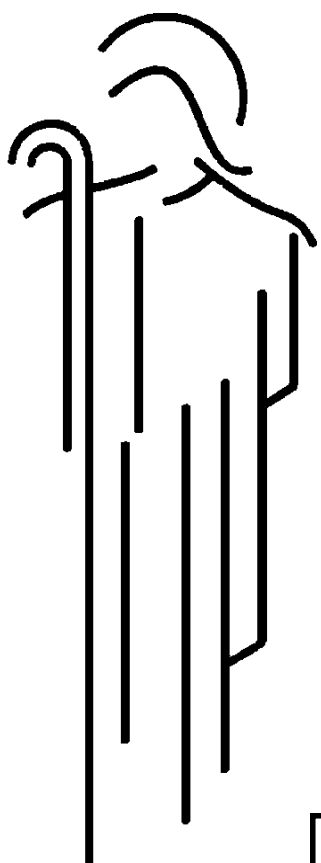


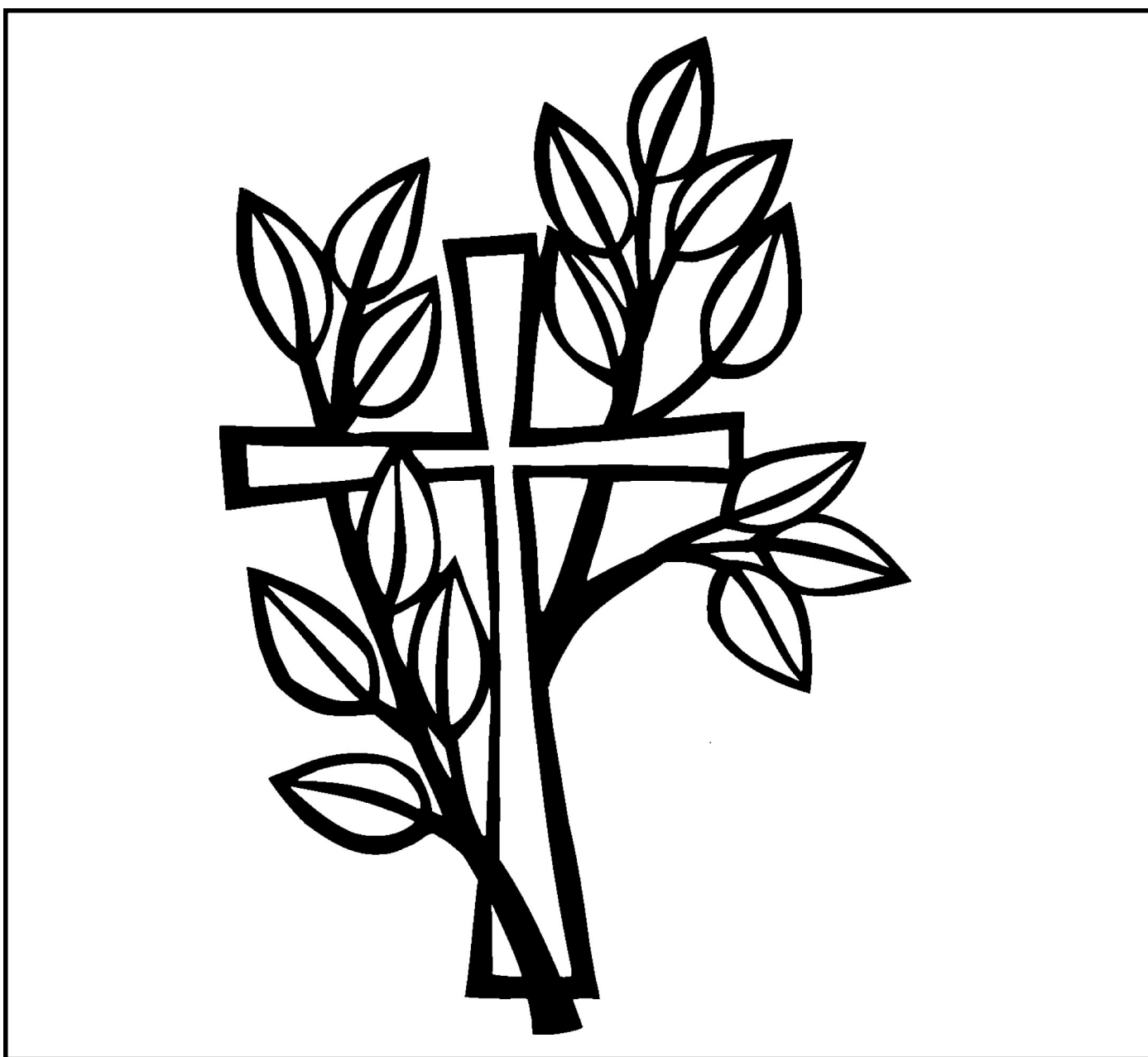


MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

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:

