

Messiah Lutheran Church

2025 Eastern Avenue

Wesleyville, PA 16510

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Thank you for worshiping with us today. We hope your experience is spiritually rewarding!

Welcome Visitors!

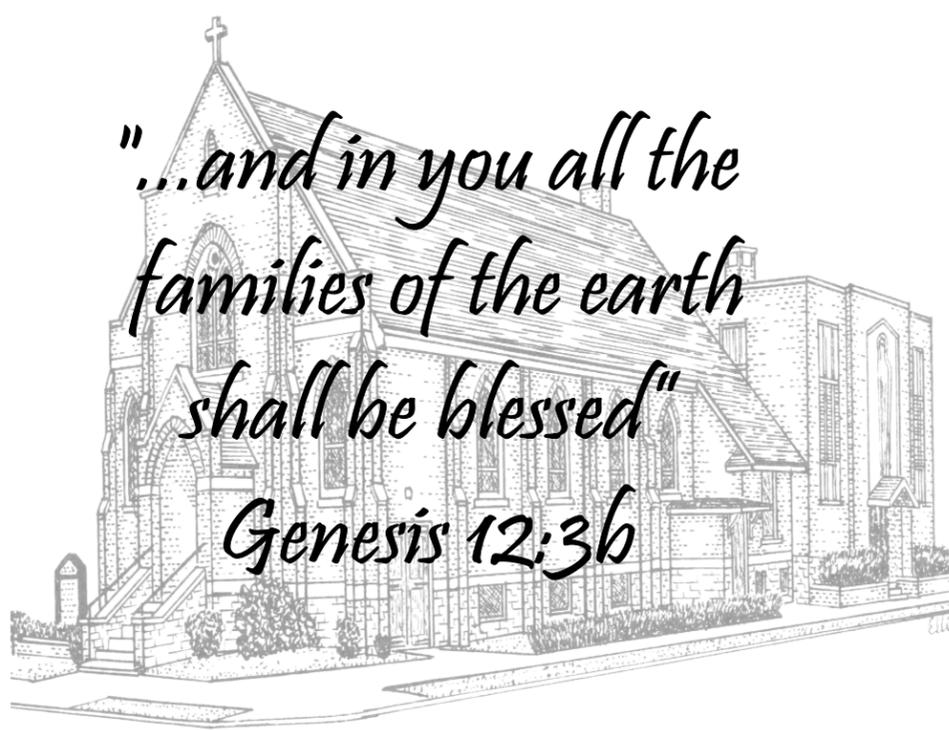
We are truly blessed that you are worshiping with us today! We have a special gift for you in the Narthex. Please pick one up before you leave.

You will find everything you need for worship in this Aid. Ushers are available near the entrance to assist you with any other need.

Please take a few moments to read the Announcements found on the inside cover of this Worship Aid.

Large Print Worship Aids are available from the ushers.

*Today we celebrate the
Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 18, 2022
8:30am Service of
Holy Communion*



Our Staff

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Bonnie Stearns, Church Sexton

Announcements

Second Mile Giving is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. For **September** the **Bethesda Trinity Center** 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.

Veterans Miracle Network Collection: **Now through September 30** Messiah is collecting Personal Care and Hygiene Items for this outreach. Items we are collecting include: bath sized bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, regular sized deodorant/antiperspirant. Monetary donations will also be accepted and used to purchase additional product. Place your in kind donation in the box found in the narthex. Monetary donations may be placed in the collection plate - please mark these “VMN”.

Life-time Recognition Banquet: **Thursday, September 22 at 6:00pm** at **Ricardo’s Restaurant**. Come celebrate the recognition of this year’s honorees: *Shirley Damon, Gerrie & George Elias, Tammy Johnson, and Candy Sprouse*. Tickets are **\$20.00** each and will be available through **Today**.

Crop Hunger Walk: **Sunday, September 25** at the Beach 1 parking lot at **1:30pm**. There will be a signup sheet and donation envelopes available in the narthex.

Wesleyville Food Pantry **Volunteers Needed for September:**

September 19 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.

September 20 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

We welcome Pr. Allie Leitzel as our presider today

We welcome Rachel & Matt Lowther as our musicians today.

