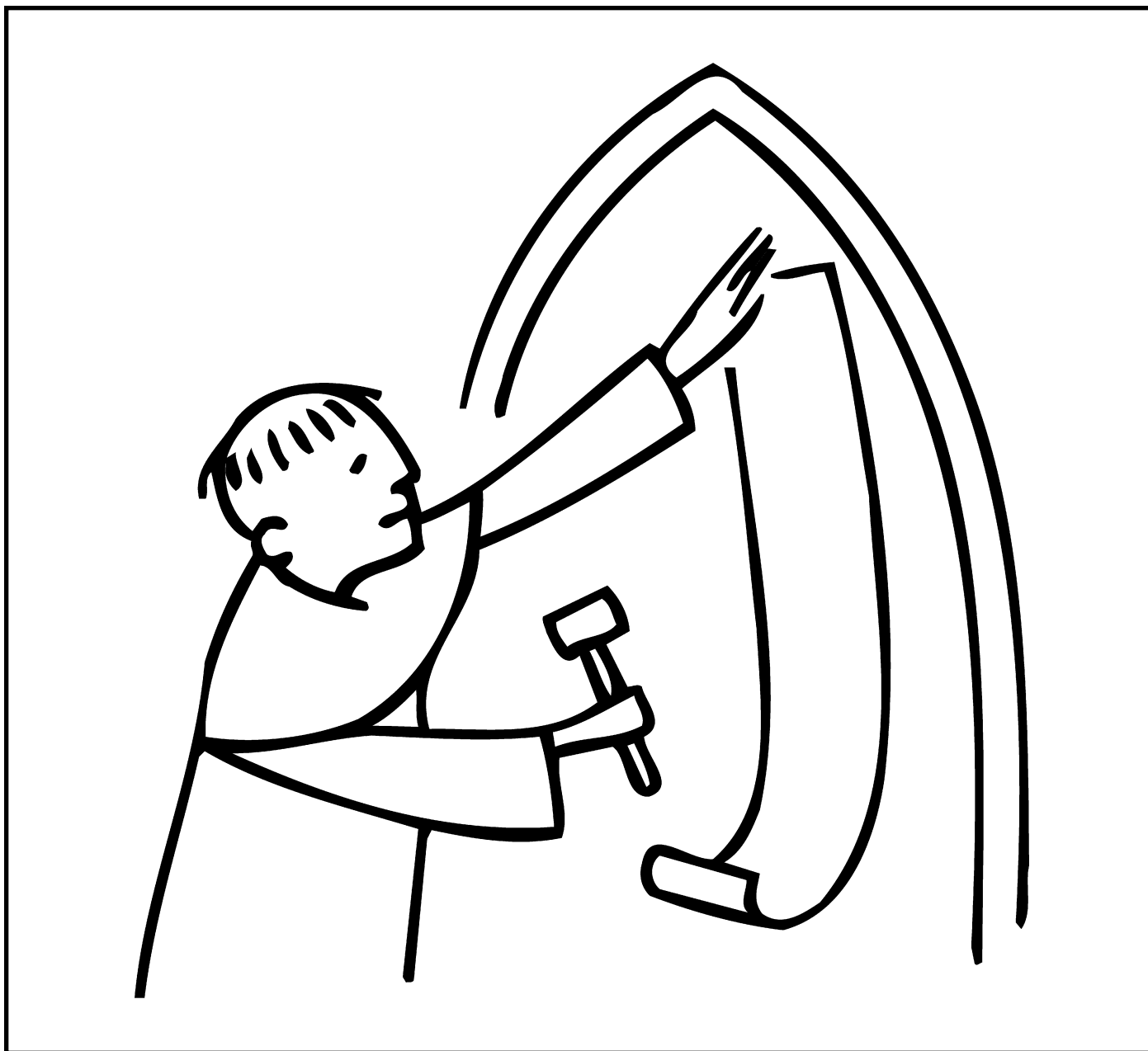


MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reformation Sunday

October 27, 2024

Traditional Service



We welcome you to The Traditional Service this morning

Our Staff

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Our Mission:

*Glorifying God through our worship, our witness, our service,
and our support*

Our Vision:

To build and strengthen the body of Christ

Holy Communion

To help you feel more comfortable please know that all baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament and have already received Holy Communion in your home church, are welcome to come to the altar and receive Holy Communion.

