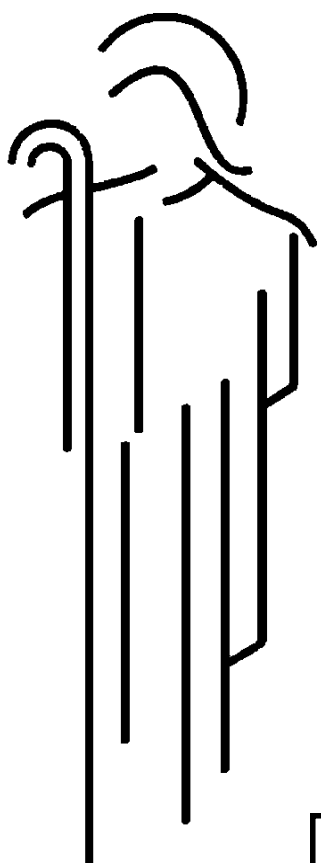




MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

Traditional Service



We welcome you to The Traditional Service this morning

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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		July 26
Asst. Min.	Savanna Conner	Ray Bennett
Lector	Laurie Hecht	Laurie Hecht
Acolyte	—	—
Usher	TBD	TBD
Sound System	TBD	TBD
Video	Savanna Conner	Savanna Conner
Counters	Laurie Hecht	Linda Jones
Altar Guild	Ann Kent, Linda Jones, Linda Voigt	

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness *[stand/kneel as able]*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.
(Reflection) Compassionate God,

C 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.

P 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.

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Blest Are They



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -
3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
4 Blest are they who seek peace; . . they are the
5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -

king - dom of God. Blest are they,
her - it the earth. Blest are they who
shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the
chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain

Re - jice and be glad!

Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!

Re - jice and be glad!

Yours is the king - dom of God!

Greeting

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

C And also with you.

Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)

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,



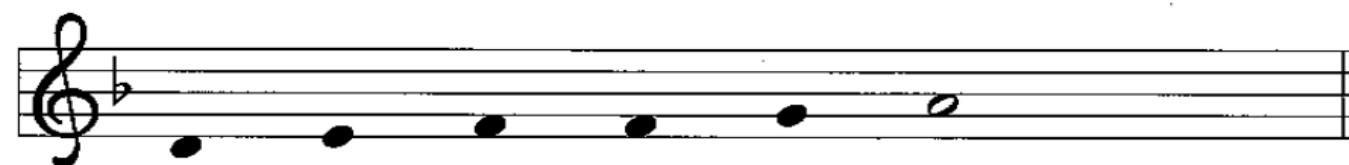
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



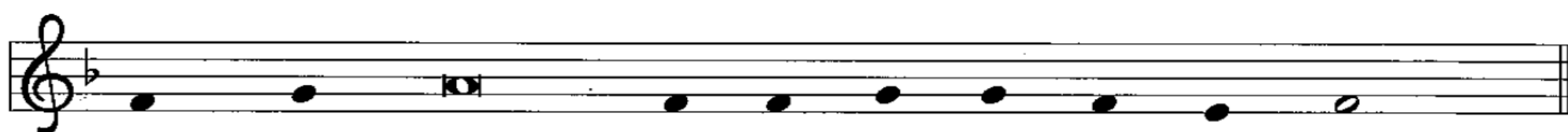
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

This is the Feast

Refrain

S 169



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Greeting

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

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us Pray: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen *Please be seated.*

Lesson **Isaiah 44:6-8**

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

A The Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

S 171a

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Lesson **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**
Glory to you, O Lord

Another parable he put before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. So when the plants came up and bore

grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the householder came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then has it weeds?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he said, ‘No; lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “He who sows the good seed is the Son of man; the field is the world, and the good seed means the sons of the kingdom; the weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

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

MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Musical notation for the hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come". It features a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, ending with a sharp sign. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.

2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;

3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;

4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,

God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.

Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Apostles' Creed

P Let us confess our faith with the words 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 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

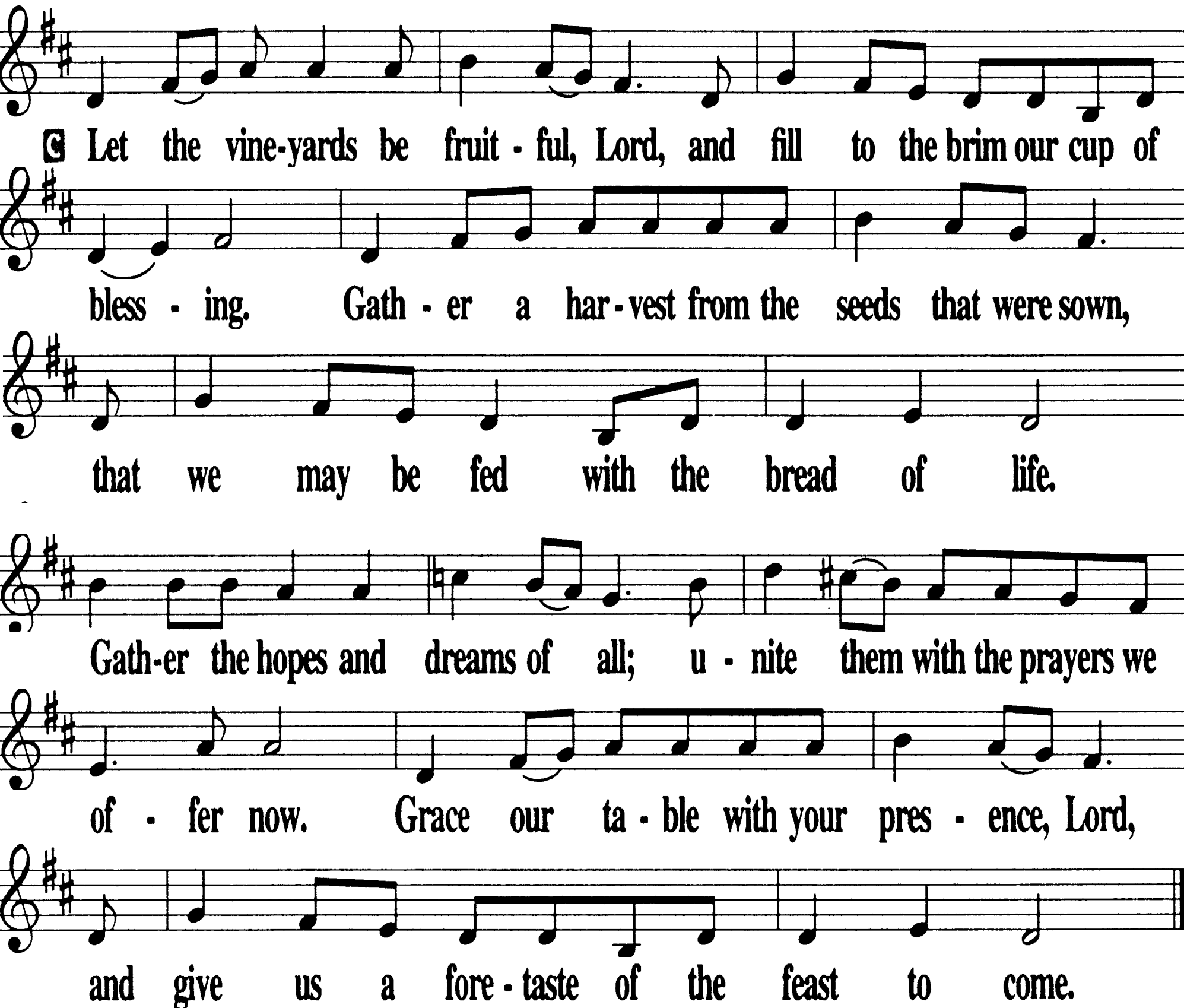
A Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.....God of grace,
C hear our prayer.
P Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.
C Amen.

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 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful [stand]



Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

A Let us pray. (*brief pause*) Loving God,

C we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
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.

Eucharistic Prayer

P ...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P ...all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. 11

P ...that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.
C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.
P ...in your holy church, now and forever
C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

C 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.