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. The Altar rail will not be used;
2. Ushers will dismiss people for Holy Communion starting in the back on the piano side of the church, one pew at a time;
3. Communicant should receive the consecrated host from Pr. Jeff 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;
4. If the communicant prefers the consecrated grape juice, they shall receive that from Pr. Jeff;
5. Communion cups will be placed in the cup trays in every other or third hole to allow for individuals to touch only the cup they are taking;
6. 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	September 25
Asst. Min.	Linda Fryer	Tammy Johnson
Lector	Shirley Damon	Linda Fryer
Usher	Dave Kent	Bob Pommer
Sound System	TBD	TBD
Video	Tammy Johnson	Brad Bresee
Counters	Bob Pommer, Laurie Hecht	Ron Martucci, Linda Jones
Altar Guild	Karen Pistner, Linda Jones	

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness [stand/kneel as able]

P In the name of the Father, and † of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does. God of mercy and forgiveness,

C we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation and have failed to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction and show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

P Your sins are forgiven and you are made whole, in the name of the Father † and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn

God is Here



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of
praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;
what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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.

Glory to God

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

C 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.

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.

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

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. God of covenant,
G you promised Abram land, descendants, and blessing so that he might be a blessing for all. Show us how to honor the covenant, so that we might be a blessing to others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Lesson

Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

A The Word of the Lord.

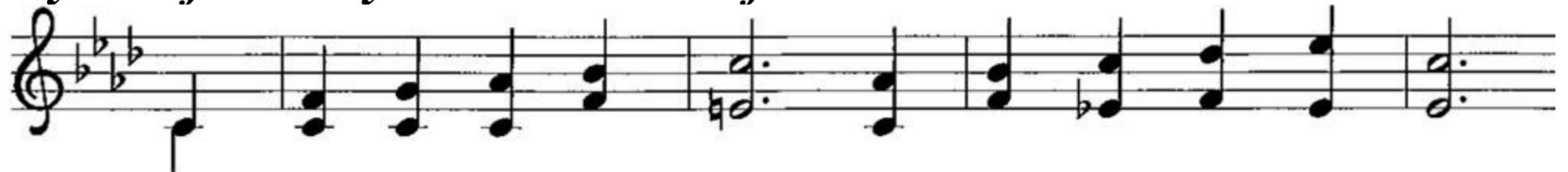
G Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Reflection Time

Hymn of the Day

The God of Abraham Praise



1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
2 The God of A-br'ham praise! At your su - preme com - mand
3 The God of A-br'ham praise! Your all - suf - fi - cient grace
4 Your prom - ise you have sworn; I on your oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love—
from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.
shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



"I Am the One I Am"—by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake—its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—
You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!
I shall be - hold your face; I shall your pow'r a - dore,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
and you my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.
and sing the won - ders of your grace for - ev - er - more.

Creed

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

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 As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation....God of grace,

G hear our prayer.

P Gracious God, gathered together in communion with the Holy Spirit, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

G Amen.

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G And also with you.

P Let us offer to one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Instrumental music while the Altar is being prepared

The Offering

[sit]

Offertory Hymn

Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things

2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

A Let us pray. (*brief pause*) Give us, Lord,

G a heart that gladly gives. Even as you gave your all for us, so may we give our all to you. May we not give out of our abundance, but out of our poverty. In Christ we pray, Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with 'P' for the priest and 'C' for the congregation. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

The Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

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.