To receive the sacrament:

1. Communicant should receive the consecrated host from the Pastor and then proceed to the Assisting Minister who will be standing near the sanctuary pillar on whichever side of the church is being communed to receive a prefilled communion cup;
2. If the communicant prefers the consecrated grape juice, they shall receive that from the Pastor.
3. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will bring Holy Communion to you.

Assisting at Worship:

	Today	November 3
Asst. Min.	Butch Karnes	Savanna Conner
Lector	Laurie Hecht	Shirley Damon
Usher	Ron Martucci	Ron Martucci
Sound System	TBD	TBD
Video	Savanna Conner	Savanna Conner
Counters	Ron Martucci, Laurie Hecht	Ron Martucci, Linda Jones
Altar Guild	Robin Curtis, Sharon Orlando, Jean Parker	
Altar Guild November	Karen Pistner, Linda Jones	

We welcome Matthew Lowther as our musician today.

We welcome Bishop Michael Lozano as our guest speaker

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness [stand/kneel as able]

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sins, whose mercy endures forever, Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing. Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

P God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn

A Mighty Fortress



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Greeting

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

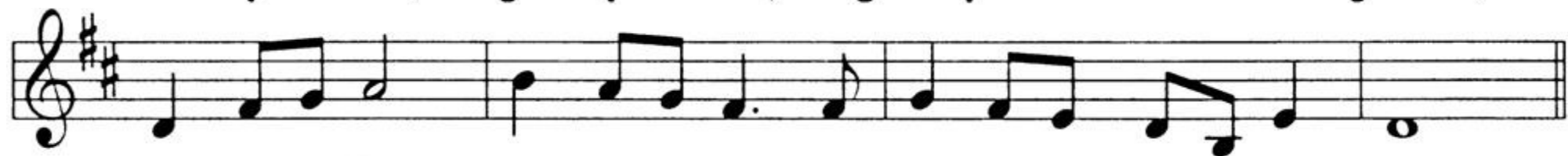
☑ And also with you.

Glory to God

☑ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
 Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
 wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



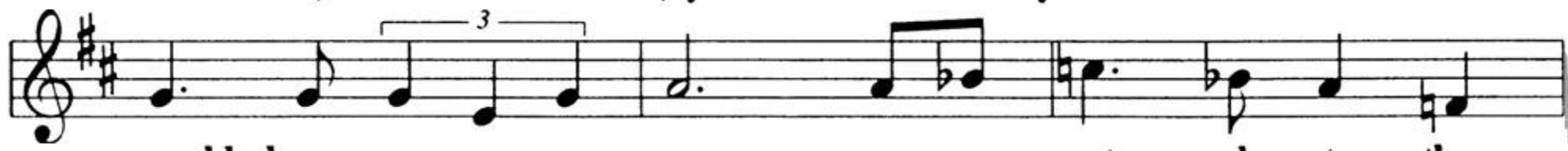
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



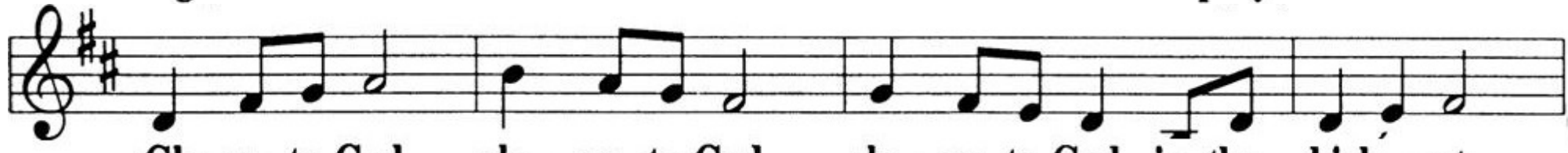
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



