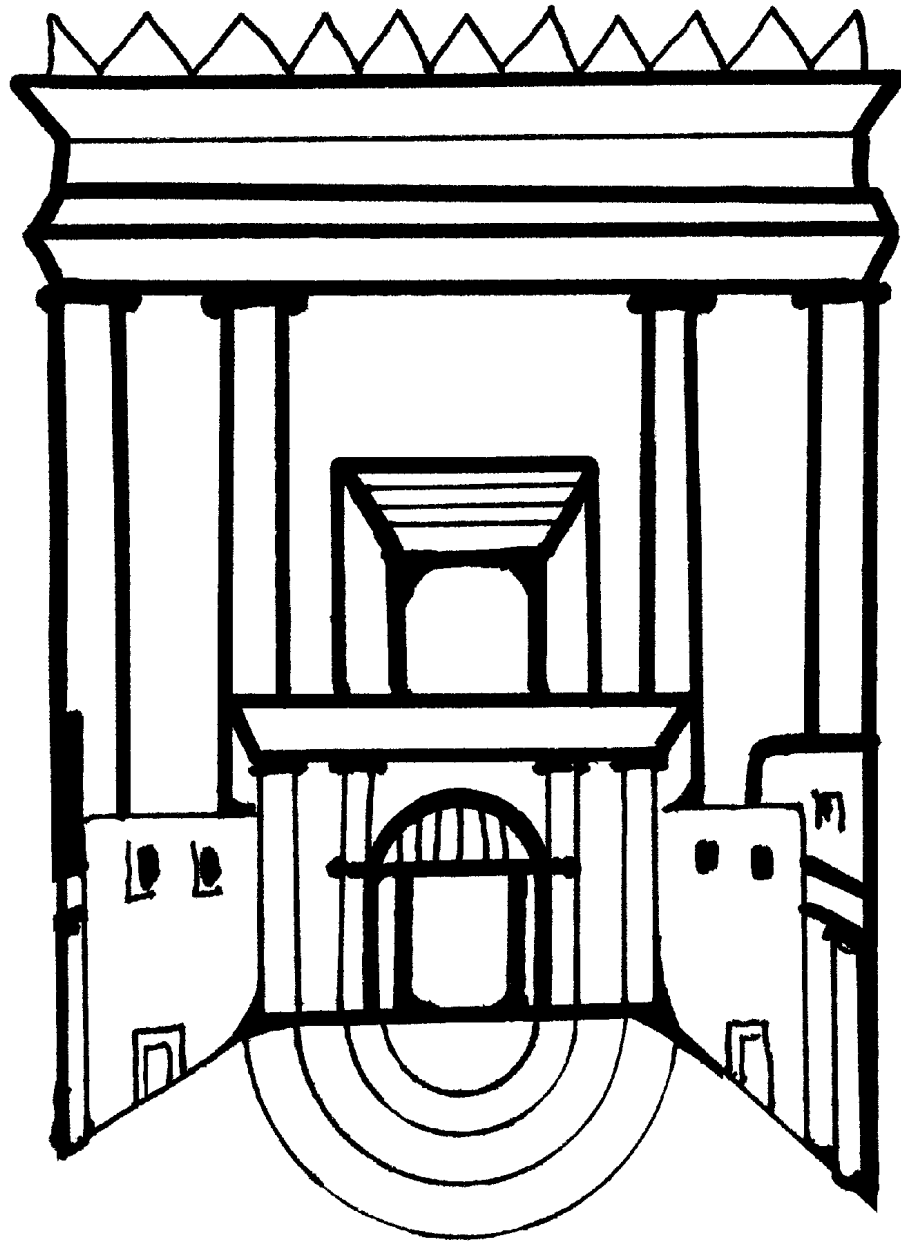


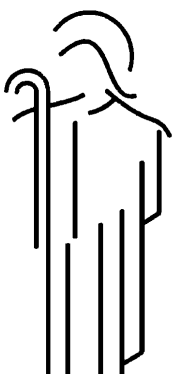
**18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2026**

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:	Ray Bennett
Lector/Reader:	Laurie Hecht
Video:	Savanna Conner
Counter:	Linda Jones
Altar Guild	Robin Curtis, Jean Parker, Karen Pistner

Worship Leaders October 4

Assisting Minister:	Savanna Conner
Lector/Reader:	Laurie Hecht
Video:	Savanna Conner
Counter:	Laurie Hecht
Altar Guild:	Ann Kent, Linda Jones, Linda Voigt

Confession and Forgiveness

Stand if Able

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

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,
van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and
 blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,
 we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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

3rd time to Coda ⊕



cy.