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Eucharistic Prayer

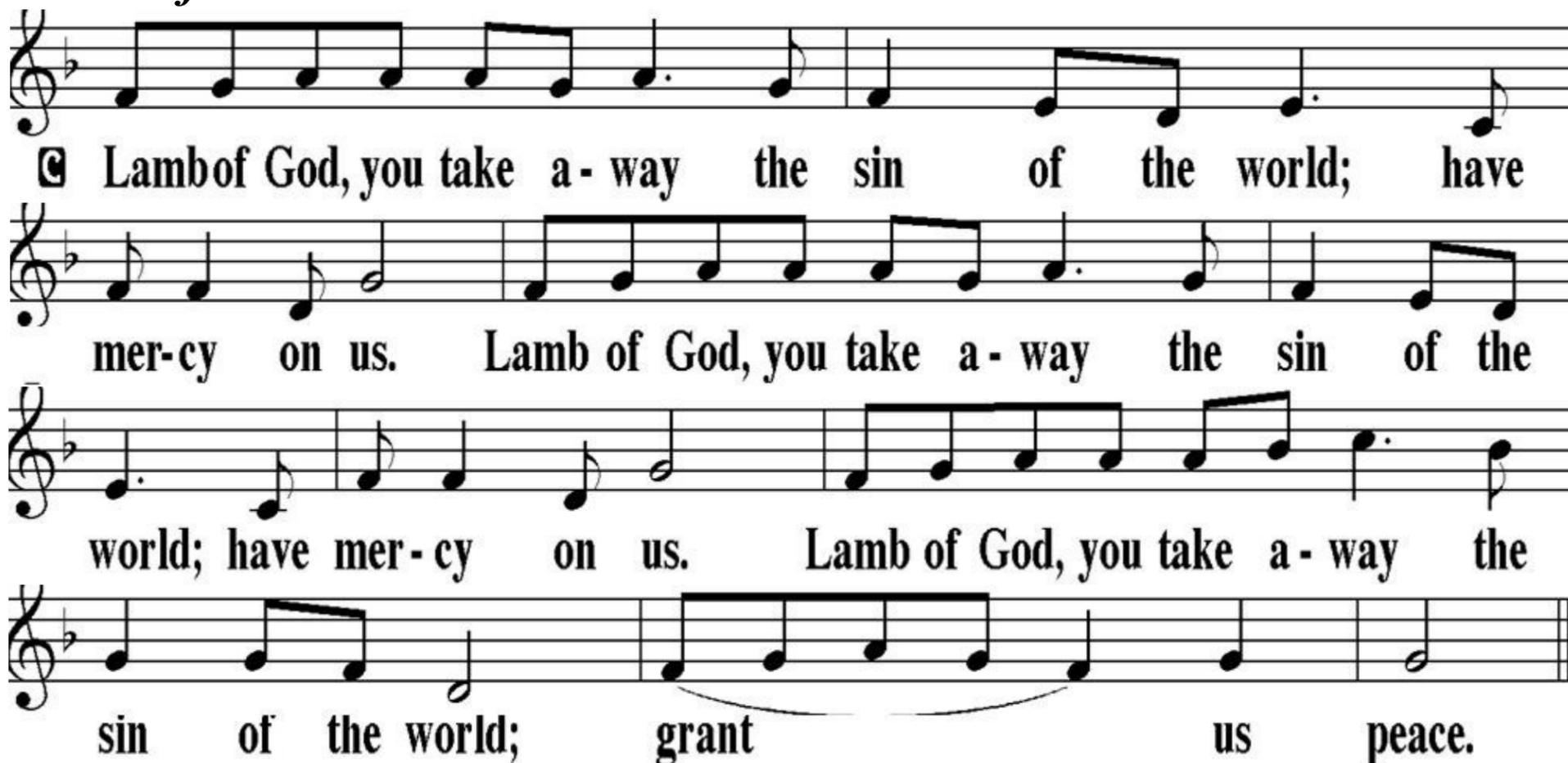
The Lord's Prayer

- P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- C** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

A Christ invites us to this table. Come, taste and see.

Lamb of God



C 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.

Distribution of Communion [sit]

