

16th Sunday after Pentecost

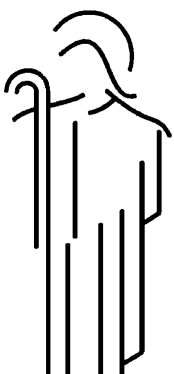
September 13, 2026

We welcome you to The Traditional Service



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

We invite all baptized Christians to join us at the Lords Supper.
Wait for the Usher to guide you.

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.

Bathrooms are located in two places. The downstairs restrooms can be reached by going through the double doors at the back of the sanctuary, then down the stairs to your left. Additional restrooms can be reached through the door next to the altar; proceed through the library, go around the corner, and use the second door on your left.

Worship Leaders Today

Assisting Minister	Brad Bresee
Lector	Laurie Hecht
Video	Brad Bresee
Counter	Linda Jones
Altar Guild	Robin Curtis, Jean Parker, Karen Pistner

Worship Leaders September 20

Assisting Minister:	Savanna Conner
Lector/Reader:	Laurie Hecht
Video:	Savanna Conner
Counter:	Laurie Hecht
Altar Guild:	Robin Curtis, Jean Parker, Karen Pistner

P If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

C have mercy on us.

C We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

P With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

Gathering Hymn *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

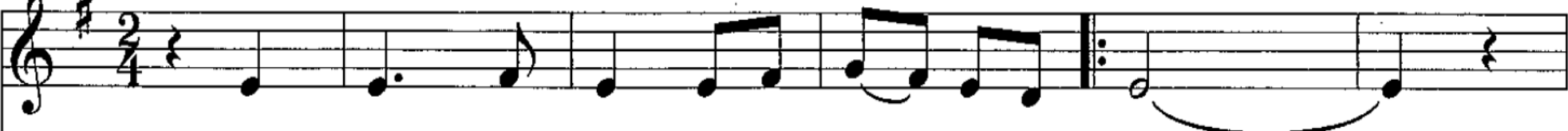
Greeting

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.

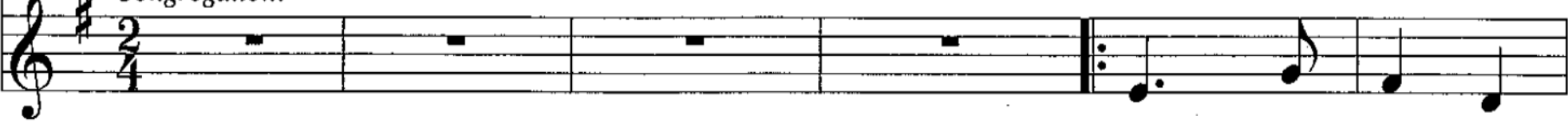
Kyrie

Assistant:



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:



Lord, have mer - cy.

Assistant:

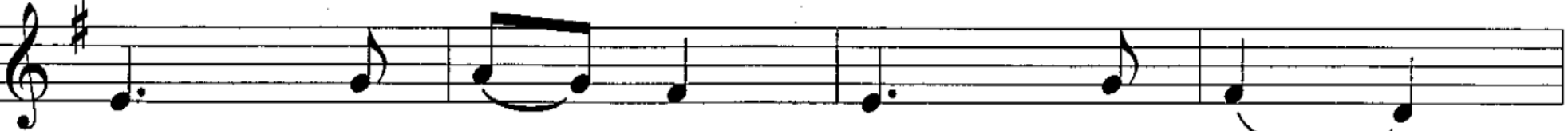


For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray_ to the Lord.

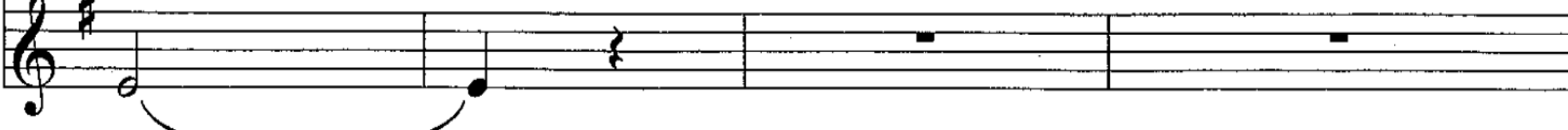


For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray_ to the Lord.

3rd time to Coda ⊕



Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



cy.

⊕ Coda



Help, save, and de - fend us, 0

* Ending for Kyrie

God. men.

