Messiah Lutheran Church
Mechanicsville, Virginia



November 1, 2026
All Saints Sunday

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To share the Good News of Jesus Christ
and to invite all to join us in faith, worship, and service.

The service will be livestreamed at 10:45 am on Messiah's FB page, and that video will be available later on the church website and YouTube. Facebook link: https://www.facebook.com/MessiahMech/

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**** Please stand as you are able ****

Welcome visitors! May the Spirit of Christ fill your heart as we worship today. You are invited to make Messiah your church home.

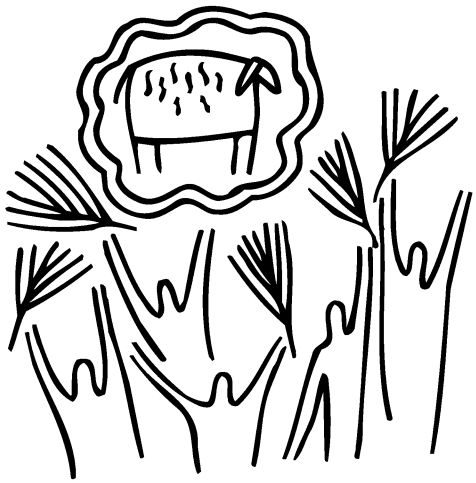
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR THE SAINTS

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

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, 4who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. 5For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. *(2 Cor. 1: 3-5)*
C: *Amen.*

As we sing the following hymn, members of the congregation are invited forward to leave a flower on the memorial wreath. Each flower serves to represent the love that we have shared and continue to share with saints in the Church Triumphant.



*PROCESSION AND HYMN – *For All the Saints* — *ELW 422*



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P: In the new Jerusalem, there will be no need for sun and moon,

C: for the glory of God will be its light.

P: Before the Lamb is a multitude from every nation.

C: and they worship God night and day.

P: Surely he is coming soon.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: We beseech you to give us a sense of your presence that we may feel oneness with all who have trusted you. You have declared, and we believe, that a day is coming in which you will bring to fulfillment all that you have promised to your people.

C: In that day, all things and every person will be made new, and our mortal nature will take on immortality. We pray that we may continue in our faith so we shall hear the trumpet call and awaken in your likeness.

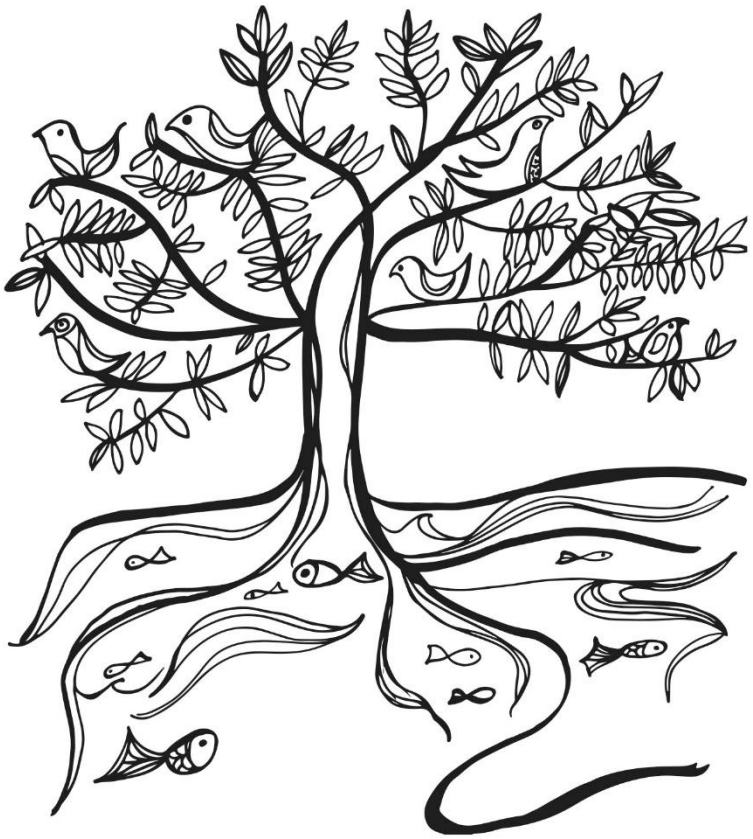
P: So on this day, we remember all your saints, those made holy by the power of the Spirit, through Christ our Savior.

