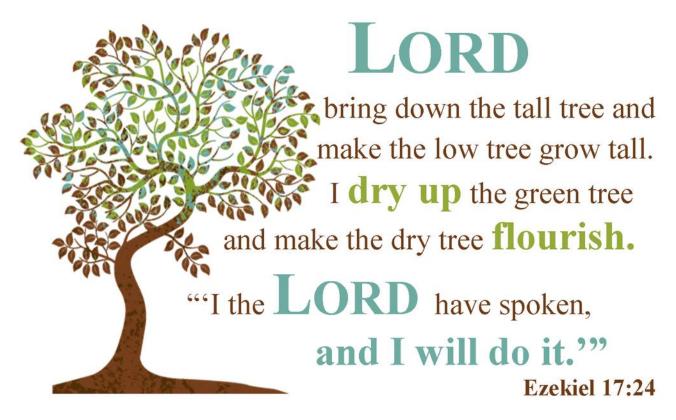
Third Sunday after Pentecost Divine Service, Setting Three June 13, 2021

All the **trees** of the forest will know that I the



Regarding the Lord's Supper – Today as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion we will receive the body and blood of our Savior. We receive the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning Church fellowship (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 10:17; 1 Cor. 11:26; Rom. 16:17), we practice closed communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests desiring to receive the sacrament are encouraged to speak with the pastor.

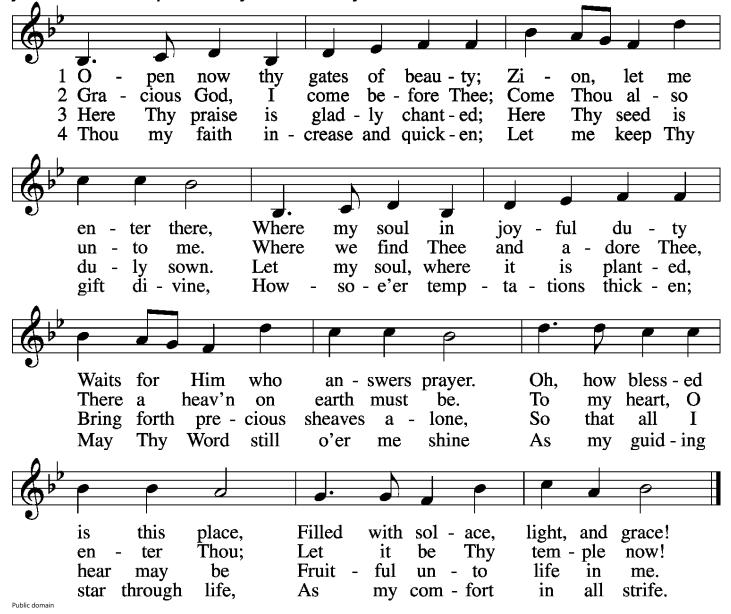
Prelude

Words of Welcome

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Hymn of Invocation: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

G and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

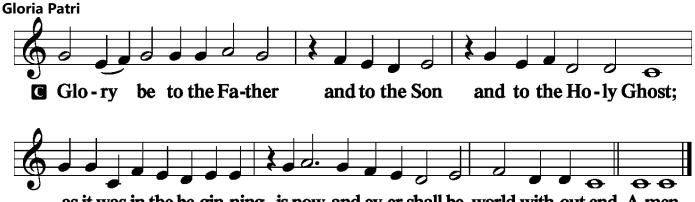
Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