Now the Feast

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Congregation or Congregation 1:

Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great

To refrain

peo - ple of God.

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

might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ

To refrain

for ev - er.

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,

to make us peo - ple of God; to make

To refrain

all things new.

Salutation

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Prayer of the Day

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

P Let us Pray: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts

that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Please be seated.

Lesson

Psalm 95:1-7

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock
of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful
noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains
are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it; for his hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD,
our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the
sheep of his hand. O that today you would hearken to his voice!

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

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

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson**John 4:1-24****Glory to you, O Lord**

Now when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), he left Judea and departed again to Galilee. He had to pass through Samar'ia. So he came to a city of Samar'ia, called Sy'char, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samar'ia to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samar'ia?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You

are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly.” The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

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

MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day Where Charity and Love Prevails



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Apostles' Creed

A 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** Reminded of God’s gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.....Hear us, O God.
- C** Your mercy is great.
- P** Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus’ name.
- 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*) God of creation,

C you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have.

Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with
Presider: you. *Congregation:* Lift up your hearts. We
Presider: lift them to the Lord. Let us give
Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider:

It is our duty and de - light that we should everywhere and always offer

thanks and praise to you, O God, through Je - sus Christ...

(Insert proper preface here)

...and so with the church on earth, all creation and the

host of heaven we praise your name and join their un - end - ing

in rhythm

To Holy, Holy

hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the

One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Eucharistic Prayer

P ...we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

C *Congregation:*

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.

Christ will come, come a - gain.

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

C *Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

P We ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

C *Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

P To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory 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.

