



**September 3, 2023**  
***14th Sunday after Pentecost***

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*The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.*

***Good Morning and Welcome!***

Guests, we are so glad you are here. Please fill out the yellow "Connection Card" in the pew and place in the offering basket or give to the usher or the pastor as you leave. *Sound Assistance and staffed nursery available.*

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

### *Bread of Life from **With One Voice** with the Lords' Supper*

*\* Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE: "Invocation" (Förster)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,

**you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**Amen.**

With One Voice

*A Lutheran Resource for Worship*

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\*HYMN: "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"

LBW 248



1 Dear-est Je - sus, at your word we have come a - gain to  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness  
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of light from God pro -  
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and ad - o -



hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in  
shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night, fill - ing  
ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light; help our  
ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most: your blest



glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is - es here  
us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and all good  
hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and songs may  
gos - pel's con - so - la - tion, while we here on earth a -



giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.  
liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.  
please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.  
wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, adapt.  
Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

\*THE 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.

## \*THE KYRIE

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son:    Ⓞ Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

Ⓞ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Ⓞ 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.

Ⓞ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Ⓞ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

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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.

☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

I  
II 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.

☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,  
and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## \*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

### THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 15:15-21

<sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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.

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

### THE PSALM: *Psalms 26:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;  
**I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.**

<sup>2</sup>Test me, O LORD, and try me;  
**examine my heart and my mind.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is before my eyes;  
**I have walked faithfully with you.**

<sup>4</sup>I have not sat with the worthless,  
**nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

<sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of evildoers;  
**I will not sit down with the wicked.**

<sup>6</sup>I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,  
**that I may go in procession round your altar,**

<sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song of thanksgiving  
**and recounting all your wonderful deeds.**

<sup>8</sup>LORD, I love the house in which you dwell  
**and the place where your glory abides.**

### THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

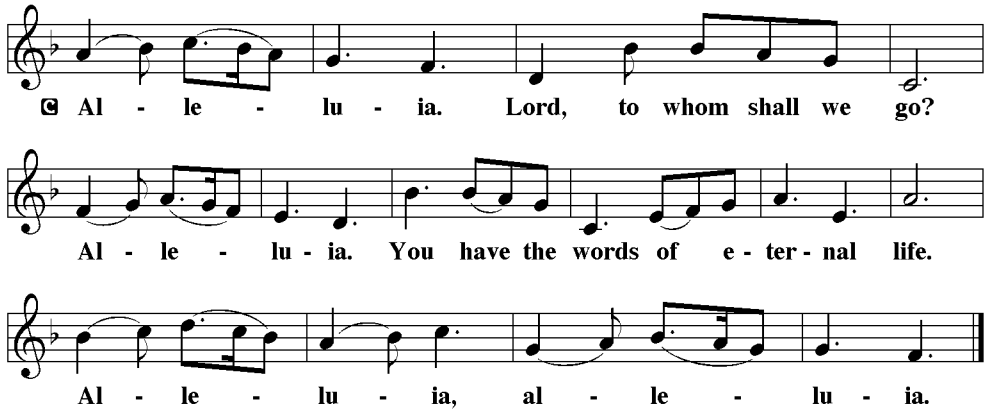
<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I

will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Sarah Walker

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go”



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

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### \*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### \*THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] 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. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>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?

<sup>27</sup>“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. <sup>28</sup>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.”

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

## THE SERMON

\*HYMN: "When I Survey the Wonderful Cross"

LBW 482



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
trib - ute far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, adapt. Edward Miller, 1731–1807

\*THE 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**

\*THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

... Merciful God, receive our prayer.

\*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.  
And also with you.



## THE OFFERING

Choir Anthem (8:30): “Draw Us In the Spirit’s Tether” (Friedell)

Piano Solo (11:00): “If with All Your Hearts” (Mendelssohn)

\*THE OFFERTORY: “Let the Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord”



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.

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty,

all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

\*GREAT THANKSGIVING & PREFACE

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.