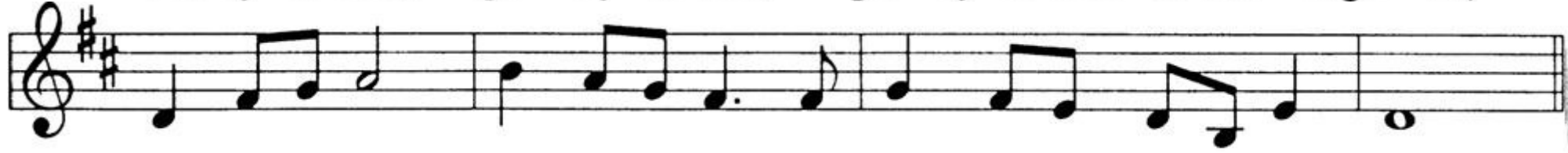
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



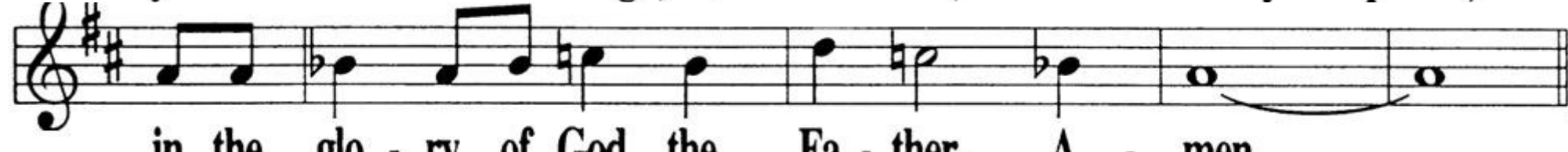
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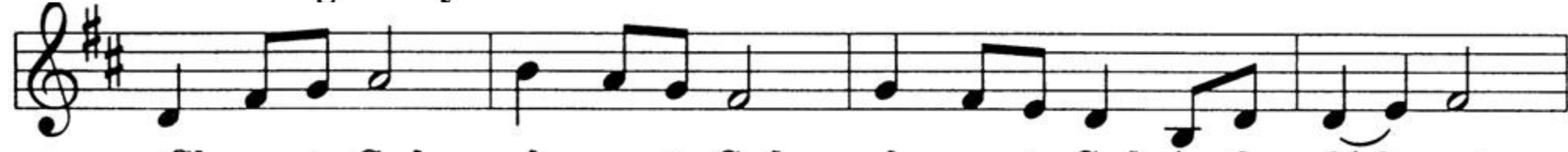
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



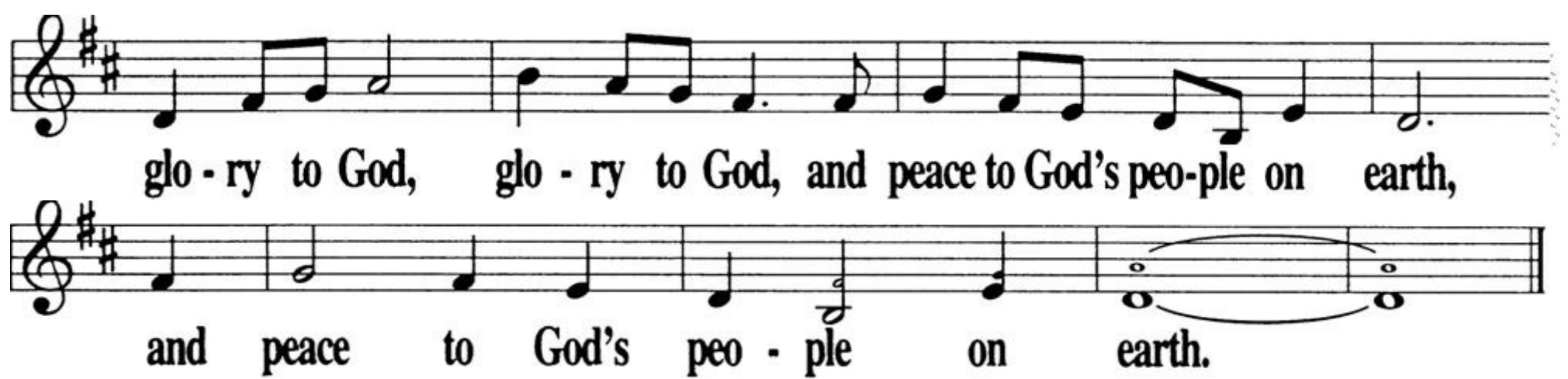
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen

Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

A The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

John 8:31-36

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What

do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

A The Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day

Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Creed

- P** Let us confess our faith with the word of the Apostles' Creed:
- C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again 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 the People

- A** Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.....God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Peace

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Instrumental music while the Altar is being prepared

Offertory Hymn

I Am the Bread of Life

[stand]

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that . . .