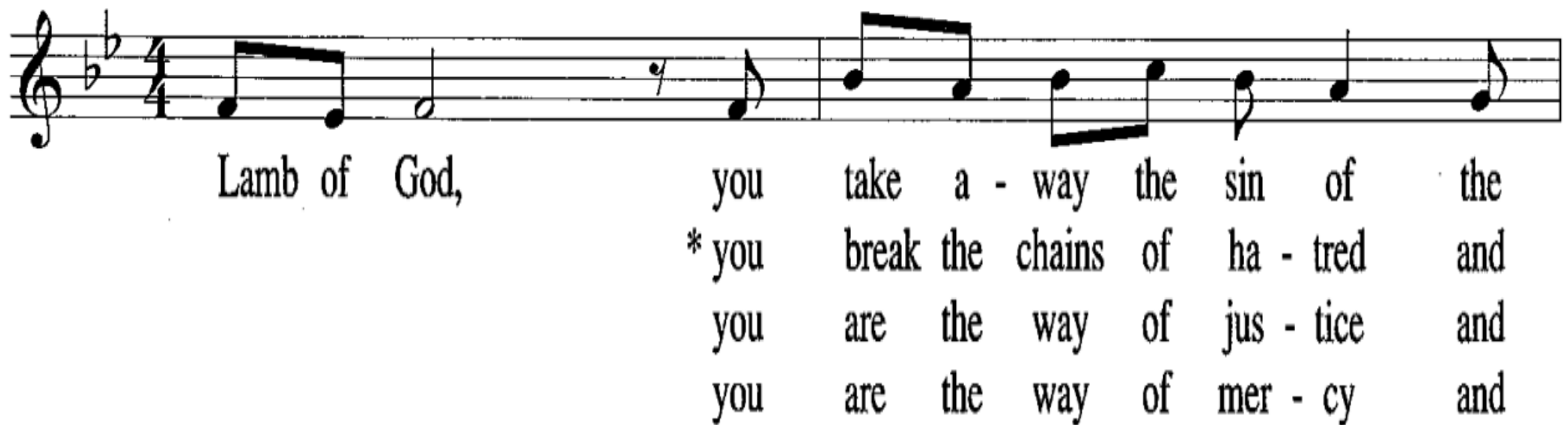
Invitation to Communion

A Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Lamb of God

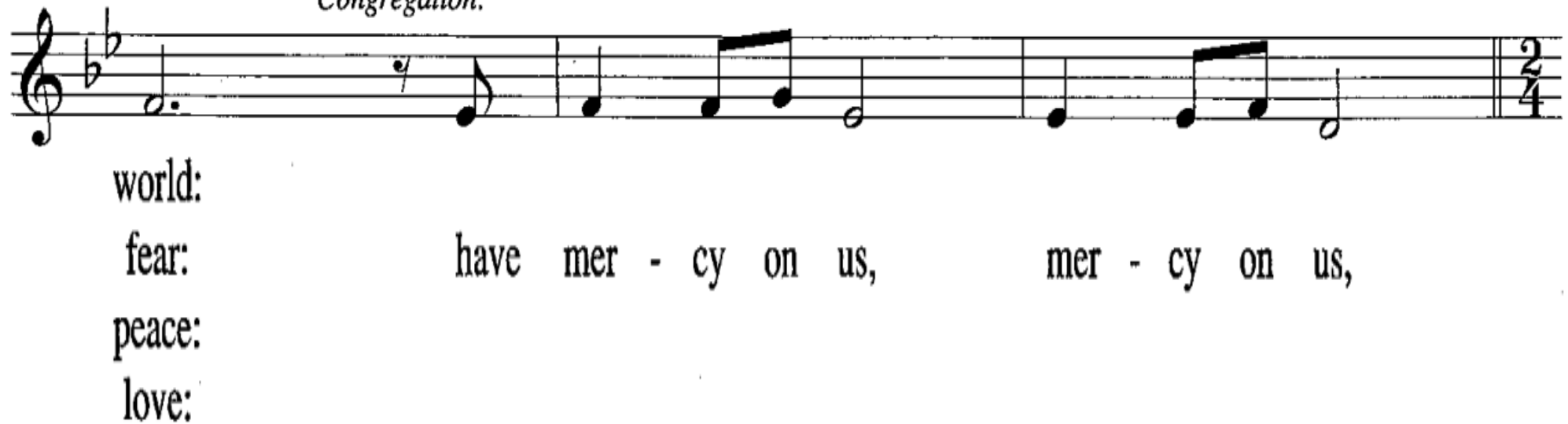
Congregation:

Congregation or Assistant:



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
* you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:



world:
fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
peace:
love:

Final time Cong. or assistant:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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 Canticle

Congregation:

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -

mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Post Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. *(brief pause)* Compassionate God, we give you thanks, O God, for the blessings of this table. May our lives be made new by these gifts of grace and my your love be made known through us.