C: Receive each of your chosen ones, O God, and give them perfect peace, holding them within your eternal love.

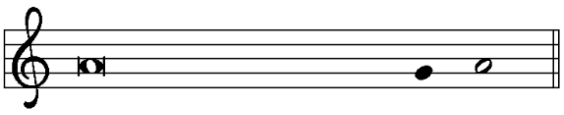
***THE GREETING (ELW p. 147)**

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 **(ELW p. 147)**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



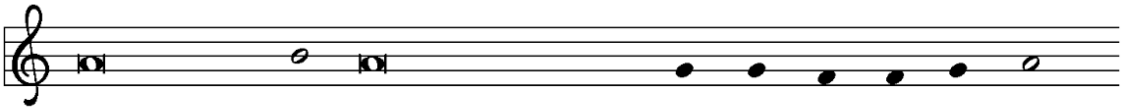
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p.148)



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray:

C: 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.

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17 **Lector**

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

A reading from Revelation.

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before
the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their
hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four
living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped
God, 12 singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in
white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one
who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the
great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood
of the Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3 **Lector**

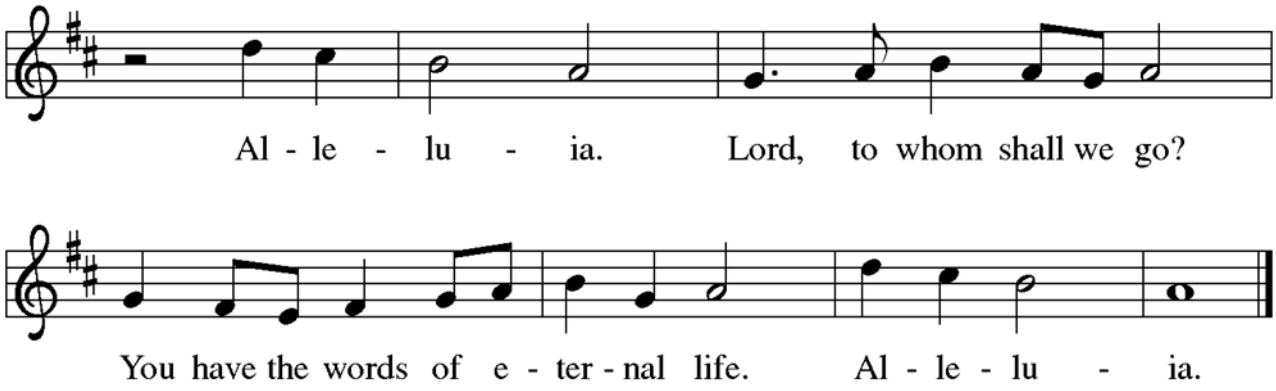
A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

A reading from 1 John.

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of
God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it
did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not
yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like
him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify
themselves, just as he is pure.

L: The word of the Lord.
C: *Thanks be to God.*

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** **(ELW p. 151)**



***GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.
C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down,
his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be
filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON **Pastor Ryan Radtke**

HYMN OF THE DAY- *Children of the Heavenly Father ***ELW 781***
Tryggare kan ingen vara



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS

P: Let us remember all the saints before God. O God of the pilgrim's way, we give thanks for those in generations past who have been examples for us of God's love at work in the world. As we pray, we know that we are surrounded by this great, rejoicing cloud of witnesses. Yet even as we name these holy ancestors, we thank God for others whose names we never knew or have forgotten, who showed us the meaning of life in Christ. We also pray for those newly baptized into this life of Christ, witnesses of our present generation and time. Gracious God, in this life and the next, teach us to take Jesus' words to heart:

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
And you will find rest for your souls.

