

# The Baptism of our Lord



“Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom  
my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.”

# Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church

**Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.** We're glad you found your way to us. If you're feeling lost, please be sure to reach out to your neighbor and they will be happy to answer any questions you might have. We hope you feel welcome and at home at Messiah Lutheran Church.

## **A special welcome to those with young children**

We are very happy you are here today. At Messiah, we want you to feel at home.

- ◆ First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Children are most welcome at Messiah.
- ◆ To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see. Encourage them to note the colors, hear the music, watch the pastor, and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus is doing here promises to engage them.
- ◆ As we go along, softly explain the liturgy to your children, encouraging them to join in on parts. *Amen! Lord have mercy! Our Father!* These belong to them, too.
- ◆ Be sure to sing, speak, and pray your parts also as you sit and stand. Your children learn by following your lead.
- ◆ If you must leave, please hurry back. We want your children here with us.
- ◆ If you need a little help, please ask. There are many people here who will lend you a hand.

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing with you in Jesus words, **“Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” (Luke 18:16-17 ESV)**

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, encourage, and bless you all. Welcome to Messiah.

## **A PRAYER FOR BEFORE WORSHIP**

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in peace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.



# DIVINE SERVICE

January 7, 2024

## *Setting One – Baptism of Our Lord*

### PRELUDE

*Offertoire – Jean-Francois Dandrieu*

### OPENING HYMN

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

LSB 344

*Stand*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## INTROIT

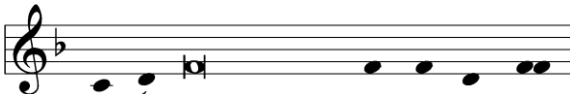
*Psalm 89:1, 26–28; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Psalm 89:20*



- P** Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,\*  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.
- C** **I have found David, my | servant;\***  
**with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.**
- P** I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, for- | ever;\*  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.
- C** **He shall cry to me, “You are my | Father,\***  
**my God, and the Rock of my sal- | vation.”**
- P** And I will make him the | firstborn,\*  
the highest of the kings | of the earth.
- C** **My steadfast love I will keep for him for- | ever,\***  
**and my covenant will stand | firm for him.**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
- P** Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,\*  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.
- C** **I have found David, my | servant;\***  
**with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.**

## KYRIE

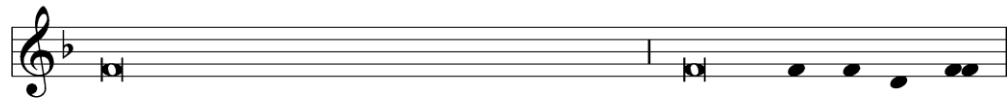
*Mark 10 :47*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



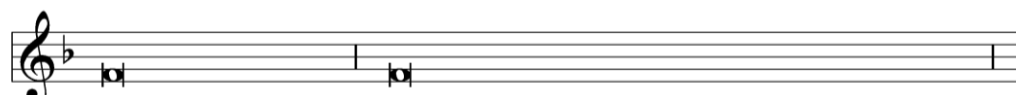
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



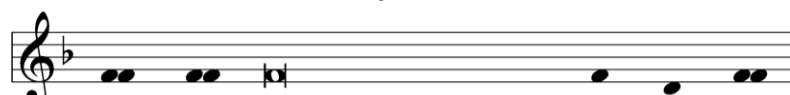
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



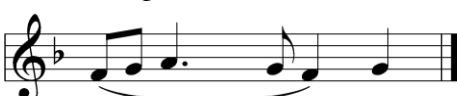
let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