C Amen

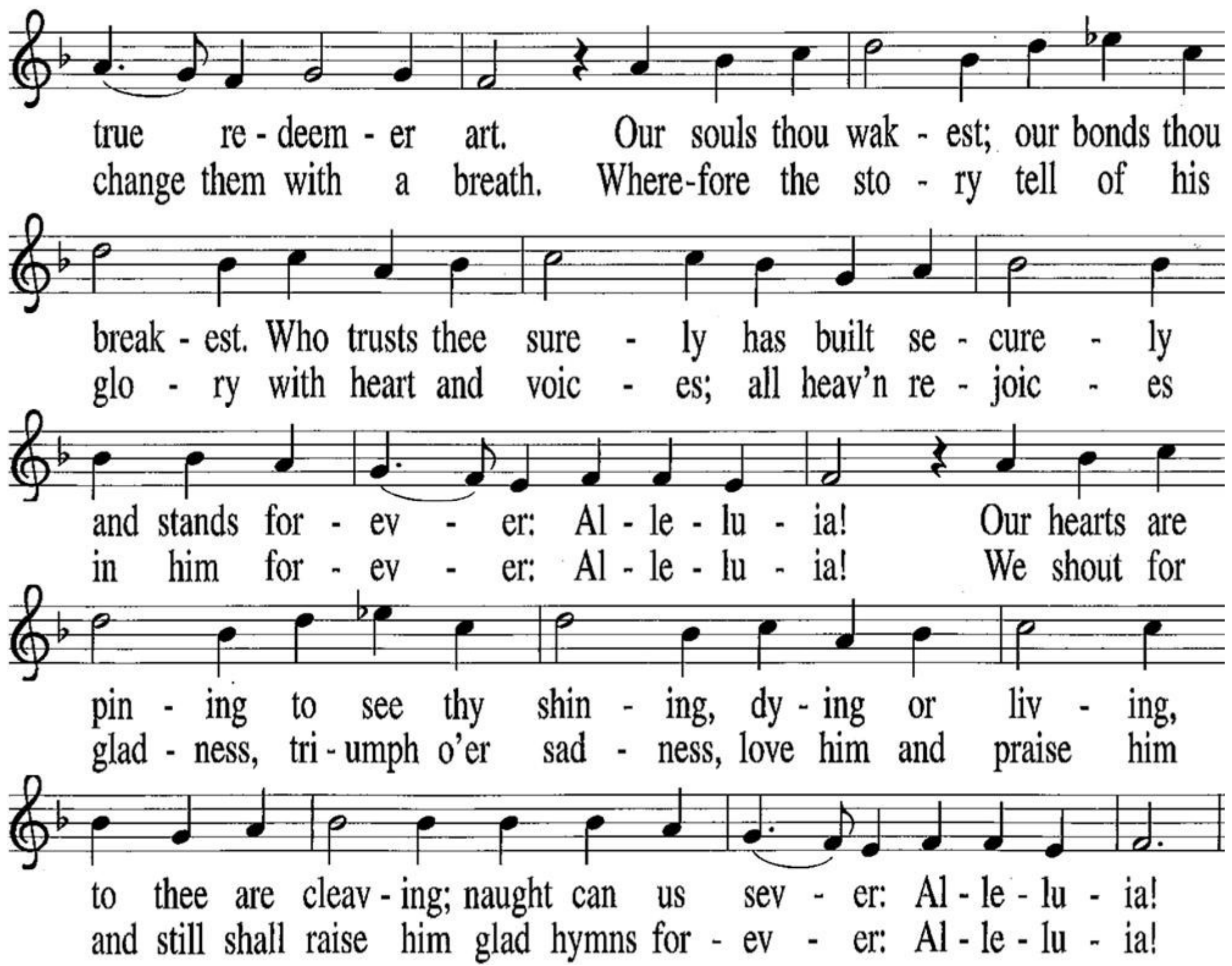
Benediction

Presider:
 May God bless us and keep us.
 May God's face shine on us and be gracious to us.
 May God look on us with favor and + give us peace.

Congregation:
 A - men.

Sending Hymn In Thee is Gladness

1 In thee is glad - ness a - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus, sun - shine of my
 2 Je - sus is ours! . . We fear no pow - ers, not of earth or sin or
 heart. By thee are giv - en the gifts of heav - en, thou the
 death. He sees and bless - es in worst dis - tress - es; he can



true re - deem - er art. Our souls thou wak - est; our bonds thou
 change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto - ry tell of his
 break - est. Who trusts thee sure - ly has built se - cure - ly
 glo - ry with heart and voic - es; all heav'n re - joic - es
 and stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
 in him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for
 pin - ing to see thy shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing,
 glad - ness, tri - umph o'er sad - ness, love him and praise him
 to thee are cleav - ing; naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
 and still shall raise him glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal

A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Memory of Rae
Vorsheck McCaleb by Linda Voigt*

*One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of our 63rd
wedding anniversary by Dave & Ann Kent*

*The Vigil Candle is given to the Glory of God and in Memory of Rae Vorsheck
McCaleb by Linda Voigt*

Announcements

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

Bald is Beautiful Sunday-Rally Day: Sunday, September 13, 9:45 am. We invite all of you to join us for a time of fellowship and celebration. Pastor will share with us the plans for the new programming year, Michelle will lead us in singing. There will be light refreshments and pastries available.

Stained Glass Windows Special Congregation Meetings: September 13 & 20, 2026 at 12:00 noon. The Council invites you to an all-important meeting of the congregation to discuss and vote on the next step of restoring our beautiful stained-glass windows. Please come and hear the council’s proposal about the windows. We are required by our constitution to hold two meetings for a project this large.

Bible Study: Starting September 15/16. Tuesday afternoons 1:30 pm in the Study Lounge and Wednesday night 6:00 pm in the Study Lounge.

Pulpit Exchange: Sunday, September 20 both services Rev. Karen Kostur from Immanuel Lutheran Church will be here to preach for both services.

Crop Walk: Sunday, September 27, 1:00 pm, Presque Isle Sign up on form in narthex, take an envelope and collect donations with checks payable to CWS/CROP. Don’t want to walk/can’t walk? Consider sponsoring someone who is by making a donation in the Narthex or online.

Lectio Divina: Sunday, September 27, 4:00 pm. Alternative worship service for all member and friends.

Pet Walk: Tuesday, September 29, 6:00 pm. Meet in the parking lot for Pet Blessing, water provided, then a walk around the neighborhood.

Wesleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

September 14 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.

September 15 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**

Sunday 9/13	<i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Rally Day-All Members
	12:00Noon	Special Congregational Meeting
Monday	6:30PM	Guided Meditation
Tuesday	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
	1:30PM	Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00PM	Bible Study
Thursday	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	6:00PM	Church Council
	7:30PM	NA Group
Friday	7:30PM	AA
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