HONORING THE SAINTS

Honored Saints: Sharon Addair, Connie Armentrout, Joe Carson, Johnnie Collie, John H (Tripp) Dillard, Steve Gilnett, Harry Heckel III, Linda Lerch, Rachelle Myers, Chris Plemmons, Ginger Sheavly, Buddy Throckmorton

P: Holy God, we honor these, our ancestors in faith and members of our family. We, too, seek to do your will. Guide us. We, too, desire to be your servants. Strengthen us. We, too, long to know you clearly. Teach us. And in time, bring us to our eternal home of peace and joy.

C: ***Amen.***

***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**

A: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A: Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness *(especially)*. God, in your mercy,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors *(those who have died in the past year may be named)*. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: God our creator, bless this congregational family of Messiah Lutheran Church. Bless all the families and households, in all their various shapes and sizes, that are woven together here. Fill us with every good gift, and work through us in service to all your creation. We especially pray this week for the Ash, Bennett, and Berg families. God, in your mercy,

C: *hear our prayer.*

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C: *Amen*.

***PEACE**

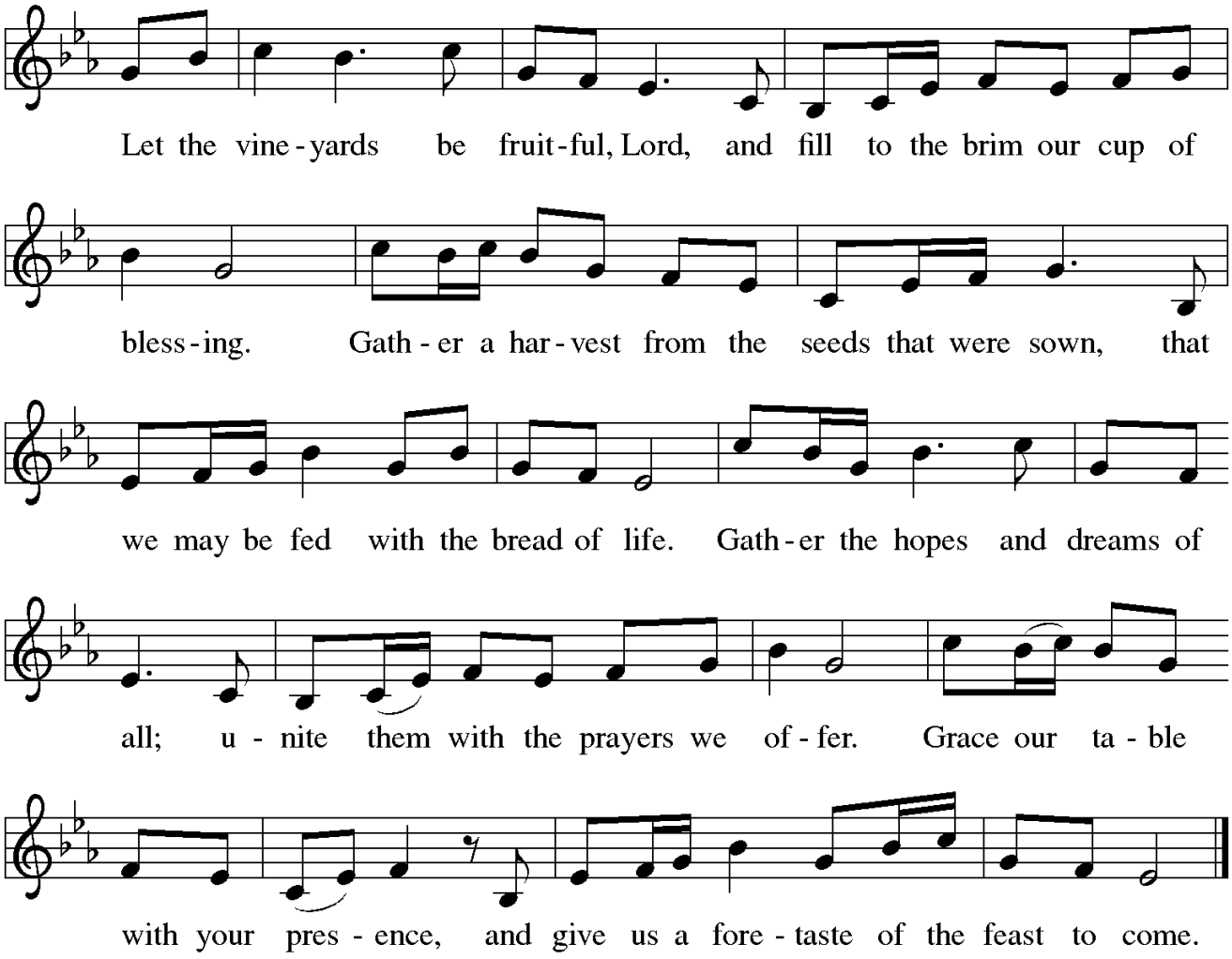
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: *And also with you*.