- 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;
- If the communicant prefers the consecrated grape juice, they shall receive that from the Pastor.
- 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 6
Asst. Min.	Savanna Conner	Savanna Conner
Lector	Laurie Hecht	Laurie Hecht
Acolyte	—	—
Usher	TBD	TBD
Sound System	TBD	TBD
Video	Savanna Conner	Savanna Conner
Counters	Laurie Hecht, Linda Jones	Laurie Hecht
Altar Guild	Sandy Hough, Candy Sprouse, Mary Rush, Bonnie Magee	
Altar Guild September	Robin Curtis, Jean Parker, Karen Pistner	

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 Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
 we but stew-ards of your boun-ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 quench our fe-vered thirst of plea-sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

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)



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
 and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

Glory to God

A Glo-ry to God in the high- est, 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 The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us Pray: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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 16:21-28

Glory to you, O Lord

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying,

“God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

A The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day

Bind Us Together

Refrain



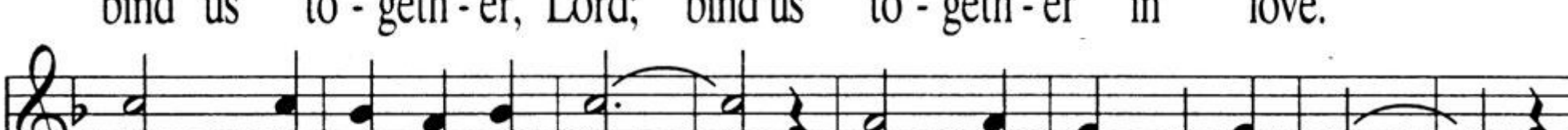
Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that



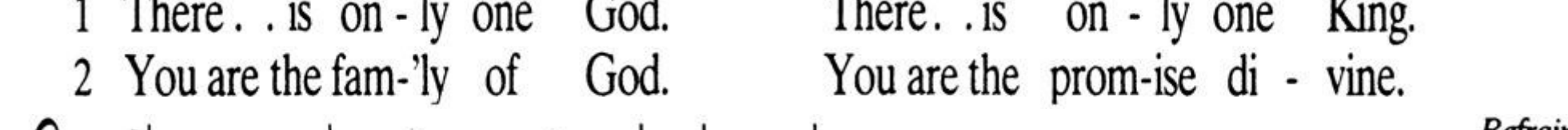
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,



bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.



1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
2 You are the fam-'ly of God. You are the prom-ise di - vine.



Refrain

There . . is on - ly one Bod-y; that . . is why we can sing:
You are God's cho-sen de - sire, you are the glo-rious new wine.

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 With bold trust in God’s unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

P Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 Create in Me A Clean Heart [stand]

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "Create in Me A Clean Heart". It consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written on the top staff, and the bass line is on the bottom staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -". The second staff contains the lyrics "new a right spir - it with - in me.".

Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your

Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -

hold me with your free Spir - it.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me.

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 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.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n 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 ...be all honor and glory, now and forever.
C Amen.