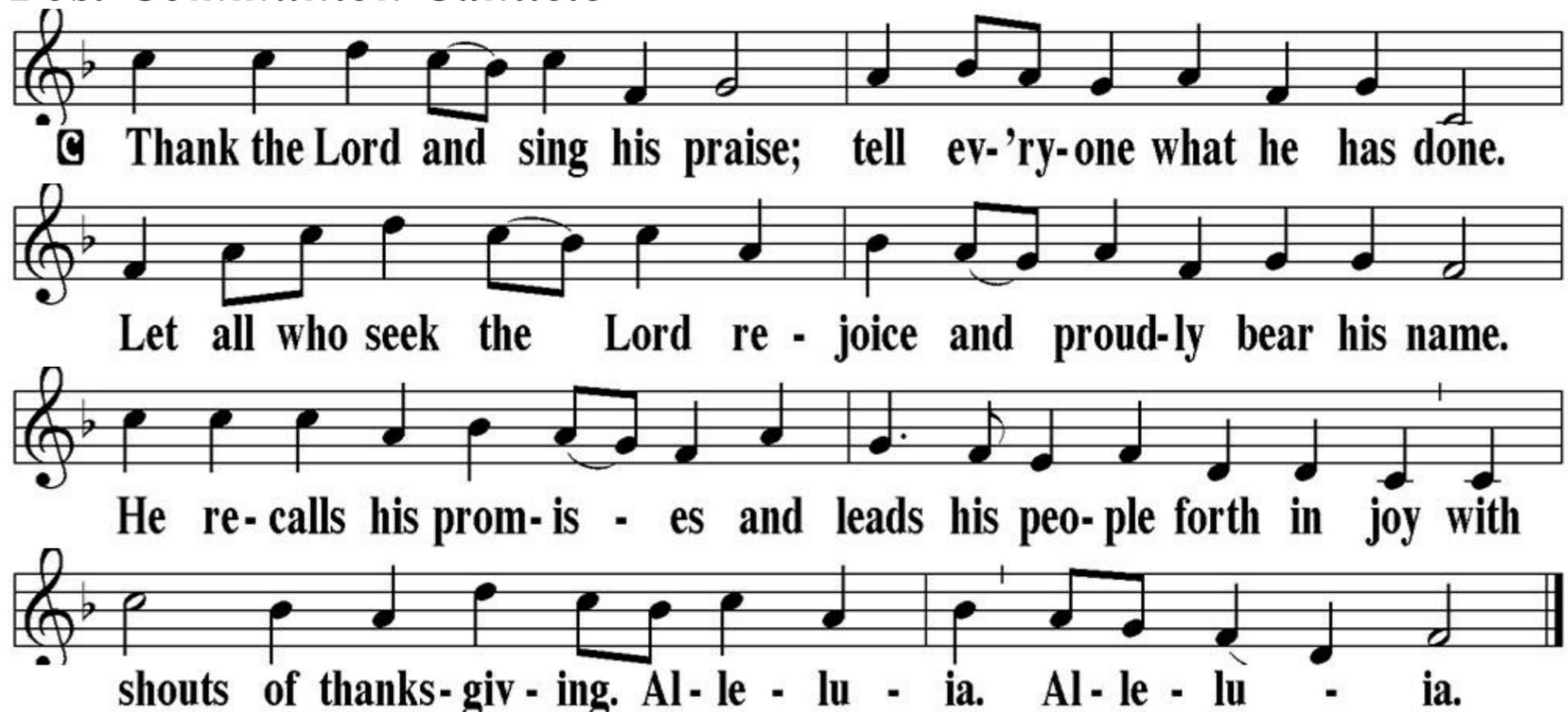
Communion Music Instrumental

Table Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Post Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. (*brief pause*) God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

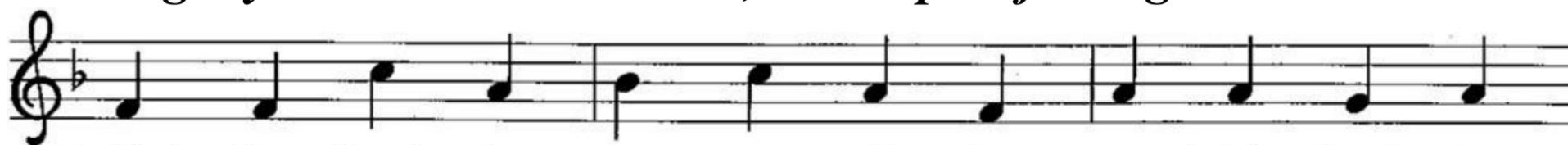
G Amen.

Benediction

P God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless us with truth and peace in the name of the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

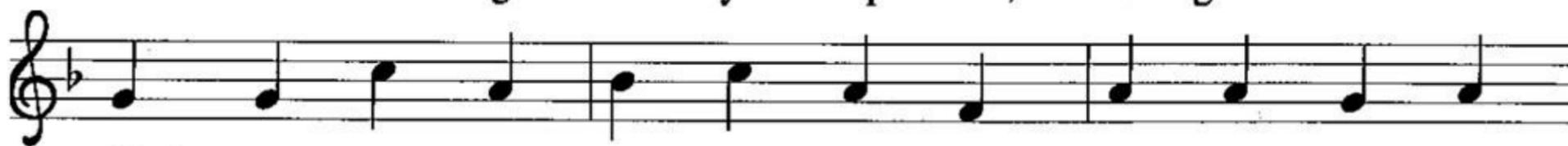
Sending Hymn Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Dismissal

A Go in peace, with Christ beside us.

