MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

4th Sunday of Stewardship

I Will Serve!

October 4, 2026 9:30AM

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Prelude Katie Walda

Welcome

Gathering Song *Son of God Eternal Savior* **ELW 655**

Baptism of CJ and Rorie Peterson **ELW 227**

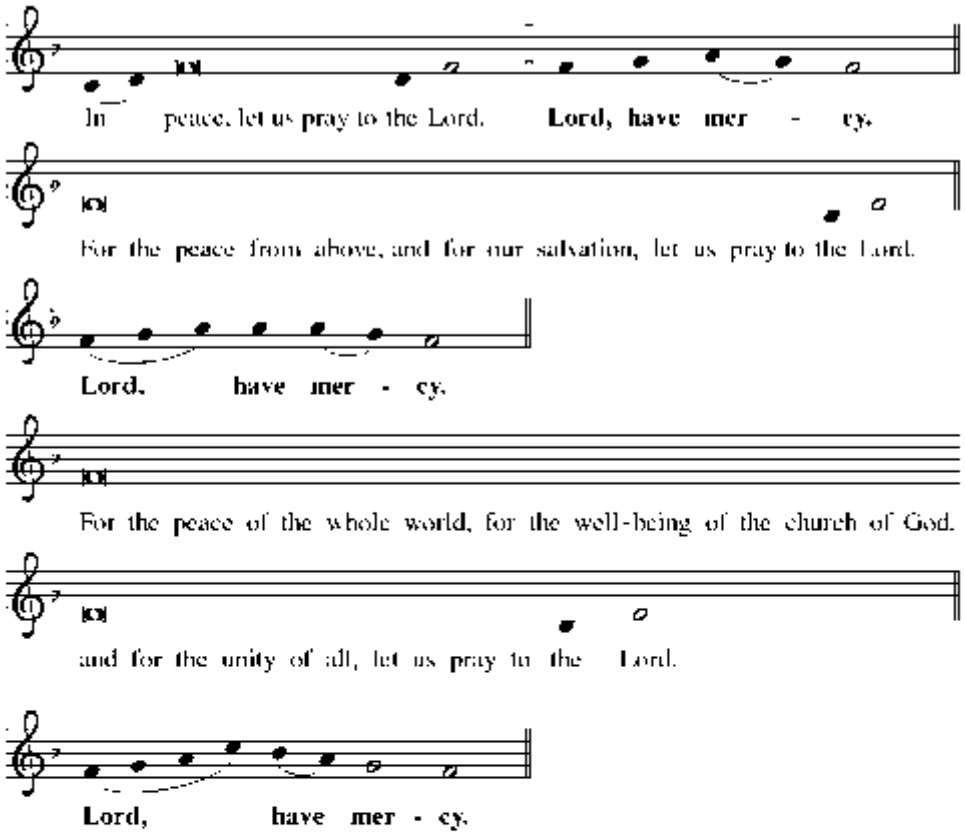
Baptism Song *Heaven is Singing for Joy* **ELW 664**

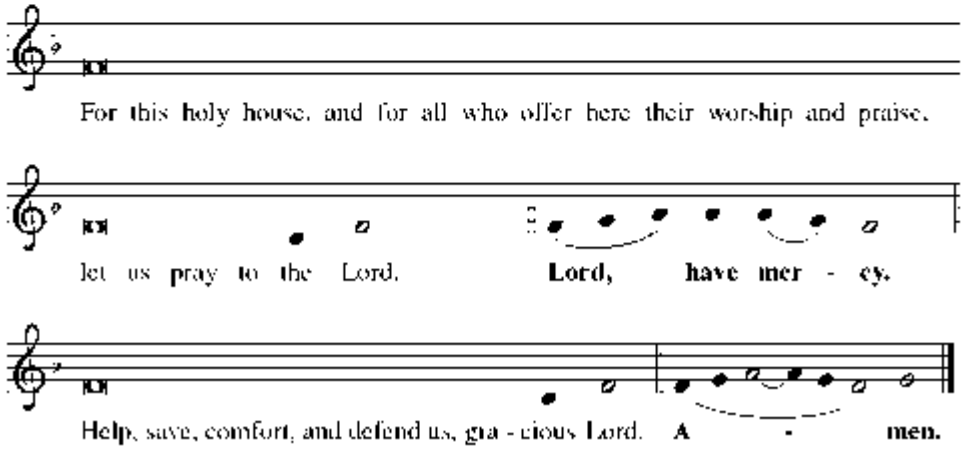
Greeting

P: May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love, mercy, and justice of God, and wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie **ELW pg. 138**