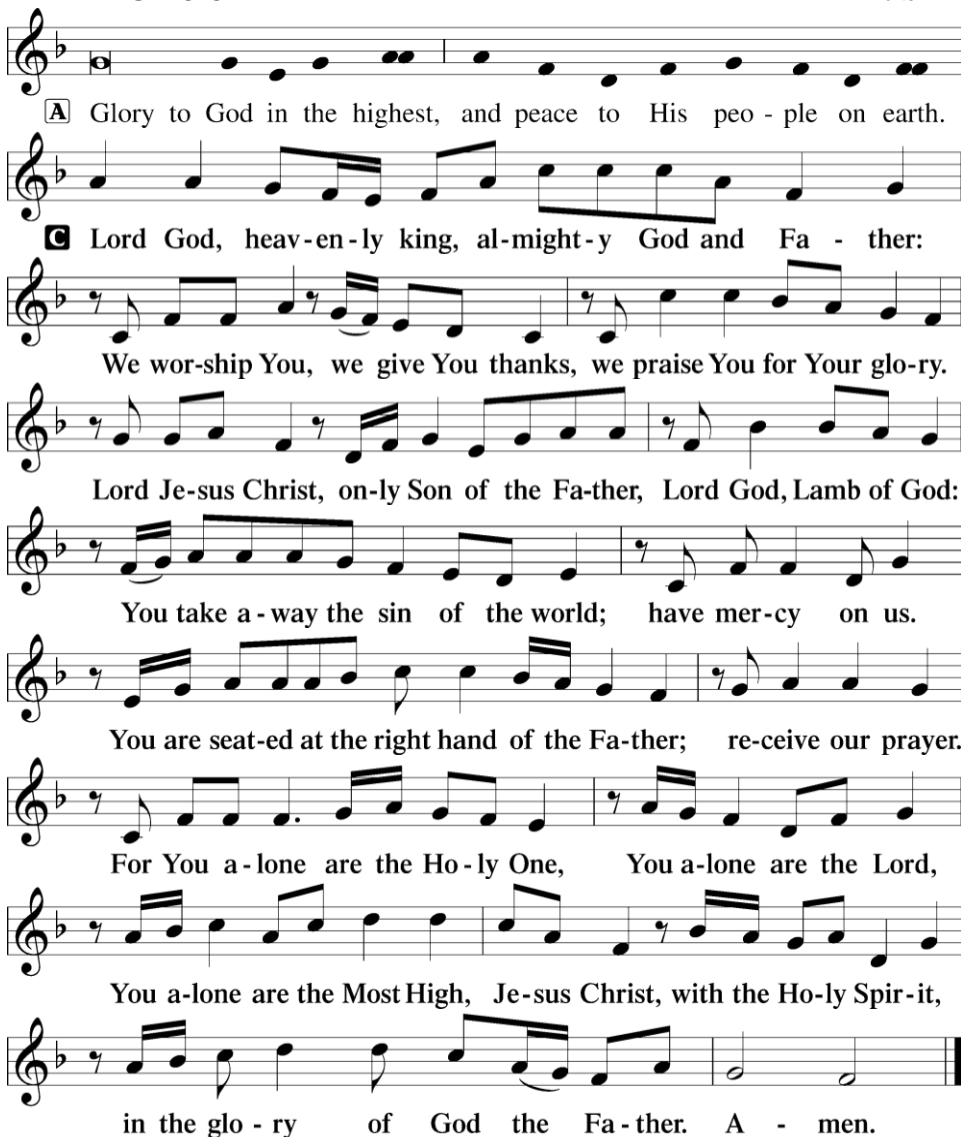
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

**C** 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.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

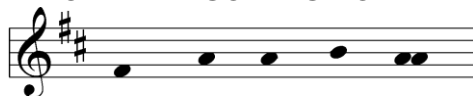
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

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.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 42:1-7*

**A** This reading is from Isaiah, chapter 42.

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
 I have put my Spirit upon him;  
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
 He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
 or make it heard in the street;  
 a bruised reed he will not break,  
 and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
 He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
 till he has established justice in the earth;  
 and the coastlands wait for his law.  
 Thus says God, the Lord,  
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
 who gives breath to the people on it  
 and spirit to those who walk in it:  
 "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;  
 I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
 I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
 a light for the nations,  
 to open the eyes that are blind,  
 to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

- A** The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 1.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13–17

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.



- C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*



## HYMN OF THE DAY

To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

LSB 407

## SERMON

*Stand*

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

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

*After each petition of the prayer;*

- P** Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*After the prayer has ended the pastor will say:*

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## VOLUNTARY

*Grand Duo – Louis Claude Daquin*

**OFFERING** *Please pass your worship attendance card toward the center aisle for the ushers to collect.*

## OFFERTORY

*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so 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 Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth ... the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

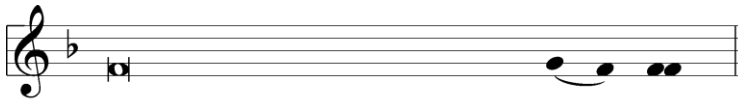
**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24 ; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

## PAX DOMINI

John 20:19



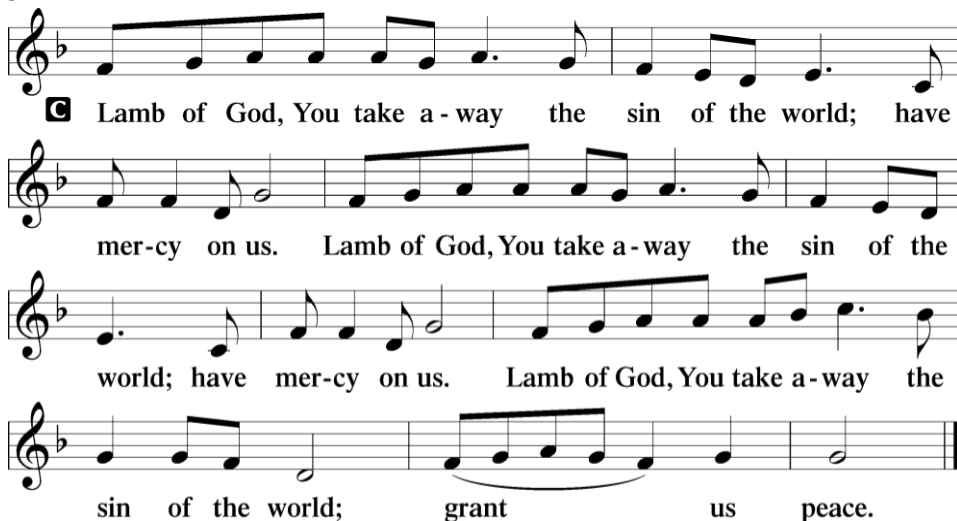
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI