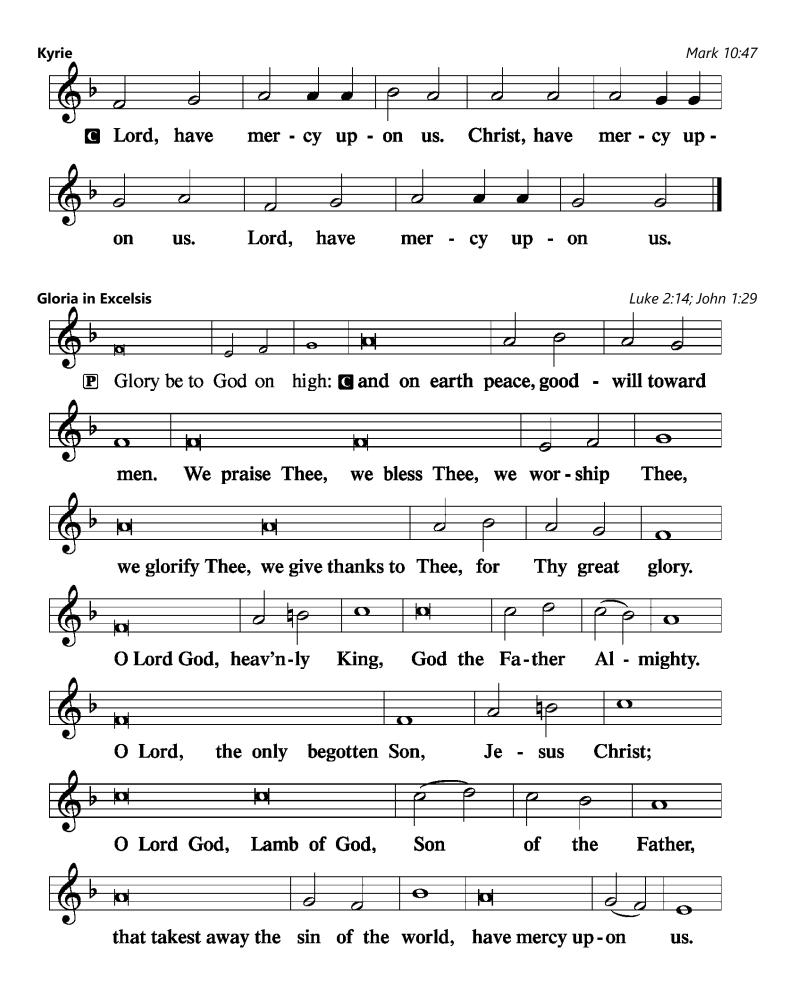
Introit

Ps. 92:12-15; antiphon: Ps. 92:1

- **P** It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High.
- **C** The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
- **P** They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.
- **C** They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green,
- **P** to declare that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.
- All Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- **P** It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High.



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.







P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 17:22–24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will

break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:1–10

¹For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel

Mark 4:26–34



²⁶And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle,

because the harvest has come."

³⁰And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

Ι 1 Oh, that had thou - sand voic praise my То a es 2 O all you pow'rs that He im - plant ed. Α - rise, keep _ 3 You for - est leaves green and ten der That dance for SO 4 All crea-tures that That throng the have breath and mo tion. _ God with thou-sand tongues! My heart. which in the Lord re si - lence now Put forth the strength that God no more; has You mead - ow grass - es, bright and in sum - mer air. joy earth, the the sky, Come, share with my heart's de sea, me Would then pro-claim grate - ful songs joic - es, in То all, whera - dore. soul and grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to 0 You flow'rs so fair. You live to slen - der. fra - grant and so vo - tion, Help me to sing God's prais - es high. My ut - most What great things God has done for I might be, ev er me. ioin to raise With heart - felt bod у, joy our Mak-er's praise. show God's praise a - lone. Join me to make His glo - ry known. nev-er quite De - clare won-ders of His pow'rs can the might. 5 Creator, humbly I implore You To listen to my earthly song Until that day when I adore You, Together with the angel throng And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing

LSB 811

Eternal anthems to my King.

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Sermon

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Offering

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Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Most High, we give thanks to You that You have planted Your Holy Word among us. Give healthy growth to Your Church, that she may weather the storm-winds of this world steadfast in Christ, ever bearing the fruits of love and singing praises to Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord God, Bless the preaching and teaching of Your Word, that Your kingdom may be extended, and give us thankful hearts to marvel at Your work. Send faithful laborers into Your fields to scatter Your seed here and abroad, that in due time a harvest may be reaped for Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Lord, we implore You for the sake of Christ and Your many precious promises to bless and defend our

