

Septuagesima



“The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.”

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

Setting One – Septuagesima

January 28, 2024

PRELUDE

Bless The Lord, O My Soul – Sergei Rachmaninoff

OPENING HYMN

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

LSB 761

BAPTISM OF SOPHIE RATH

LSB 268

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

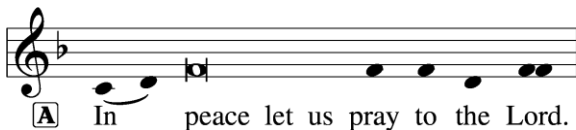
Psalm 18:1–2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: vv. 5–6a



- P** The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;*
the snares of death con- | fronted me.
- C** In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.*
From his temple he | heard my voice.
- P** I love you, O | LORD, my strength.*
The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer.
- C** For you save a humble | people,*
but the haughty eyes | you bring down.
- P** [You have] equipped | me with strength*
and made my way | blameless.
- C** For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the | nations,*
and sing | to your name.
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** The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;*
the snares of death con- | fronted me.
- C** In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.*
From his temple he | heard my voice.

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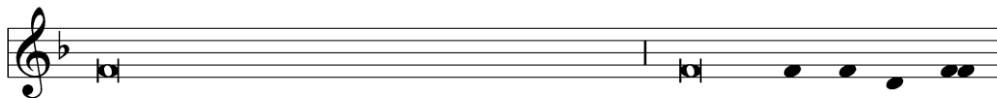
Mark 10 :47



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.



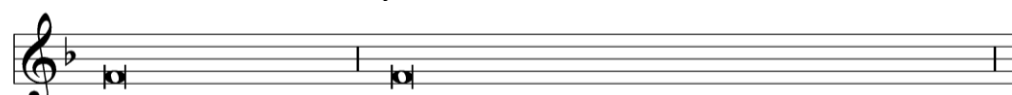
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



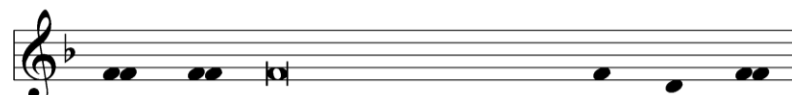
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



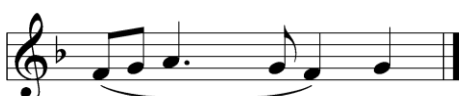
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

CHOIR

Our Soul Waits for the Lord by Carl Schalk

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

A This reading is from Exodus, chapter 17.

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5

A The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapters 9 and 10.

Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.


A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE

Joel 2:13

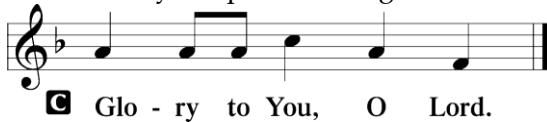


C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

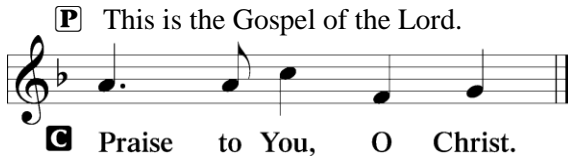
Matthew 20:1-16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ So the last will be first, and the first last.”



Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

Fight the Good Fight

LSB 664

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.

And 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 ✠ 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

Glorificamus – John Redford

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.



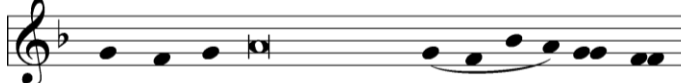
C And al - so with you.



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 -



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:

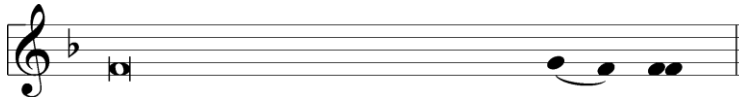
C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is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

