

# MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A faithful, serving community, joyfully sharing Christ's love.*



**All Saints' Sunday  
November 3, 2024**

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Sunday Worship 10:00 am

## **WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

*The congregation is invited to worship in a way that is comfortable and meaningful by standing, sitting, kneeling, coloring, etc. You may join in worship by reciting the responses in bold type.*

### **SILENT MEDITATION DURING PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME FROM THE PASTOR**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,  
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are ✠ forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

## *By All Your Saints*

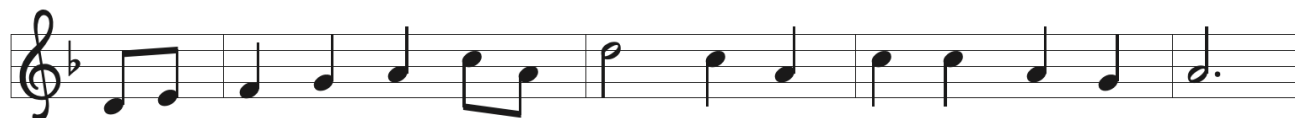
ELW #421



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,  
2 A - pos - tles, proph - ets, mar - tyrs, and all the no - ble thron -  
3 Give praise to God Al - might - y, and wor - ship God the Son,



your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed!  
who wear the spot - less rai - ment and raise the cease - less song -  
and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



For you a - rose vic - to - rious that they might wear the crown  
for these passed on be - fore us, we sing our praise a - new  
till all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



and share the light of glo - ry re - flect - ed from your throne.  
and, walk - ing in their foot - steps, would live our lives for you.  
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone.

## GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Refrain*

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!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

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

God; to make all things new.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### **FIRST READING: A Reading from Isaiah 25:6-9**

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup> And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

### **THE PSALM: Psalm 24** will be read responsively

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>2</sup> **For the LORD has founded it up on the seas and established it upon the rivers.**

<sup>3</sup> Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD, and who may stand in God's holy place?

<sup>4</sup> **Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

<sup>5</sup> They shall receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

<sup>6</sup> **Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>8</sup> **Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>10</sup> **Who is this King of glory? Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.**

**SECOND READING: A reading from Revelation 21:1-6a**

<sup>1</sup> I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God;<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." <sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

<sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW#175

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**THE GOSPEL: The Holy Gospel according to John 11: 32-44**  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing

here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”<sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”  
 The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*For All the Saints*

ELW#422

*Meditation: During the hymn you are invited to come forward to light a candle and pray around the altar.*



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,  
*Stanzas 3-5 below.*  
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the  
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy  
 Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . .  
 saints triumphant rise in bright array; the  
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . .



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
 King of glory passes on his way.  
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



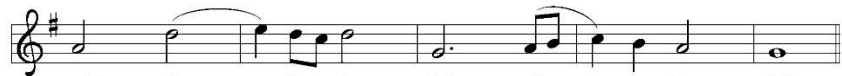
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle,  
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the  
 5 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful



they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are  
 dis-tant triumph song, and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are  
 ser-vants com-eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 strong.  
 blest.

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 INTERCESSION**

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

## **ALL SAINTS PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE**

Let us remember all the saints before God.

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. We name aloud those saints who we remember today Janet Godwin, Karen White, Kevin McEnerney, Dae Sung Choi and all those we name out loud or silently now (*moment of silence*). With them we praise and bless you, O Holy Trinity. **Amen.**


## **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## OFFERING

Offering can be left in the plates at the  back of the sanctuary or given online by scanning the QR code.

## OFFERTORY

*As the Grains of Wheat*

ELW #465

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*  
may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

**Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



## PREFACE

### HOLY HOLY HOLY

ELW #191



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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come and eat.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## COMMUNION

*You can commune from your seat using the prepackaged elements of a wafer and grape juice or you can come forward to the altar to receive the elements. To commune at the altar rail, please proceed down the diagonal aisles to pick up a cup from the plates. You will be given a wafer and then offered wine or grape juice. Wine will be in the first chalice, if you would like grape juice, simply cover your cup and present it when the second chalice comes to you. We invite you to commune in whatever way is comfortable and meaningful to you. For those communing online, please join us using whatever bread/crackers and wine/grape juice you have at home. All are welcome at God's table.*

The body and blood of Christ, given for you.