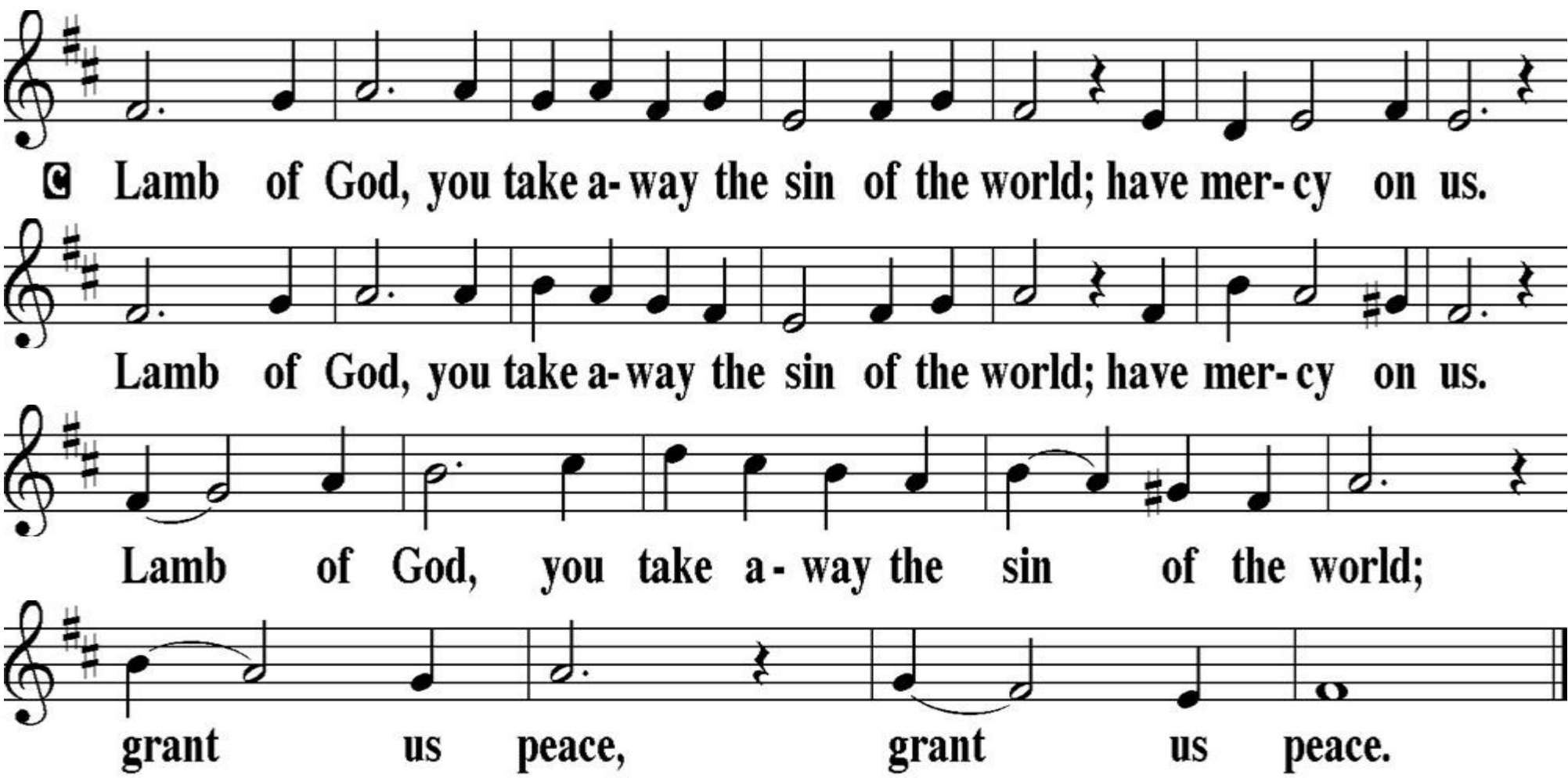
The Lord's Prayer

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



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, grant us peace.

Distribution of Communion [sit]

