soon and Very Soon"

Hymn 439



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
3 No more dy - in' there,  
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

1, 2, 3



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

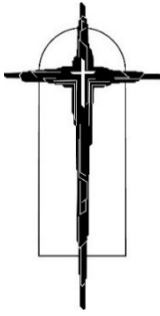
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*POSTLUDE** “Fanfare on When in Our Music”

arr. Behnke

*Shirley Newhart, organ*

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday, November 9     | 9:00 am Worship<br>10:00 am Coffee Fellowship<br>10:20 am Adult Discipleship Class<br>10:20 am Confirmation Class<br><i>4:30 pm South Harbor Homeowners Association</i> |
| Monday, November 10    | 10:00 am Women's Bible Study                                                                                                                                            |
| Tuesday, November 11   | VETERANS DAY<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br>3:00 pm Stephen Ministers                                                                                                              |
| Wednesday, November 12 | 8:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study<br>10:00 am PLARning Group<br><i>10:00 am Savannah Newcomers Board</i><br>1:30 pm Worship & Music Ministry<br>7:00 Choir Practice |
| Thursday, November 13  | <i>12:00 pm Savannah Newcomers Book Signing</i><br>3:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal                                                                                         |
| Friday, November 14    |                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Saturday, November 15  |                                                                                                                                                                         |

*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                            |
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| Director of Music & Organist | Shirley Newhart                         |
| Choral Director              | Rodney Powers                           |
| Altar Guild                  | Cheryl Liebgott and Layne Rabold        |
| Reader                       | Randi VenHuizen                         |
| Evangelism Greeters          | Milda Blaney                            |
| Ushers                       | Terry Blaney & Clyde Olson              |
| Acolytes                     | Confirmation Class                      |
| Audio Visual                 | Steve Allen and Ken McLauchlan          |
| Coffee Hour                  | Pam Allen (host) Cheryl Liebgott (cake) |

## MILESTONES THIS WEEK

*Birthdays: Patti Small 11/12, Tim Andrews 11/14*

*Anniversaries: Jody & Steve Voss 11/12*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

Join us as we celebrate those of you with November birthdays during Coffee Fellowship following worship.

## FELLOWSHIP HALL RENAMED

Last Sunday, at worship Messiah wished Godspeed and Farewell to Pastor Peper as he moves to Nashville, Tennessee, to be closer to his children. As part of the event, the following proclamation was made by Council President Claire Cornwell Williams:

*The Church Council of Messiah Lutheran Church is pleased to announce that, following a unanimous vote at its October 28th meeting, the Fellowship Hall will henceforth be known as Peper Hall. This designation honors the spirit of fellowship, service, and community that defines our shared life together, instilled in our community by Pastor Peper. The name "Peper Hall" will stand as a lasting expression of gratitude and remembrance within the life of our congregation.*

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The 31<sup>st</sup> 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

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 on November this Sunday and next Sunday
- In the Sunday offering plate
- The Church Office
- Online at the website [messiahsi.org/give](http://messiahsi.org/give) with your debit or credit card. Just select Outreach as the Fund, then click on Thanksgiving Baskets for the memo.

## 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 Sadducees were contemporary rivals of Jesus, and they didn't believe in the resurrection of the dead as many Jews in Jerusalem did at that time. In Luke 20 they come to Jesus with a question to trap him. They propose an absurd scenario about a woman who has seven husbands, each of whom died, asking whose wife she will be in the resurrection. Jesus refuses to play by their rules. Instead, he reframes the entire conversation, teaching that resurrection is not about extending earthly life to heaven, it is the living power of God making all things new.

Questions for reflection: When have you found yourself arguing about the faith instead of asking what God might be revealing to you? Who do you want to see in heaven when you first get there? Jesus said God is the God "of the living, not the dead." How might that statement change the way we think about fear, suffering, and death?

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