Stewardship Song *Mary's Song-Magnificat* **See insert**

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. Grant that we may use them to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love. Give us courage to follow your call and join your mission for the life of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

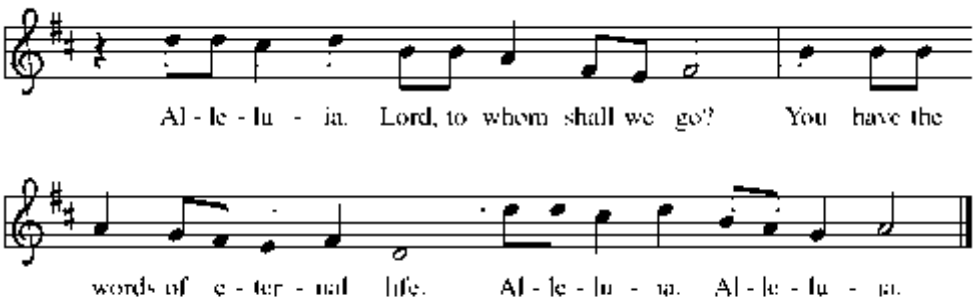
A reading from Acts 4:32-37

L: Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite from Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"). Barnabus sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

L: Be with us in our serving, God,

C: Fill our hearts with joy and praise!

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia* **ELW pg. 142**



A reading from the Gospel of Luke 2:25-38

P: Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to God's promise to comfort Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on Simeon. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the God's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took the baby in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."
And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about their son. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

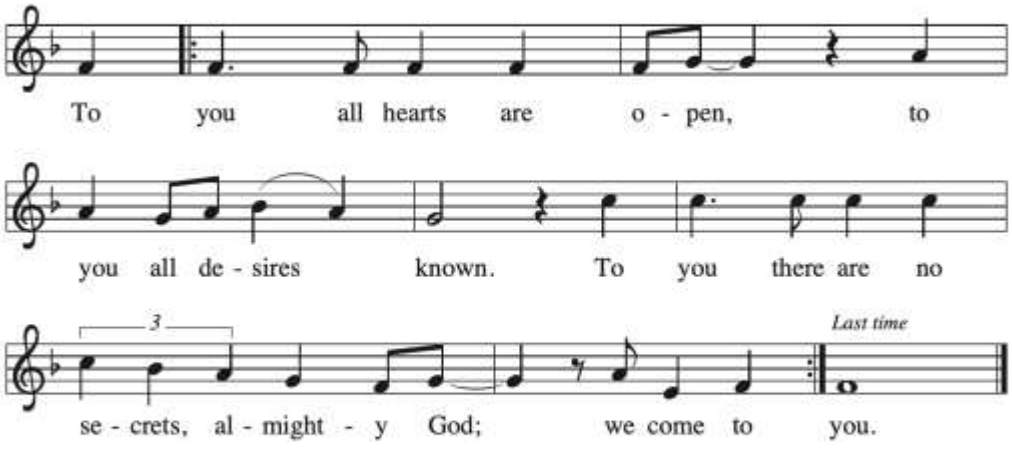
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon **Pr. Bridget Misare**

Song of the Day *Praise and Thanksgiving* **ELW 689**

Centering for Prayers *To You All Hearts are Open* **ACS 1012**



Prayers of Intercession

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Recitation of our Vision, Mission and Verse

Vision

We are an inclusive community following Jesus, worshiping God, striving side by side, and mending the broken places in all creation.