Assistant:



For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the
For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you



world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray - to the Lord.
praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray - to the Lord.

⊕ Coda



Help, save, and de - fend us, 0

* Ending for Kyrie



God.



A - men.

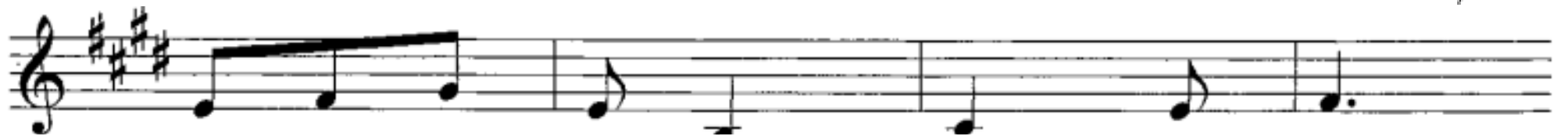
Now the Feast

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

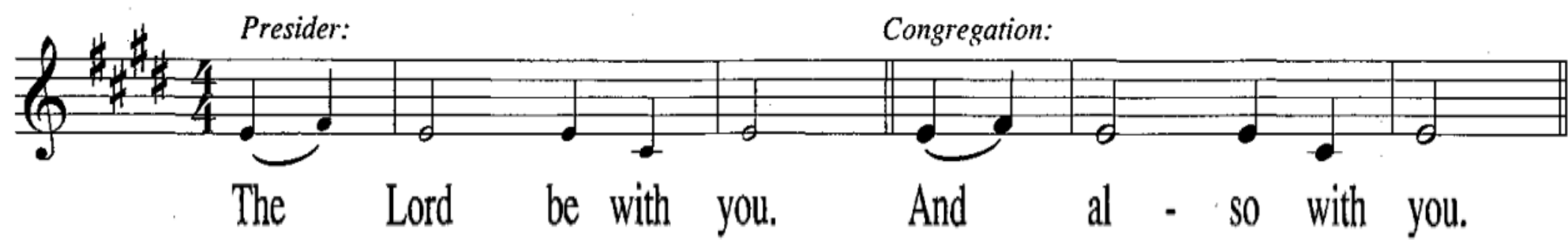
for ev - er.

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of God; to make



Salutation



Prayer of the Day

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

P Let us Pray: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen *Please be seated.*

Lesson

Hebrews 10:21-25

...And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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

Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and

having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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*

Gospel Lesson

John 13:34-35
Glory to you, O Lord

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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.

Blessing of Quilts and School Kits

Prayers of the Church

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: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with

Presider: *Congregation:*

you. 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

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.

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.

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:

[illegible]

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.

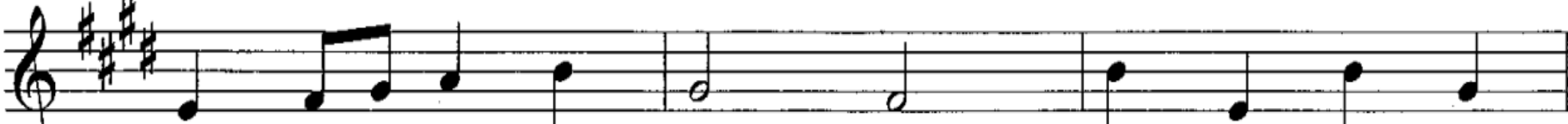
C Amen.

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!



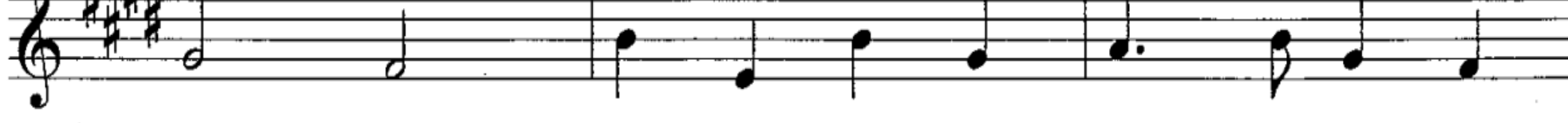
Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



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. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray .