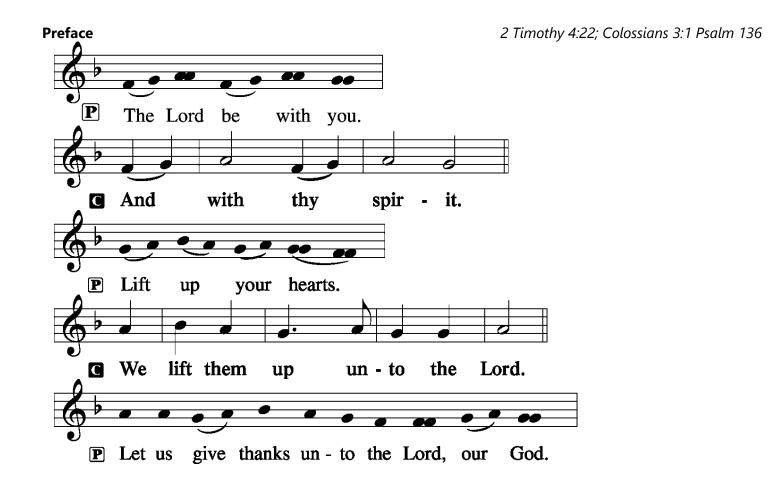
homes, to make the efforts of parents fruitful in the teaching of their children, and to preserve them in the saving faith of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Lord, Ruler of all, graciously regard those who have been set in positions of authority among us. Guide them by Your Spirit to be high in purpose, wise in counsel, firm in good resolution and unwavering in duty, that under them we may be governed quietly and peaceably. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, we are bold to ask for all things because You have given us Your Spirit as a guarantee. Hear us as we intercede in Jesus' name for those in every need *[especially_____]*. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, we groan under many burdens in this earthly tent and long to be clothed with Your eternal life, which will swallow up all mortal sorrow. Give good courage to Your servants *[especially those who mourn the death of _____]* to walk by faith and not sight, to mourn our dead in the hope of the resurrection, and to make it our aim to please You while here in the body, until at last we are at home with Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

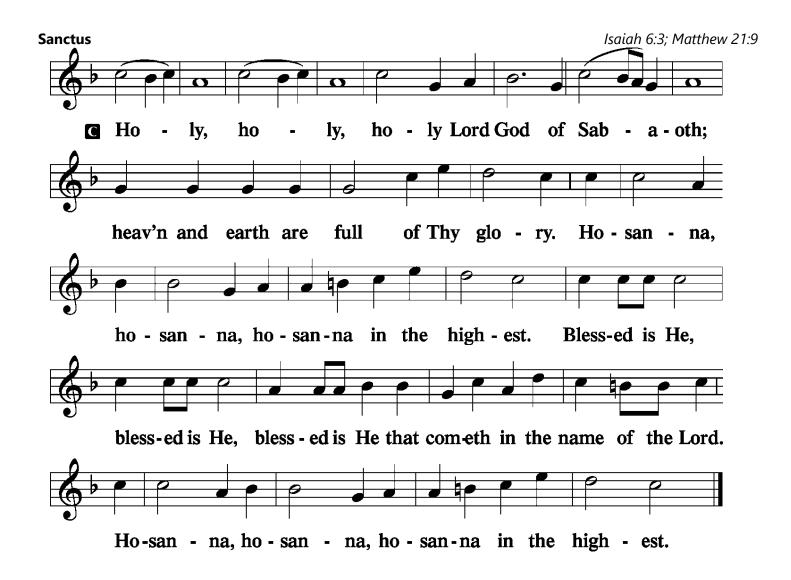
Holy Father, from Israel You have taken a tender sprig, Your chosen Messiah, Jesus, and planted Him on the mountain for our salvation. By His death on a tree, You have reversed the curse of sin and brought life again to dry, dusty souls. Do not let us despise Your Christ, His humility or His suffering, but bring us with all Your Christians into the shade of His eternal rest; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**





Proper Preface (Full)

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My
→ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."