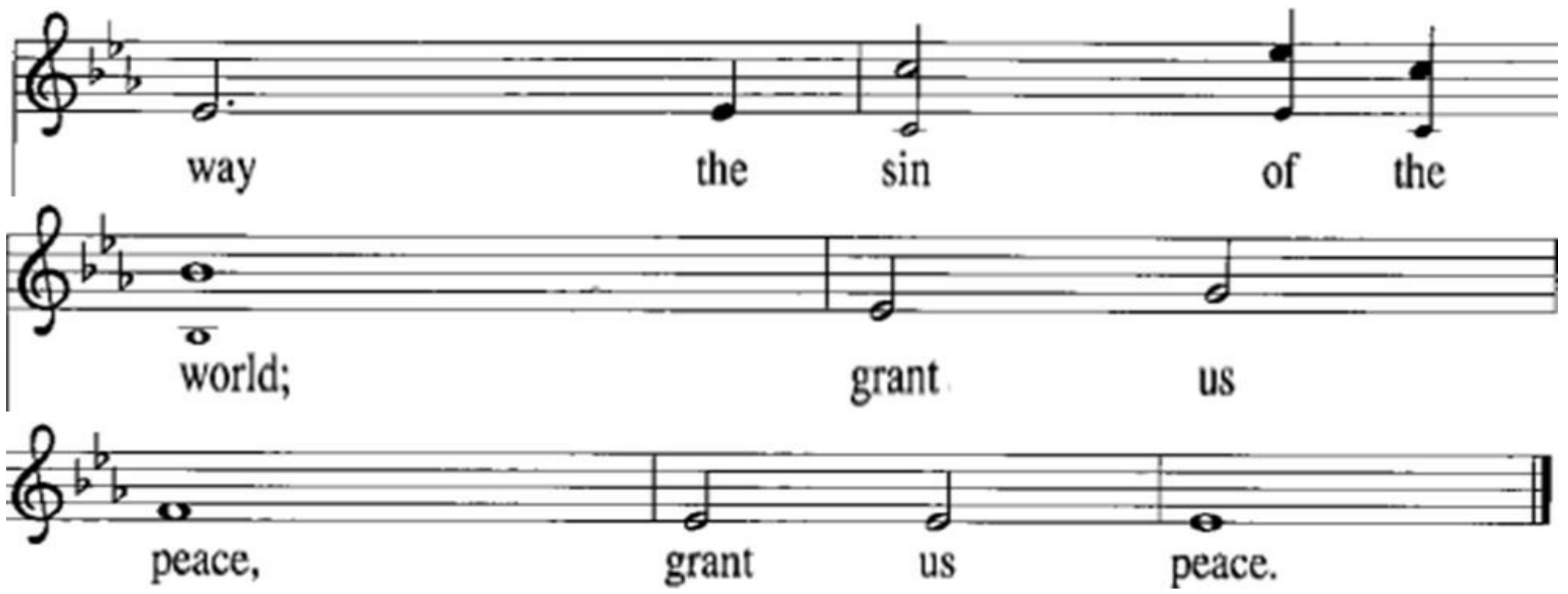
Invitation to Communion

A Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Lamb of God

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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 -



Distribution of Communion [sit]

Communion Music Instrumental

Post Communion Blessing

- A** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.
- C** Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

- A** Let us pray. *(brief pause)* Compassionate God,
- C** 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

Blessing

- P** Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
- C** Amen.

Sending Hymn

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Dismissal

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

Announcements

S **Second Mile Giving** is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. For **July Lutheran World Relief Kits** 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!

W **esleyville Food Pantry:** Please consider a financial gift. Checks should be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church marking “Food Pantry” in the memo line.

S **undae Sunday: Today, 12:00 noon** Build your own ice cream sundae after late service in Fellowship Hall!

S **piritual Walk: Today, 4:00 pm,** Wintergreen Gorge.

C **hristmas in July:** Sunday, July 26, both services.

W **esleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed**

July 20 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.

July 21 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. 7/19 Mon. Tues. Thu. Fri. Sun. 7/26	8th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 and 11:00AM 12:00Noon 4:00PM 6:30PM 10:00AM 10:00AM 7:30PM 7:30PM 9th Sunday after Pentecost-Christmas in July 8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion Sundae Sunday Spiritual Walk-Wintergreen Gorge Guided Meditation Sewing Circle Grateful Prayer Group-CC NA Group AA Service of Holy Communion