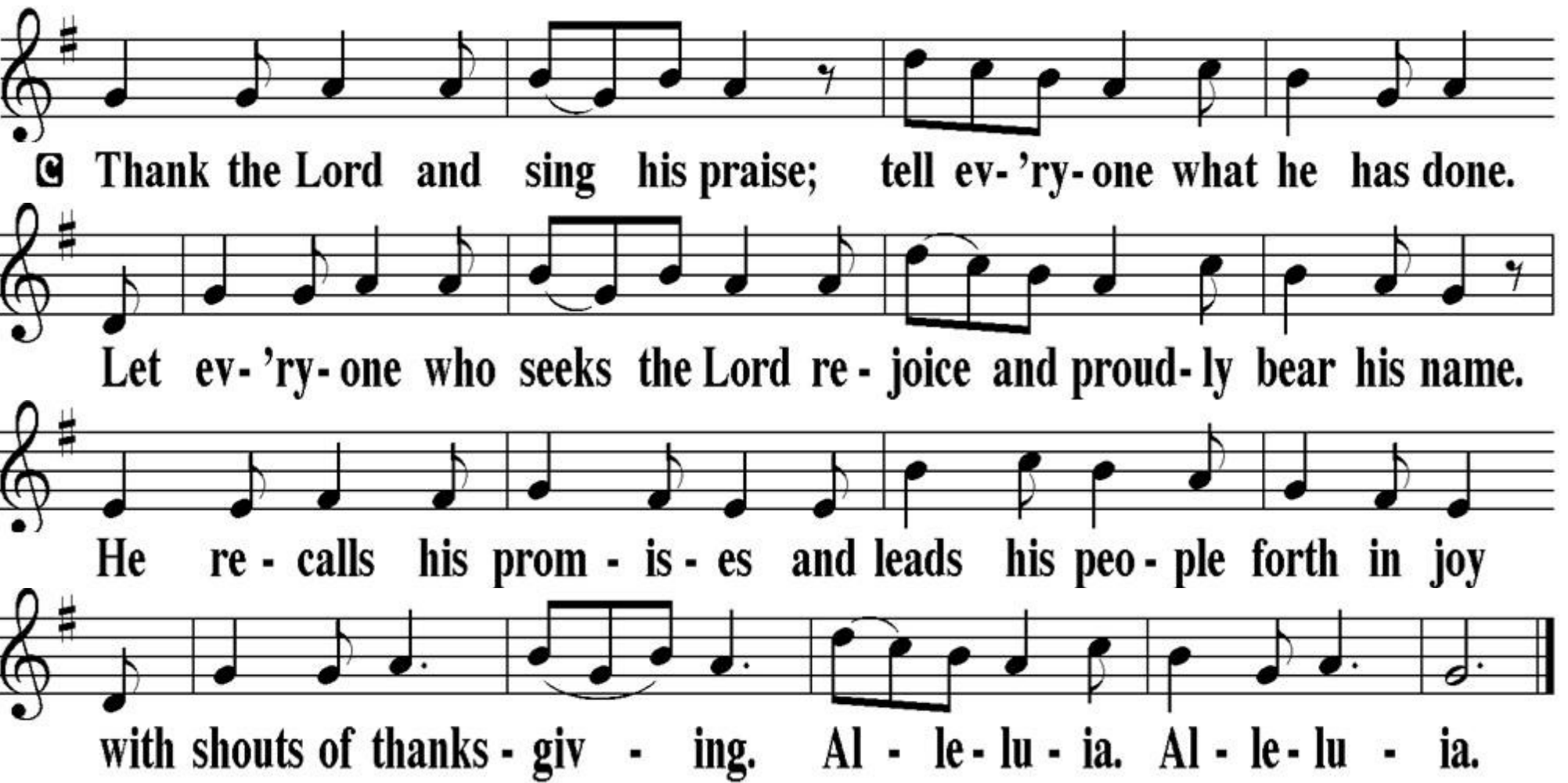
Communion Music Instrumental

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



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev- 'ry-one what he has done.

Let ev- 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice 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)* 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 Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Dismissal

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
C Thanks be to God.

The Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of my brother Jack and in Celebration of our brother Jim's 83rd birthday by Jean Parker

One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Memory of my dad, Lynn Snyder by Linda Voigt

The Vigil Candle is given to the Glory of God and in Memory of my dad, Lynn Snyder 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.

Taize Worship: **Today, 4:00 pm:** Join us on Sunday afternoon for a time of prayer, reflection and singing at our quarterly Taize worship. Pastor will be guiding us through this meditative service with Michelle leading us in singing.

OWLs: **Tuesday, September 8.** Meet in parking lot at 9:30 am if you want to car pool to St. Patrick’s Church, 130 E 4th Street, for a tour, 10:00 am, then go to lunch afterwards on to St. Peter’s Church, 230 W 10th St. for a tour, 1:00 pm.

Hearth Walk: **Thursday, September 10, 5:00 pm** . Registration: Liberty Park. Donate online or in the Narthex.

Bald is Beautiful **Sunday-Rally Day: Sunday, September 13.** We invite all of you to join us for a time of fellowship and celebration. Pastor time 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 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.

Wesleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

September 1 at 5:00-6:00pm for Country Fair distribution.

September 7 at 10:00am to unload senior boxes.

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

September 15 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

(See Newsletter for More Detail)

Monday Closed Tuesday 10:00

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

Sun. 8/30	<i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
Mon.	6:30PM	Guided Meditation
Tues.	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
Wed.	1:00PM	Bound Together
Thu.	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	12:00Noon	CYFM
	7:30PM	NA Group
Fri.	7:30PM	AA
Sun. 9/6	<i>15th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Servant Outreach

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