\*SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

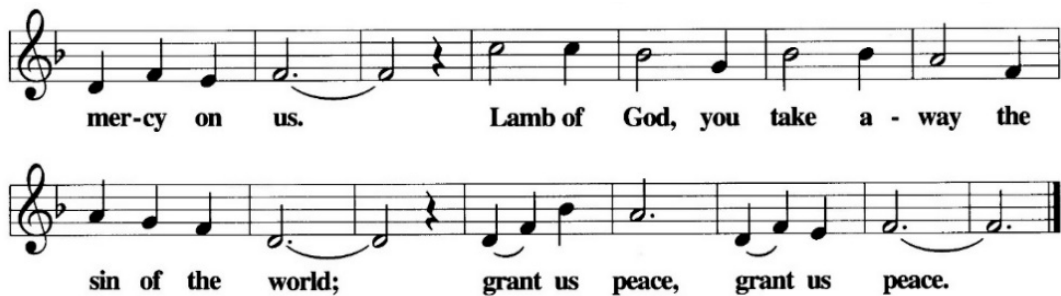
\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE AGNUS DEI

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

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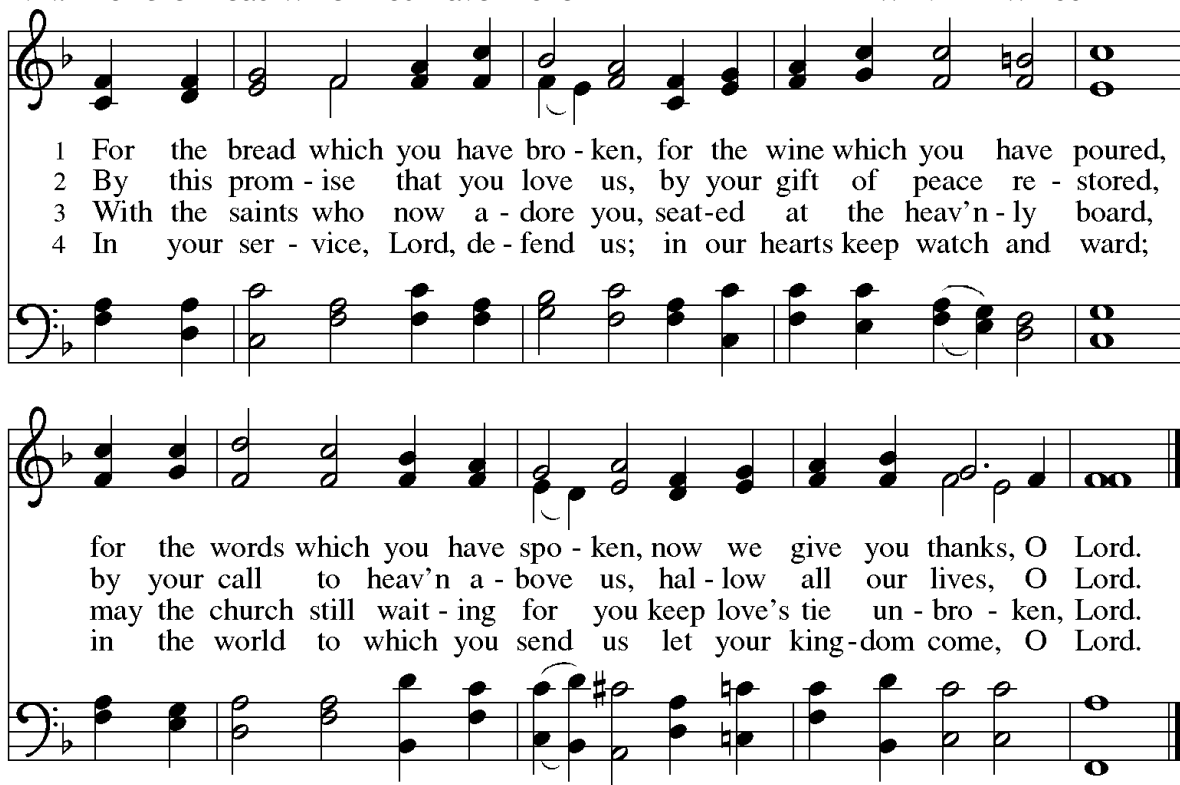


mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

### HYMN: "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

ELW 494/LBW 200



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,  
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,  
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,  
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823–1895

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## HYMN: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

ELW 490



- 1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
- 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;
- 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
 Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,  
 as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,  
 veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.  
 he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

HYMN: "What Feast of Love" (*not printed*)

WOV 701

\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Thankful Hearts"

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,  
and lead us forth in joy with shouts  
of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for a canticle. It consists of six staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a square symbol. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with various note values and rests.

\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

\*THE BLESSING



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.  
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath,  
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, since you are our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, pil - grims here, our home a - bove,  
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:  
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Fa - ther's bid - ding.  
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
 then by grace we all may win un - told fruits of his cre - a - tion.  
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
 Je - sus, un - to you I die, there to live with you on high.  
 Je - sus, if I faith - ful be, life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978  
 Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.