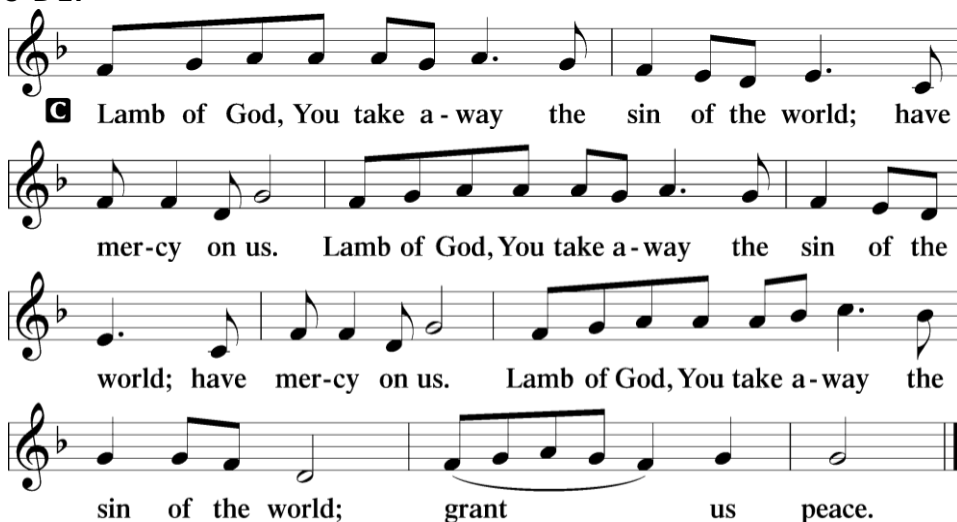
PAX DOMINI

John 20:19



AGNUS DEI

John 1:29



Four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 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.

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

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|----------------------------------|---------|
| Salvation Unto Us Has Come | LSB 555 |
| Be Strong in the Lord | LSB 665 |
| Rise! To Arms! Prayer Employ You | LSB 668 |
| Onward, Christian Soldiers | LSB 662 |

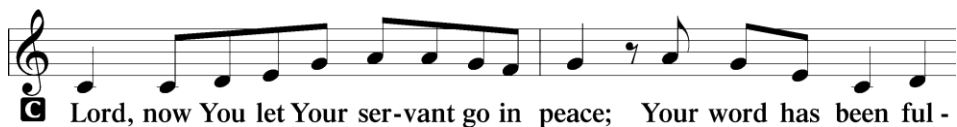
Stand

- 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

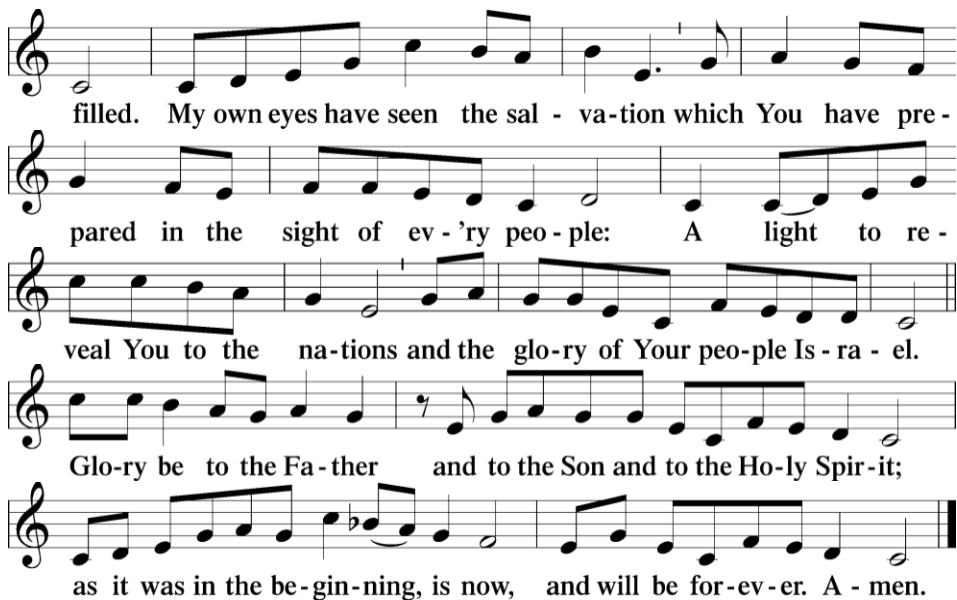
Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32



One staff of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -

C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
veal 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

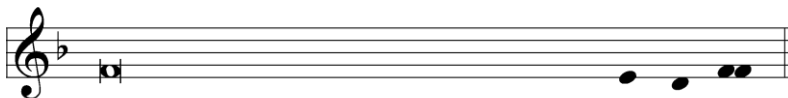
A Let us pray ... the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



C A - men.

Sit

CLOSING HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

LSB 918

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

BAPTISM - This morning, we baptize Sophie Elizabeth Rath, daughter of Tyler & Rebecca Rath. She was born on January 18th, and the sponsors for Sophie are Mitch Rhodes and Elizabeth Cohrs. May God bless Sophie and the Raths as they grow together as a family in Christ.

MEAL TRAIN FOR SOPHIE RATH & FAMILY - If you are interested in helping the Rath's with Meal Train (a way to provide a meal or arrange a meal delivery for them), please reach out to Lee & Jill Cohrs - the proud grandparents of Sophie. Thanks!