OFFERING – *You may place an "I give online" card in the plate as a physical offering*

OFFERING SONG – *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful ***ELW 184***



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***OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray:

C: *Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING **(ELW p. 152)**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

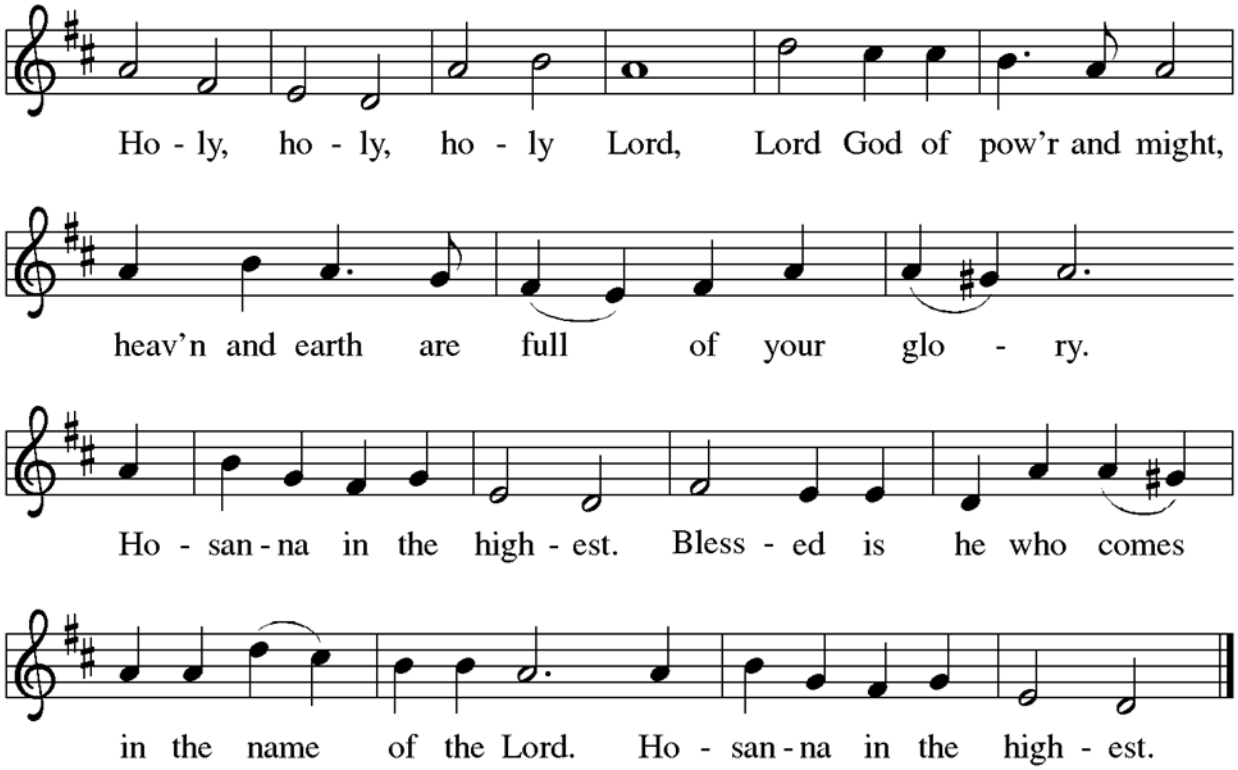
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** **(ELW p. 153)**



***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos;
you encircled the globe with air;
you created fire for warmth and light;
you nourish the lands with water.
You molded us in your image,
and with mercy higher than the mountains,
with grace deeper than the seas,
you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying,
might be adopted to live in your Spirit,
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Son,
the first-born of your new creation.
We remember his life lived for others,
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.
We await his coming,
when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom,
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,
whose breath revives us for life,
whose fire rouses us to love.
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Holy and benevolent God,
receive our praise and petitions,
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,
and fill us with your blessing,
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:
through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER** **(ELW p. 153)**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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.