C Amen

Benediction

Presider:



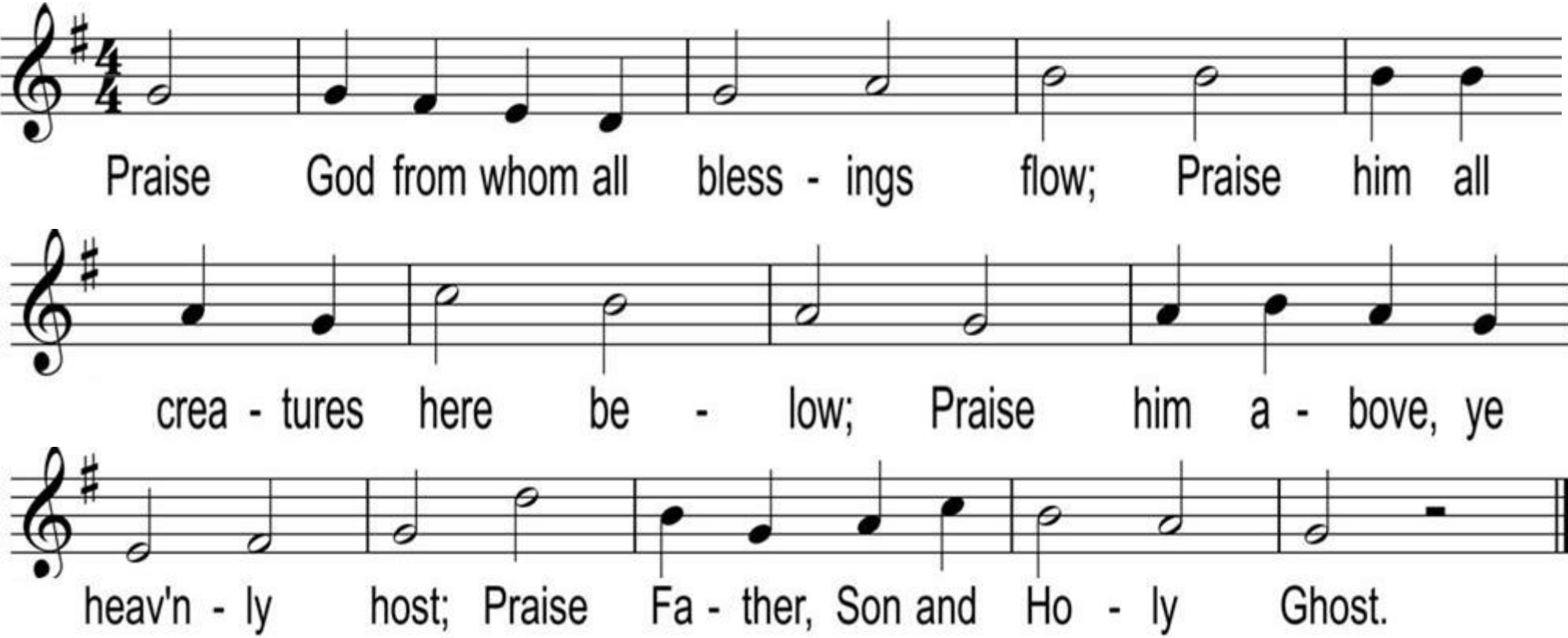
May God bless us and keep us.
May God's face shine on us and be gracious to us.
May God look on us with favor and + give us peace.

Congregation:



A - - - - - men.

Sending Hymn Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

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 Celebration of Ronald
& Shirley Damon's wedding anniversary by Shirley Damon*

*One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for
Messiah Lutheran Church and Pastor Tom by Jeff & Shirley Damon*

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.

Bible Study: Tuesday afternoons 1:30 pm in the Study Lounge and Wednesday night 6:00 pm in the Study Lounge.

Crop Walk: Sunday, Today 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, Today, 4:00 pm. Alternative worship service for all member and friends.

Pet Walk: Tuesday, September 29, 5:00 pm. *(Note change of time)* Meet in the parking lot for Pet Blessing, water provided, then a walk around the neighborhood.

Spiritual Walk: Sunday, October 4, 4:00 pm, Wintergreen Gorge.

OWls: Tuesday, October 13, 1:30 pm. 2 Grumpy Brothers will be here to perform a comedy show. Feel free to bring a friend! Come, relax and enjoy the show. We will not have lunch together for this meeting. Signup in the Narthex by October 4.

Wesleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

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

October 12 at 10:00 am to unload senior boxes.

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

October 20 at 10:00-11:00 am & 5:00-6:00 pm 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 9/27

18th Sunday after Pentecost

	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Lectionary Study
	1:00PM	Crop Walk
	4:00PM	Lecto Divina
Monday	6:30PM	Guided Meditation
Tuesday	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
	1:30PM	Bible Study
	6:00PM	Pet Walk
Wednesday	6:00PM	Bible Study
Thursday	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	7:30PM	NA Group
Friday	7:30PM	AA

Sunday 10/4

19th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
9:45AM	Lectionary Study
9:45AM	Servant Outreach
4:00PM	Spiritual Walk

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