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 you are the Christ, the . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 Son of . . . God, who have . . .

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 come in - to the world. . . .

Refrain
 "And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
 and I will raise you up on the last day."

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

- Let us pray. *(brief pause)* Blessed are you, O God,
- source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

- The Lord be with you. And also 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

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav - en 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. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

The 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

☩ Jesus welcomes you to this table, come, here is your God.

Distribution of Communion [sit] merciful

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.

Post Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. *(brief pause)* Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Blessing

P God almighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
4 Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
she is his new creation by water and the word.
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . . rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Dismissal

A Go in peace to follow Jesus.

G Thanks be to God.

*Both Vases of Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of
Reformation Sunday*

Announcements

Second Mile Giving is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. For **November** the **Christmas Needy Fund** is our Second Mile Giving beneficiary. Contributions may be made throughout the month by using the yellow envelopes found in the pews. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Wesleyville Food Pantry: Please consider a financial gift. Checks should be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church marking "Food Pantry" in the memo line.

Fall Congregational Meeting: **Today in Fellowship Hall.** Lunch will start at 12:00pm; the meeting will begin at 12:30pm.

All Saint's Remembrance: Fill out a form in the Narthex to have the names of loved ones who have passed to be remembered on All Saint's Sunday, November 3 in the bulletin. Please return the forms by **Today**

Life-time Recognition Banquet: **Thursday, November 7 at 6:30pm at Ricardo's Restaurant.** Come celebrate the recognition of this year's honorees: *Rich & Briana Alaniz, Ethelynne Cunningham, Brian and Debbie Rogala, and Bonnie Stearns.* Tickets are **\$25.00** each and will be available through **Today**

Coats for Kids: Through **Today** Inter-Church Ministries is collecting donations of winter coats, hats, mittens and boots for youth of all ages to be dropped off in the Narthex. Cash donations of \$25/coat can be made payable to Messiah with Coats for Kids on the memo line.

Collection for the Veterans Miracle Center: **November 3-10** we are collecting Personal Care and Hygiene Items for this outreach. Items we are collecting include: bath sized bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, regular sized deodorant/antiperspirant.

Thanksgiving Prayer Service and Dinner: **Saturday, November 16, at 5:30pm** in Fellowship Hall. Attendance is limited so please sign up on the poster in the Narthex if you plan to attend! We need help with setup and clean up as well!

Exercise Class: in Fellowship Hall every **Tuesday at 6:15pm** starting for low impact "dance" style exercise. Let the office know if you are planning on joining the fun.

It's All Greek to Me Bible Study: Pastor Tom is leading a weekly Bible study on **Wednesdays at 6:30PM** Study Lounge. We will start the study with some of the women of the bible.

Wesleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

November 5 at 5:00-6:00pm for Country Fair distribution.

November 11 at 10:00am to unload senior boxes.

November 18 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.

November 19 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

This Week at the Church

(See Newsletter for More Detail)

**Office Hours :Monday, Closed Tuesday, 10:00am-5:00pm,
Wednesday-Closed, Thursday, 10:00am-5:00pm,
Friday-10:00am-5:00pm**

Sun. 10/27	<i>Reformation Sunday</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	12:00Noon	Lunch
	12:30 PM	Fall Congregational Meeting
Mon.	8:30PM	NA Group
	6:30PM	Meditation Group
Tues.	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
	6:15PM	Exercise Class
Wed.	6:30PM	It's All Greek to Me Bible Study
Thu.	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	7:00PM	Evangelistic & Teaching Center-FH
Fri.	7:30PM	AA
Sun. 11/3	<i>All Saints Sunday</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Servant Outreach