OFFERING BOXES AND END-OF-YEAR STATEMENTS - Your 2024 offering boxes and your 2023 End-of-Year offering statements are now available at the Coffee Bar in the Narthex! Please make sure to pick up anything with your name on it, so we know you have it!

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY is February 11th! We'll be introducing our new members at the beginning of Adult Education Hour. See you there!

COOKWARE COLLECTION - Take a look at the collection of kitchen dishes and cookware that have been left after various Fellowship events this past year. The items are in the corner of the coffee bar in the Fellowship Hall. Please take these home so that we can start our 2024 collection :). Items that are not returned to their rightful homes soon may mysteriously disappear. Thank you, Bev and Jean.

FLOWER CHART - The 2024 Flower Sign-Up sheet is up and ready for volunteers! Flowers can be ordered from LaVasser Florist, who delivers on Fridays, or they can be purchased from another source (arrangements or bouquets) and delivered themselves on Fridays during office hours (9:45am-3:15pm).

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE CARDS - Please remember to fill out the Worship Attendance Card in the pew and pass it to the center aisle during offering. This information is important, and is used by our Elders for keeping track of attendance for our congregation. Thank you!

LADIES NIGHT OUT - Aloha! Ladies Night Out is going Hawaiian at Kona Kitchen tomorrow, 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.

MEN'S NIGHT OUT will take place Monday, February 5th at 6:00pm. Located at Kostas Opa Greek Restaurant, 1924 N 45th St. RSVP with Brian Danforth.

THE CONCORDIA AUCTION is March 2nd. Last year, Messiah's collective donation was an Italian Dinner Basket. It was such a big success, the plan is to repeat it this year. There will be a display in the Narthex with a list of suggested donations. Also, if you have a product or service you would like to donate, you will find procurement forms on the table as well. Thank you for your support!

ISSUES ETC. - Expert Guests, Expansive Topics, Extolling Christ... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Responding to the Cliches of Pop American Christianity, The Epiphany Hymn "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise," An Update on an Attempt by Concordia University Texas to Reject the Governance & Oversight of the LCMS, The Benefits of Liturgical Worship and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod or your favorite podcast provider.

GREETING CARDS - Valentine's Day is nearly upon us! Find a Christian Valentine's Day card here that celebrates your love for one another, all for \$1.00 each! The money goes to missions we support.

CONCORDIA CORNER

What's Happening: Concordia students celebrated National Lutheran Schools week. There were fun dress-up days like neon day, decades day, pajama day and more! We celebrated with fun activities as well like making a cardinal craft gift, watching cartoons with breakfast, and delivering flowers to our neighbors. Each morning, the elementary and middle school met for whole school devotions to learn more about this year's theme "Connected". We discussed how we are connected to Christ, connected to God's Word, connected to each other, connected to generations, and connected to the Church. It was a great week building community and celebrating being a Lutheran school.

Annual Auction: We are excited to invite you to Concordia's annual auction on **Saturday, March 2nd**. This year's theme is "Under the Sea". We would love to have your support by having a table or two from your congregation join us at the event. We are also kindly asking each congregation to make a contribution towards the silent auction. This can be in the form of a wine basket, gift cards, or new items. Additionally, we would be immensely grateful for any donations of tickets to major sports teams or a few nights' stay at a vacation home. The funds raised from the auction will go

directly towards supporting Concordia's Hoffman Scholarship Fund, as well as program and facility improvements. The auction is a great opportunity for our school community to come together and enjoy an evening of fun and fundraising! For more information, go to <https://www.concordiaseattle.com/auction/> or email CLSAuction@concordiaseattle.com.

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. We are also hiring a Music Teacher. Contact Principal Malone at cmalone@concordiaseattle.com.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Today

9:00 am Divine Service

10:30 am Education Hour

Tuesday

10:00 am Bible Study

Wednesday

7:00 pm Ensemble

8:00 pm Confirmation

Thursday

7:00 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Choir

Next Sunday

9:00 am Divine Service

10:30 am Education Hour

IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

Officiant

Pastor Elliott

Acolyte

Lily Strege

Altar Guild

Dawn Plumb, Jean Mindemann

Elders

Robin Melvin, Mark Jorgensen

Organist

Noel Channon

Music Director

Aaron Gehrke

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Last Thursday Bible Study: 6

Last Sunday: 142

Education Hour: 54

Sunday School: 36

Tuesday Bible Study: 12

Ushers

Sharon Christiansen, James Leary, Peter Boomhower, Brian Keller, Andrew Riker, Terry King

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.