Mission

Embrace: create a culture where everyone feels welcome
Engage: develop quality relationships with partners in a changing community
Enhance: provide numerous ways to live into God's call
Explore: cultivate abundant opportunities to grow in faith

Verse

What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Peace

P: May the peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Special Music *Shout to the Lord* **Messiah Family Choir**

Offering

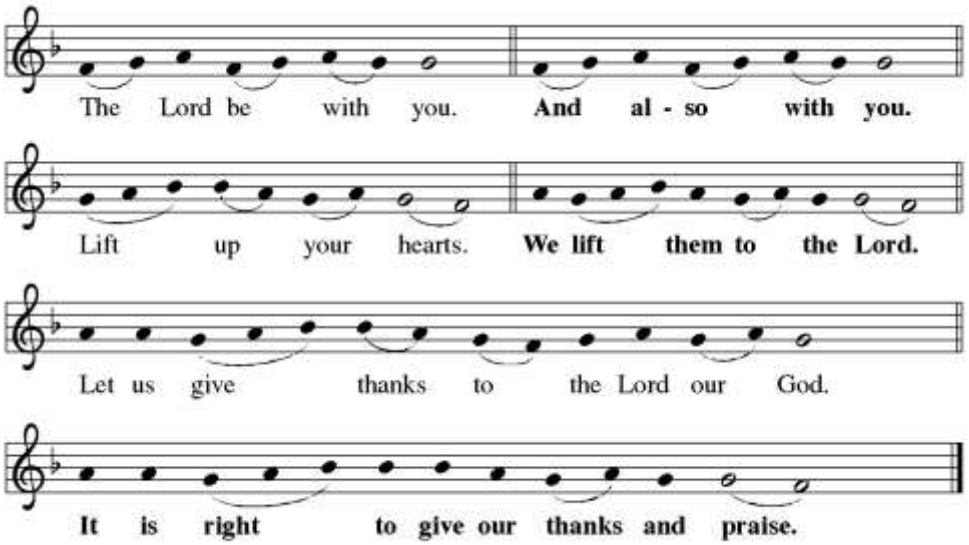
Presentation of Gifts

Offering Prayer

P: 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.

C: 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.

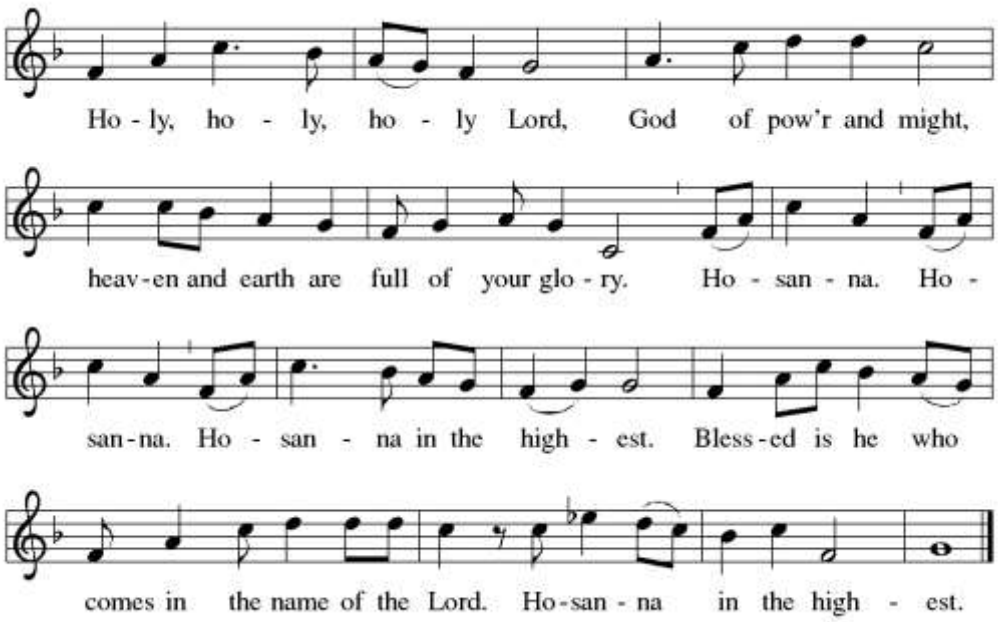
Dialogue



Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…….we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Words of Institution

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.