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THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "Dona Nobis" (Mozart)

## WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Steve & Linda Peirce in celebration of their 53rd wedding anniversary, and by John & Mary Burke in celebration of their 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

A NURSERY, staffed by Katrina Strand, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

ALL ARE INVITED to have coffee in the Fellowship Hall after each service of worship.

NURSERY HELP WANTED! If you would be interested in job-sharing a nursery position, please contact Laurie Campbell at [personnel.committee@mlutheran.org](mailto:personnel.committee@mlutheran.org) for details.

PEST REMEDIATION continues this week. We recommend calling the church office before stopping by so we can best accommodate your needs.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MUSIC REHEARSALS resume this week! Please see the Church Calendar on the reverse for details on grade levels, director's names, and room locations

SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER DINNER FOR ALS PATIENT CARE is set for **Wednesday, September 6**, at 5:30 p.m. Your free-will donations help support ALS patients and those who care for them. For more information visit <https://www.als.org/alabama>

"ARMOR OF GOD" SEPTEMBER ADULT BIBLE STUDY with Pr. Bill Schroeder will be Wednesdays Sep 13, 20, & 27 at 6:00 p.m. Room TBA. Come learn about the ways God's Word can equip us to face difficulties in life.

MOES (Messiah Older Elementary Youth for students Gr. 3 - 5) IS BACK! Their "re-launch" lunch meeting is September 17 in the Parish Hall at NOON. POC is Whitney Morse.

SEP 30 "SANCTUARY" DINNER THEATER TICKETS ON SALE TODAY in the Fellowship Hall between services and immediately after the late service. Tickets are \$15 for persons (12+) and \$5 for children under 12. Purchase early for best seating! Cash, Check or Credit Cards accepted.

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - Single Toothbrushes FOOD PANTRY Instant Mashed Potatoes

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolytes</u>	Olivia Sullivan (8:30)
<u>Music &amp; Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields		Hanna Seitz (11:00)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Greeters</u>	Dagmar Miller (8:30)
<u>Communication &amp; Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		Perry's (11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Lectors</u>	Joan Ellsworth (8:30)
	Meredith Kilby		Gretchen Perry (11:00)
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Katrina Strand	<u>Communion Assistant</u>	Greg Kilby (8:30)
		<u>Ushers</u>	Joe & Bobbey Huwaldt (8:30)
			Tom & Paulette McNamara (11:00)
		<u>Cantor</u>	Emily Reed
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	LeeLinda Baggett (8:30)
			Gretchen Perry (11:00)
		<u>Stream Team</u>	Meredith Kilby, Craig Davis (11:00)
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Bev Berry, Mary Burke

## **\*\*CHURCH CALENDAR\*\***

### **Sunday, September 3**

8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m. - No Sunday School classes; Craft outreach project for all ages - Fellowship Hall

No Youth Meeting(Labor Day Holiday)

### **Monday, September 4 Labor Day**

OFFICE CLOSED

### **Tuesday, September 5**

9:00 a.m. - Comforters

### **Wednesday, September 6**

5:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class

5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner/ALS Spaghetti Supper

6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir (Pre-K-Gr.1) with Claire Strand (Rm 6)

6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir (Gr.2-6) with Laura Simeone (Rm 11-12)

6:30 p.m. - Notabella (Gr.7-Adult) with Rhonda Gaede (Fellowship Hall)

7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir (Gr.7-Adult) with Randall Fields (Sanctuary)

### **Saturday, September 9 - GWOH Service Project (see MLC E-News)**

### **Sunday, September 10 - First Communion (GWOH)**

8:30 a.m. - Worship: LBW Setting 1 with the Lord's Supper

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages

11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: LBW Setting 1 with the Lord's Supper

5:00 p.m. - Jr./Sr. Youth

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**September 12** - Dinner Theater Rehearsal

**September 13** - Armor of God Study with Pr. Bill Schroeder

**September 17** - MOES Lunch Meeting

**September 30** - MLC Dinner Theater Fundraiser for Lunches for Learning

**October 14** - Music at Messiah presents The Brophy Sisters

### **Attendance:**

August 20 Online: - 210

August 27 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 67, 11:00 a.m. - 80

### **Offerings Counted August 29, 2023**

Church Ministries

Current Mortgages

Lunches for Learning

Comforters

Messiah Mugs

Owen's House

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0041M-F, 8:30 AM to Noon*