G Thanks be to God.

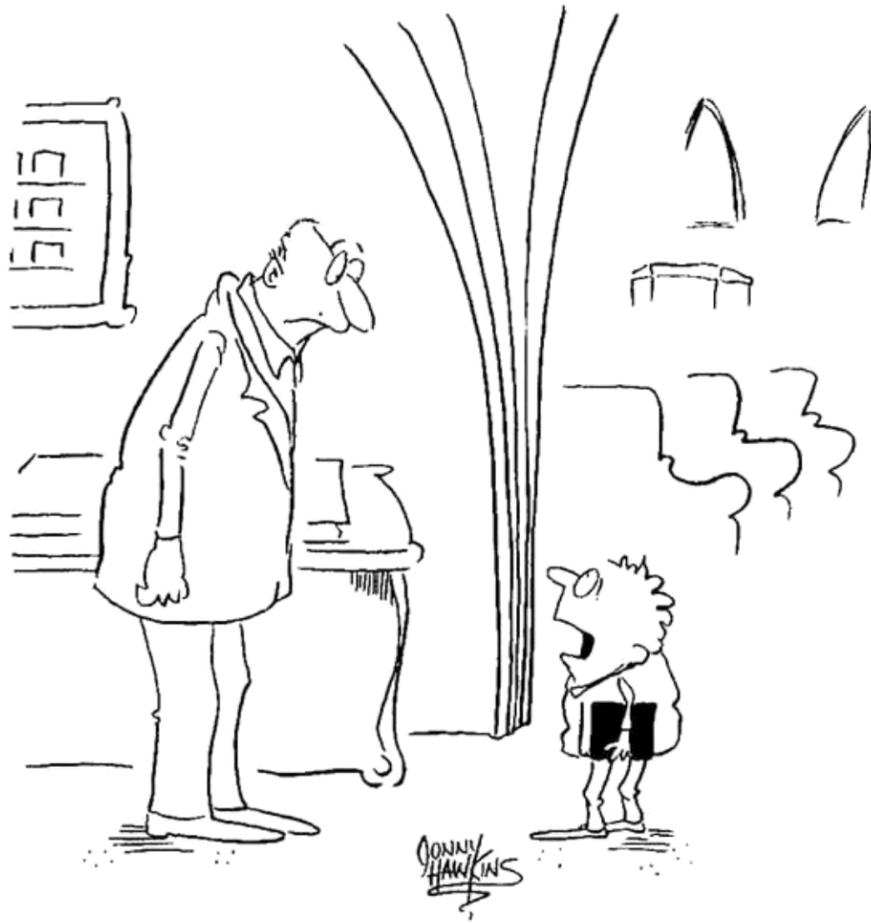


The Worship Aids are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of Becky Fahringer

One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Memory of Larry Shannon's birthday by Robin Curtis

One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of our wedding anniversary by Ann & Dave Kent

The Vigil Candle is given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of Messiah Lutheran Church by the Mikotowicz family



"I slept in church because I'm striving to be more like God, and on the seventh day He rested."

Weekly Budgetary Outlook

	<u>Regular Giving</u>	<u>Other Bdgtd. Inc.</u>	<u>Total Bdgtd. Income</u>	<u>Actual Expense</u>	<u>Weekly Avg. Bdgtd. Exp.</u>
September 11, 2022	\$3,033.00	\$3,486.00	\$6,519.00		\$4,095.54
YTD (36 weeks)	\$111,808.00	\$22,516.30	\$134,324.30	\$135,857.86	\$151,534.98

Our Shortfall through 36 weeks is (\$1,533.56).

Thank you for your generous contributions!

“Use your affluence for eternal influence.”

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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. 9/18	<i>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
Mon.	6:30PM	Meditation Group
	8:30PM	NA Group
Tues.	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
	6:00PM	Church Council
Thu.	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group
	6:00PM	Lifetime Recognition Banquet-Ricardo's
Fri.	7:30PM	AA
Sun. 9/25	<i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	1:30PM	Crop Walk-Beach 1