Invitation to Communion

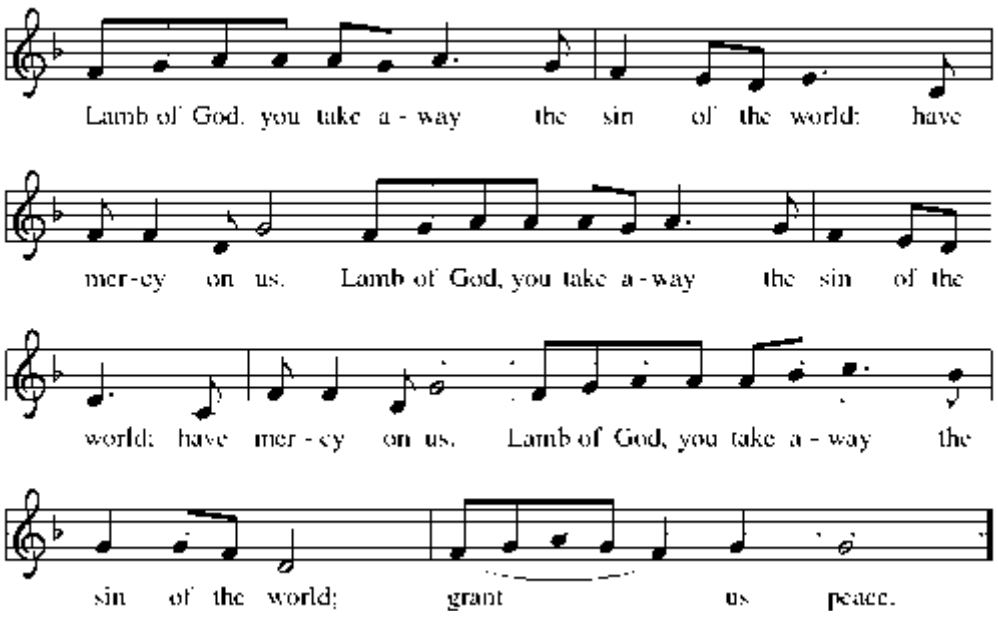
P: Come to the table of grace and be nourished to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.

C: Amen.

Distribution of Communion

We will be communing at the altar rail today. Please come to the front as the ushers direct you. Once you've taken your place at the altar rail, you can stand or kneel. The pastors will distribute the bread (gluten free wafers available) and the communion assistants will distribute the wine (red) or grape juice (white). Once you are finished with communion, please use the side aisles to return to your seats and place your cups in the silver baskets. All are welcome to the table!

Lamb of God



Communion Song *Bread of Life From Heaven* **ELW 474**

Blessing after Communion

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son.

C: By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Sending Blessing

P: May God, the Creator of all things, renew your strength.
May Jesus, who washed the feet of his disciples, guide your hands for service.
May the Holy Spirit fill your hearts with love for the marginalized and the needy.
Go forth now into the world to love God and serve your neighbor.

C: Amen.

Sending Song *Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing* **ELW 545**

Dismissal

P: Fed and nourished, we are sent into the world.

C: We will serve! Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Assisting in Worship

Senior Pastor	Pastor Bridget Misare
Pastor of Care	Pastor Susan Kirlin-Hackett
Preacher	Pastor Bridget Misare
Director of Music	Katie Walda
Organist / Pianist	Katie Walda
Vocalists	Don Rau, Thom Reed, Josh Luebke
Cantor	Pr. Bridget Misare
Altar Guild	Jillian Luebke
Tech Support	Andy Alenski, Tia Monsen
Lector & Intercessor	Anna McAlpin
Slide Maker	Shannon Spicciati
Ushers	Max Monsen, Fay Lewis
Greeter	Gary Desimone

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As we gather our offering today, we remember that God gives the fruitful vineyards and abundant fields. In gratitude, we share a portion that we have received for the church's mission and ministry. Whether we share through the offering plate, automated giving, or using the QR code, all is done as a grateful response to God's generosity.