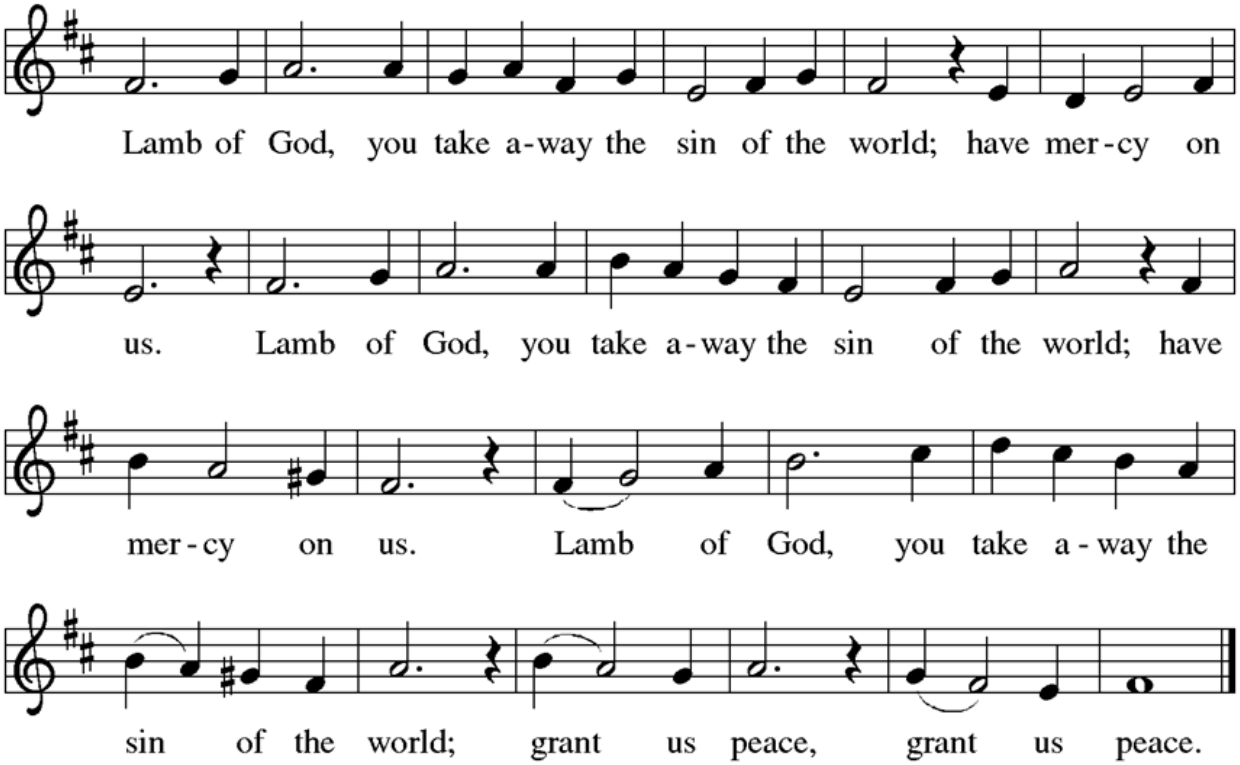
***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG – *Lamb of God* **(ELW p. 174)**



***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ that you have received strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: ***Amen***



SONG AFTER COMMUNION – *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise ***ELW 204***



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***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

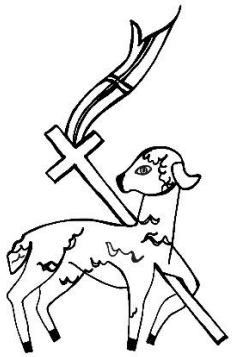
A: Let us pray:
Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: *Amen*

***BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.



SENDING SONG – *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table **ACS 977**



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***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – November 1, 2026

Pianist:	Debbie Walker
Lay Assistant:	Lois Schroeder
Lector:	Leroy Albertson
Acolyte:	Kate Radtke
Greeter:	Nancy Berg
Usher:	Bill Weaver
Altar Guild:	Lois Schroeder & Lorrie Albertson
Counters:	Marilyn & Gordon Gunn
Live Streamer:	Heather Williams

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The flowers on the altar today are given by Dorothy DeJong



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR MESSIAH

November 1	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service	10:45 AM
	First Sunday Fellowship+/Daylight Savings Time Ends	
November 3	Banner Team	1:00 PM
	AA	5:30 PM
November 4	PAL Quilt Group	9:00 AM
November 5	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
	CoolWell HOA Annual Meeting	5:30 PM
November 8	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	All Souls Annual Meeting	10:45 AM
	Worship Service	10:45 AM
November 10	AA	5:30 PM
November 11	Women's Bible Study	10:00 AM
	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
	Women's Bible Study	6:30 PM
November 12	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
November 15	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service	10:45 AM
	Manna Sunday	
November 17	Old Ivy Garden Club	9:15 AM
	Banner Team	1:00 PM
	AA	5:30 PM
	Messiah Church Council Meeting	6:30 PM
November 18	PAL Quilt Group	9:00 AM
November 19	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
November 20-22	Lost and Found	
November 22	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service	10:45 AM

Announcements

PASTOR RYAN'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Ryan will be out of the office this week, and we are happy to welcome Pastor Ginny Banister to lead worship on 11/8. As always, to set up an appointment with Pastor Ryan, please call or email at 507-360-7276 and/or messiahmechpr@gmail.com.

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to everyone who was a part of the cards, gifts, office decoration, cake, candy sign, and well-wishes during clergy appreciate month! I am truly blessed to be so well cared for, and please know that you are deeply appreciated, too!

~Pastor Ryan

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total giving received last week was $1,487.00. This number includes giving to current (budgeted items), designated giving, electronic giving, and other miscellaneous gifts and income. To see a more detailed accounting of our income and expenses, please refer to the monthly Financial Secretary and Treasurer reports that are sent out with the Church Council minutes.

HELP US SHARE A LITTLE THANKSGIVING CHEER!

Join us at First Sunday Fellowship+ on November 1 for a fun activity that will help brighten Thanksgiving for families in our community! We'll be decorating 25 brown paper grocery bags for Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions (MCEF) to use when distributing Thanksgiving food. All ages are welcome, and no artistic talent is needed! We'll have plenty of stickers, markers, and other fun decorations. Whether you add a few stickers, write a cheerful message, or decorate an entire bag, every little bit helps! All supplies will be provided. Just stop by the decorating table and join in! Together, we can turn ordinary paper bags into something special!

MESSIAH MONTH OF PRAYER IN NOVEMBER

Everyone is invited to pray for Messiah Lutheran Church this month: for strength and joy, guidance and grace, help and love. Take some time each day to pray for our members, our ministries, our mission. May the Holy Spirit knit us together as a congregation, for the sake of the good news, in Christ Jesus our Lord, who hears all our prayers, and whose promises are sure. Pick up a prayer calendar with prompts for each day in November.

BIG NEWS! (WELL, SORT OF...)

You know you're Lutheran when you ask everyone to help choose a new name...and the favorite is the old one!

The votes are in, and **First Sunday Fellowship** is here to stay — with one little addition: **First Sunday Fellowship+**

That little + means a lot! What started as snacks after worship has grown into a potluck, with plans for even more opportunities to connect, learn, serve, and enjoy time together.

Same name. More possibilities. Just enough change for Lutherans to handle!

VIDEO PROJECTOR FOR THE NEW ADULT CLASSROOM

On Sunday, November 1st there will be a fundraiser for a new church video projector. It can be used in the improved adult classroom as well as being available for other congregational needs (for instance, when we have guests from local organizations give presentations). Thrivent is helping kick off our fundraiser by covering the cost of some of the food for today's First Sunday Fellowship+ Potluck.