Sit

Distribution



Distribution Hymn: Children of the Heavenly Father LSB 725 of heav'n - ly 1 Chil - dren the Fa Safe ther ly 2 God His own doth tend and ish; In His nour -3 Nei ther life death shall From the nor ev er 4 Though He He His giv eth or tak eth. God -His Nest - ling bird in bos - om gath - er; star in nor courts they flour - ish. ho From all vil things He ly e His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to His He Lord them grace chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose heav Such a ref e'er was giv - en. en uge spares them: In His might arms He bears them. У And their all He know - eth. show eth. sor rows sole ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly. © Augsburg Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, no. 100011839. Public domain

Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be LSB 783 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee: 1 Take my hands and let them move At the im-pulse of Thy love: 3 Take my voice and Al-ways, on - ly let me sing for King; my 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold: Take my mo-ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee. let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee. Take my lips and Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

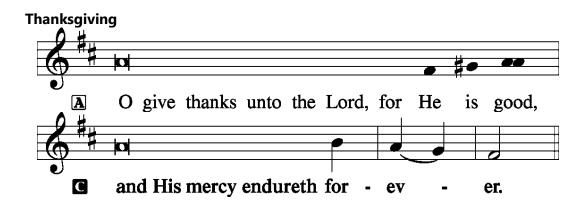
5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne. 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

Stand





Psalm 107:1

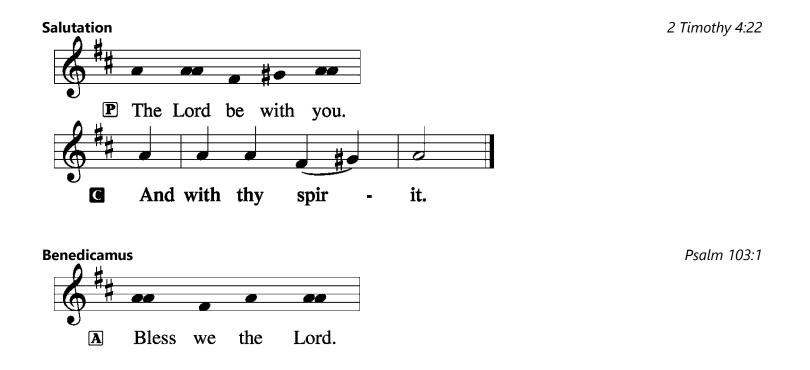


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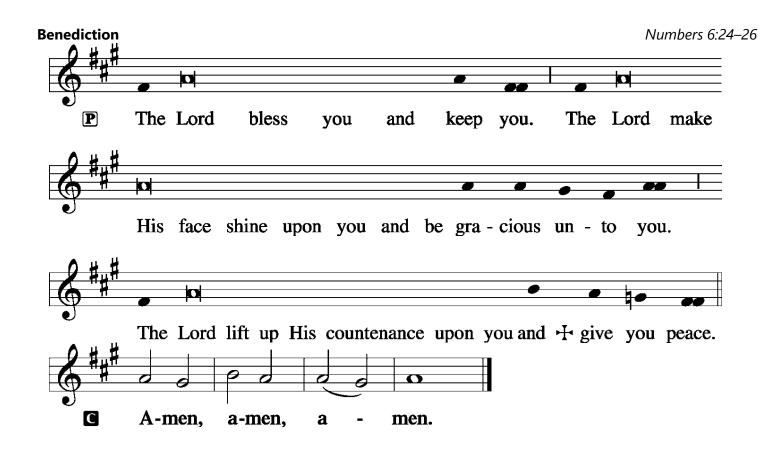
A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your onlybegotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.







Hymn: On What Has Now Been Sown LSB 921 Thy On what has bless - ing, now been Lord, sown be stow; То 2 Thee our wants From Thee are all pow'rs; are known, our 3 grant that each of Now met be - fore Thee here. Ο us. The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou par-don what Ac - cept what is Thine own And Our prais is ours. May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise! grace the in to Thy Word a es. Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And bless-ing give. to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come! low Thee Public domain

Postlude

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Announcements

<u>Special Book Order</u> – I want to let you all know about several new books that may interest you. It's not my desire to constantly be a salesman for Concordia Publishing House, but I do want to help you learn about their books. CPH is the publishing house of our LCMS and you won't find another publisher that most consistently represents our Lutheran teachings of the Christian faith. There will be two sheets in the back of the church: one to describe these books, one to sign up to order a copy of a book if you are interested.