John 1:29



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

*Sit*

**DISTRIBUTION** *Please review our communion practices at the end of the bulletin.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered	LSB 404
The People That in Darkness Sat	LSB 412
Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness	LSB 563
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less	LSB 575

*Stand*

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis ~ *Song of Simeon*

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

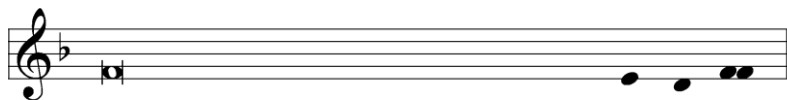
**A** Let us pray ... the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



*Sit*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

Before the Throne of God Above

LSB 574

## **POSTLUDE**

*Overture, from FireWorks Music – G.F. Handel*

## **A PRAYER FOR AFTER WORSHIP**

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness of my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in the faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES are available for pickup on the Coffee Bar! Even if you do not plan to use them, please at least take them home so we know you have them! Thank you!

ROOM MAKEOVER - We are going to have the first work party/planning day for the Young Adult Room Makeover on Saturday, January 13th at 10-noon. If anyone is interested in helping clear out the old Boy Scout/Fireplace Classroom on the 13th - you can let Jill Petro know or just show up! 206-276-5379 or jrpetro73@gmail.com Thanks!

MEN'S NIGHT OUT will be on Monday, January 15th, at 6:00 pm. Located at Mamma Melina Ristorante and Pizzeria, 5101 25th Ave. NE. RSVP with Brian Danforth.

QUILTING DAY will be on Wednesday, January 24th at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. No sewing experience is necessary. Bring your own lunch. For further information contact Jean Mindemann.

LADIES NIGHT OUT - Aloha! Ladies Night Out is going Hawaiian at Kona Kitchen on January 29th at 6:00 pm. We are going to the Lynnwood location, 3805 196th St SW, Lynnwood. Everyone needs a bit of the islands in the middle of winter. I hope you can join us. RSVP to Bev Edmon at bevedmon@gmail.com, see me in person at church or text me at the number in the directory. Mahalo.

SPARE CALENDAR DONATION - If you receive 2024 Calendars in mailed solicitations that you do not need, will you please leave them on the social ministry table in the narthex. They will be taken to LMS care centers where residents have need of one. Thank you.

ISSUES ETC. Unanswered Bible Questions... Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio, will have Pastors Bryan Wolfmuehler and Brian Kachelmeier respond to your unanswered Bible questions. You can submit your question via email: [talkback@issuesetc.org](mailto:talkback@issuesetc.org), Facebook: [facebook.com/issuesetc](https://facebook.com/issuesetc), or the Issues, Etc. Comment Line: (618) 223-8382. You can listen to the interview at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

GREETING CARDS - Plenty of cards for any occasion located in the Narthex, all for \$1.00 each! The money goes to missions we support.

## CONCORDIA CORNER

Ways to Help: **Prayers:** Pray for our teachers, students, and families as we build community, grow student confidence, and help them achieve academic standards all in a Christ-centered, grace filled environment. Thank you for all your support and prayers this year- we appreciate your partnership! **Share the News:** We have openings! Guide friends, neighbors, and those you meet to our website to find out about our unique personalized learning and project based learning experiences for Kindergarten-8th Grade.

Job Opportunities: We are hiring a part-time afternoon preschool teacher (1pm - 5:30pm). Contact Pam at [preschool@concordiaseattle.com](mailto:preschool@concordiaseattle.com). We are also hiring a Music Teacher. Contact Principal Malone at [cmalone@concordiaseattle.com](mailto:cmalone@concordiaseattle.com).



## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Today

9:00 am Divine Service

10:30 am Education Hour

Tuesday

10:00 am Bible Study

7:00 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday

7:00 pm Ensemble

Thursday

7:00 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Choir

Saturday

10:00 am Young Adult Room work party

10:30 pm Young Adult Singles Group

Next Sunday

9:00 am Divine Service

10:30 am Education Hour

## **LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

Last Thursday Bible Study: 6

Last Sunday: 118

Education Hour: No Class

Sunday School: No Class

Tuesday Bible Study: 9

## **IN OUR SERVICE TODAY**

Officiant

Pastor Elliott

Acolyte

Addie Bourn

Altar Guild

Joanne Estergreen, Sharon Christiansen

Elders

Justin Bourn, Neil Strege

Organist

Noel Channon

Ushers

Steven Miller, David Miller, Neil

Woodward, Don Dunavant, Neil & Will

Strege

## OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

*1 Corinthians 11:28-29*

The Lord's Supper is joyfully celebrated here today. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood to us. His gifts of body and blood—given in, with, and under the bread and wine—bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other, in this life and in the next.

Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith, which is confessed at this altar. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament are asked first to speak with the pastor, an elder, or an usher.

When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:28), come to His Supper rejoicing, as Jesus instructed, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy.

Those wanting to come to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest. We also invite your children up for a blessing in remembrance of their baptism. Gluten-free host are available upon request.