This new video projector will help tremendously in many ways. We have an excellent prospective projector that costs around $1,000. Please make any checks or electronic donations out to Messiah Lutheran Church, and put "video projector" in the memo.

Thank you very much for your support,

Your Thrivent Action Team (Please contact Jim Berg for more information at 805-550-5731

ABOUT THE BIBLE: SHORT ANSWERS TO BIG QUESTIONS

That's the name of the book we'll be talking about in our adult Christian Formation time! Each week we'll explore some very good questions about our Holy Scriptures – what they are, where they came from, how we use them, how they shape us. We love questions!

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response is providing relief following earthquakes and flooding in a multitude of places around the country and world, as well as the ongoing crisis in the Middle East. Lutheran Disaster Response is already responding, with the help of established partners, to give aid and assistance. Visit the LDR website for ways to give, support, and participate, or talk to Pastor Ryan with any questions.

ALUMINUM TABS FOR THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

For the rest of 2026, All Souls will have a Ronald McDonald House Collection box in the Narthex. Save your soda can tabs and deposit them each week into the cardboard house. When the house is filled, they will donate the tabs.

The collected aluminum tabs are recycled and yield approximately $0.50 per pound, helping fund temporary housing and support services for families with pediatric patients. It takes roughly 1,267 tabs to make a single pound





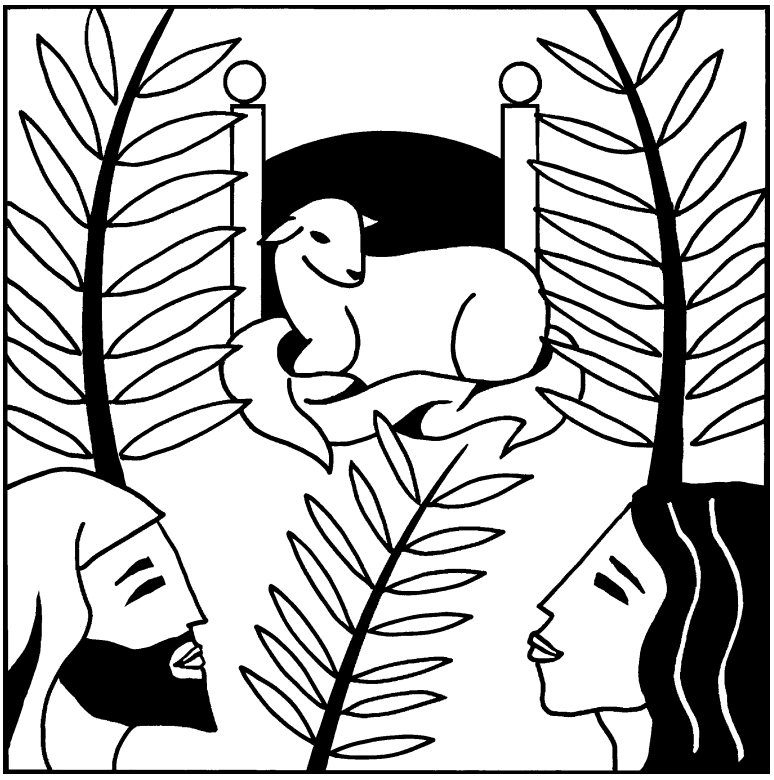
THANKSGIVING BAGS

Here is a list of items that we are collecting for the Thanksgiving Bags that will be given to our clients. From this list, we will give clients a choice of 8 items for their bag. We are asking that the donations be delivered to the One Stop Shop by the end of October. We will accept donations after that, but it would be most helpful to be stocked early! THANK YOU!!
(Reminder: donations are accepted on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, from 2:00-3:30)

- Green Beans
- Collard Greens/Mixed Greens
- Carrots
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Stuffing
- Gravy
- Pumpkin
- Cranberry Sauce
- Brownie Mix
- Shampoo
- Body Wash
- Hand Soap
- Toothpaste

Additions to the Thanksgiving Bag List

Sweet potatoes/yams, canned corn, corn muffin mix and anything that you use in your kitchen. Thank you for being a blessing for those in need.



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