**Amen**

## COMMUNION SONG

*Christ Our Peace*

ACS#1037



Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;



Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod - y in you.



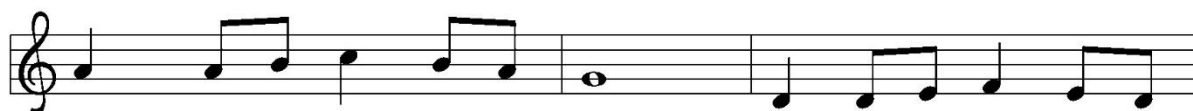
Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing  
 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your  
 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -  
 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your  
 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be  
 hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the  
 self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is  
 home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly  
 bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.  
 liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.  
 food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.  
 One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.  
 ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

*Refrain*

### TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching* ACS#950



1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the  
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the  
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the  
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they  
5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that  
Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that  
new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that  
gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that  
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num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

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### **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

MONDAY: 6:00 pm Community Table  
TUESDAY: 7:30 pm AA Meeting  
THURSDAY: 12:00 pm Bible Study  
7:30 pm Band practice  
SATURDAY: Property Work Day  
SUNDAY: 10:00 am Worship

### **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES NEXT SUNDAY**

The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, November 10, 2024  
10:00am Worship Service

### **NOVEMBER BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH**

Ponds Food Pantry

### **TODAY'S MINISTERS**

**PASTOR:** Rev. Courtney Smith Westerlund  
**ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR:** Bob Luderer  
**ASSISTING MINISTER/LAY READER:** Megan Rotella  
**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Jerri Angermueller & Michele Weintraub  
**VIDEO TECH:** Don Brown  
**USHER:** Ron Rubner  
**GREETER:** Linda Axtell  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Brigitte Albrecht & Susanne Herbst  
**FLOWER GUILD:** Nancy Krause  
**COUNTERS:** Rob Rubner & Cesar Rios  
**COORDINATING COUNCILOR:** Nancy Krause

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Build up, Prepare the Way: We encourage you to discern the ways you can use your gifts and talents at church. All pledge cards and spiritual gift cards are due back by November 17th and will be blessed during worship.

#### Angel Tree Collection

This Christmas we will be buying gifts for people in our congregation as well as our community. If you know of someone who would benefit from a Christmas gift (due to need, being At Home, or just to cheer them up), please let Pastor Courtney or Kim Niland know by November 15th. The full Angel Tree with ornaments to take will be available by the end of the month.



**Please keep in prayer the following people in our Messiah family:** Joan B, Helen, Mike, Kim, Len, Karl and Lori

**and the following friends and family:**

All affected by Covid19: those recovering, healthcare workers, all essential workers and the unemployed.

Yoko and Bill, friends of Joan and Arnold

Mark and Keith, Susanne's friends

Gayle, friend of Joan and Eleanore

Camille, Marilyn's friend

June, Lee's mother

Miro, Vesna's father

Erika, Kristen's sister

Ken, friend of Tony and Edie

Patty, friend of Ludkes

Dawn, Sarah, Rafael and Massimo, Violette's mother, daughter & grandsons

John, Joan, Herb, Mike and Andy, Ron and Marilyn's friends

Karen, Cheryl's sister

Greta, Tom's sister

Ethel and Mickey, Brigitte's sister-in-law and friend

Kim, friend of Sue

Autumn and Angelina, Lori's niece and granddaughter

Marilyn and Vincent, Lisa's parents

Bob, Tammy, Heather, Jayme, Allison and her sister, Lou and family, Alison, Josh, Jen, Laura and Chelsea, Michele's father-in-law, and friends

Ron and June, Karen's parents

Melinda and Paul, Eleanore's sister and nephew

Julie, friend of Nancy