The new books are:

Lutheranism 101 (Third Edition) My First Catechism (designed for ages 3-7) Luther's Small Catechism for Kids (designed for ages 8-11) The Spirituality of the Cross (Third Edition) Engaging the Psalms: A Guide for Reflection and Prayer

Special Celebrations? If anyone has a special celebration or event and they would like to observe it during the fellowship time after worship, please talk to Donna Barkley.

<u>"Why Should I Believe You?" Christian Apologetics for Today</u> – July 26, 2021-July 28, 2021. Messiah Lutheran Church in Carrollwood will be hosting a three day course taught by Dr. Adam Francisco of Concordia University in Irvine, CA. This course, provided by Concordia Theological Seminary, is continuing education for clergy, but everyone is welcome to attend. It looks to be very interesting. "Christians are often asked to give an account or reason for their faith, and Scripture enjoins us to 'always be prepared to make a defense' for the hope that is ours in Christ. Because few are equipped for such encounters, this course seeks to introduce Christians to and encourage them in today's apologetic challenges." If you have any questions about registration or if you would like someone to talk you into attending, please see Pastor Yoakum. (The cost for attending is \$150 for active clergy, \$100 for retired clergy and lay people.)

<u>Memory Verse Challenge for this Week:</u> Colossians 3:23-24 – Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday: Job 38:1-11; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41.

Wednesday Bible Class – In the month of June, we are covering a series of special topics that get "talked about." On June 16th, we will discuss *"A Biblical Response to Transgenderism"*. Subjects like: Why Are You Reading This?; Nothing New; A Safe Place; The Heart of the Issue; A Heart for the Hurting; A Christian Approach.

June 23"A Simple Explanation of Baptism"June 30"A Biblical Response to Suicide"

<u>Prayer List</u> – the family and friends of David Bell; Roma; Buck; Carole; David; Matt; Ruth; Charlie; Matt; Kris; Rusty; Mireya; Scott and Cathy; Kathy; Kelly; Angela; Susan; Blaine; Marjorie; Darlene; the wife of Jonathan; Barbara.

LUTHERANISM IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE ... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: A Christian Response to Progressive Ideology, Religious Liberty in Crisis, Media Coverage of Religion, Freedom of Conscience and more. You can listen at your convenience at <u>issuesetc.org</u>, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on <u>KFUO.org</u>: study Jeremiah 14-21 on Sharper Iron's "A Time to Destroy and a Time to Build" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear about 2 Kings 9-13 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and consider practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (6/19 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Download our new KFUO Radio iOS or Android app to listen live or on demand!

Serving Today:

Elder – Charlie T. Ushers – Tony C. Rudy K. Organist – Donna B. Acolyte – Ethan F. Altar Guild – Robin F. Camera – Angela F. Tellers – Angela F. and Jim L.

Upcoming Calendar

Serving Next Week:

Elder – Dave B. Ushers – Tony C., John H. Organ – Kathy Y. Acolyte – Lauren S. Altar Guild – Kathy Y. Camera – Kathy Y. Tellers – Angela F. and Mike P.

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6/13	9am	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10am	Worship
	4pm	Chapel at Sun Towers
6/14	7pm	Church Council
6/15	2pm	Book of the Month Bible Study (BOMBS). Topic: Joshua 5
6/16	6:30pm	Wednesday Bible Study. Topic: Transgenderism
6/20	9am	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10am	Worship
	4pm	Chapel at Sun Towers
6/22	2pm	Book of the Month Bible Study (BOMBS). Topic: Joshua 6
6/23	NO WEDNES	DAY BIBLE CLASS.

COMING UP!

Beginning in June, we are planning on relaxing some of our Covid Precautions. <u>Everything is subject to change,</u> <u>discussion, consideration.</u> If you have any comments or questions, please direct them to Pastor or an Elder. This announcement is presented here to give everyone full opportunity to understand or question these future changes to our present worship practices. As it stands, here is the <u>tentative</u> schedule for returning to Pre-Covid practices:

June 20	Kneeling at Communion returns, if you choose to do so.	
July 4	Greeters return!	
July 18	Passing of the Offering Plate returns.	
August 1	The "Sharing of the Peace" returns.	