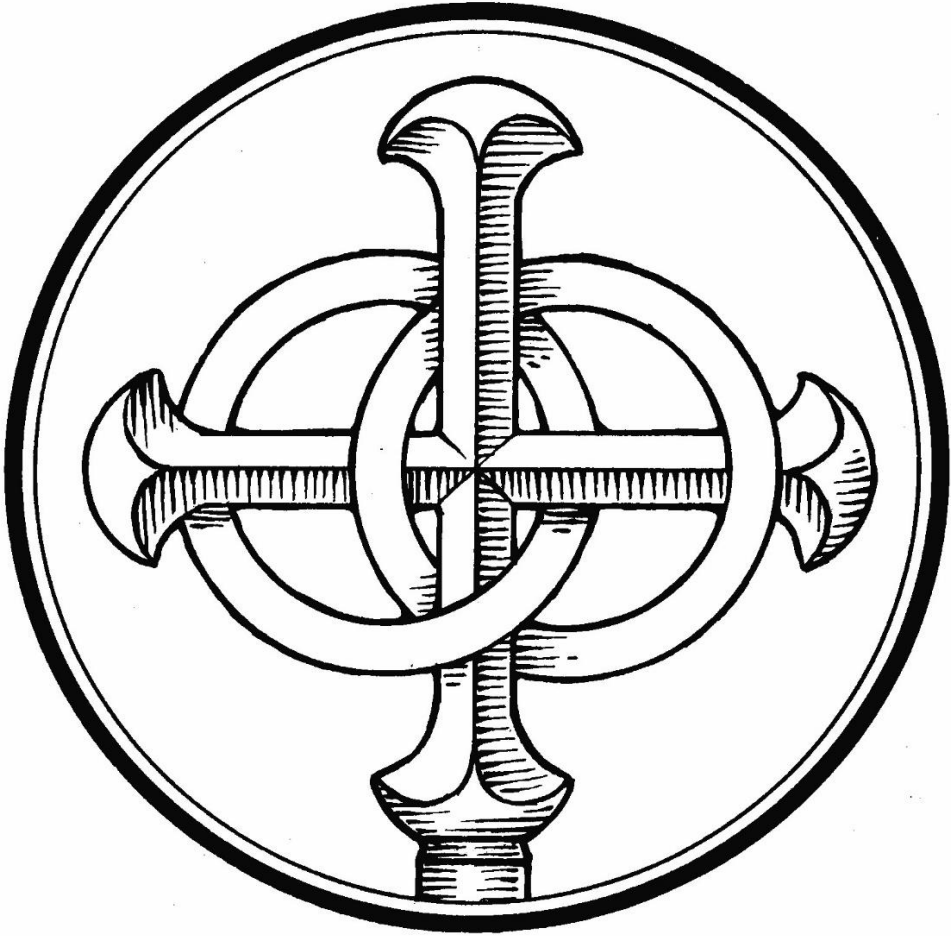


Third Sunday in Lent



Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But fornication
and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named
among you, as is proper among saints.

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

March 3, 2024

Setting One – Third Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

Introduction & 1st Variation, Chorale No. 1 – Cesar Franck

OPENING HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655

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

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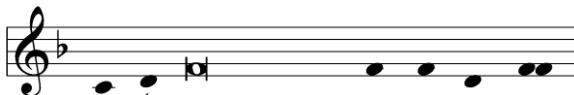
Psalm 25:1–2, 17–18, 20; antiphon: vv. 15–16



- P** My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
- C** Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.
- P** To you, | O LORD,*
I lift | up my soul.
- C** O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;*
let not my enemies exult | over me.
- P** The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;*
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.
- C** Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*
and forgive | all my sins.
- P** Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!*
- Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you.
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
- C** as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P** My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
- C** Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
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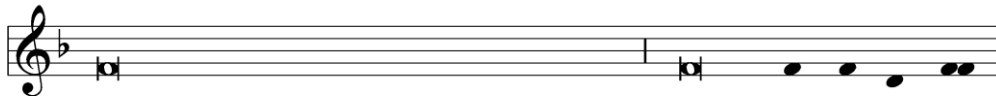
Mark 10 :47



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.



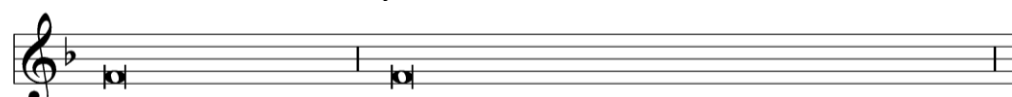
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



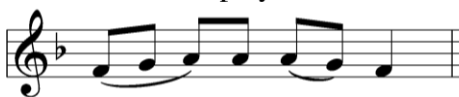
C Lord, have mer - cy.



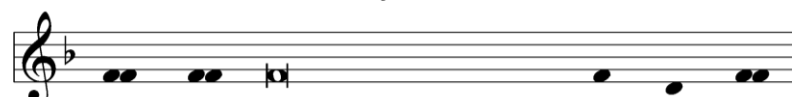
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



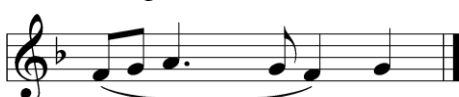
let us pray to the Lord.



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 God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross by Gilbert Martin

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 26:1-15

A The Old Testament reading is from Jeremiah, chapter 26.

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: “Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. You shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.’”

The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant’?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 5:1-9

A The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter 5.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

But fornication and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is a fornicator or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

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



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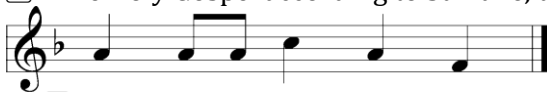


stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 11:14-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

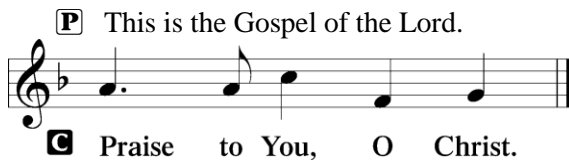


C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”



Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of Our Life

LSB 659

SERMON

Stand

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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.

VOLUNTARY

Blessed Jesus At Thy Word – J.S. Bach

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

OFFERTORY

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

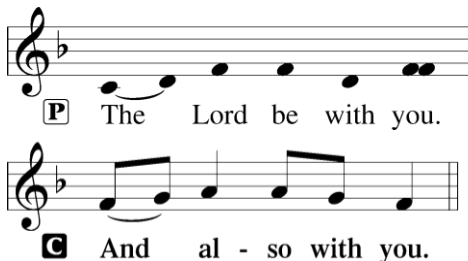


C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in 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]



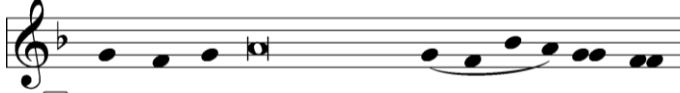
P The Lord be with you.
C And al-so with you.



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.

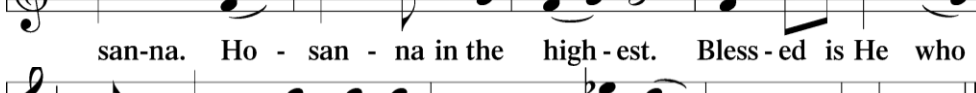
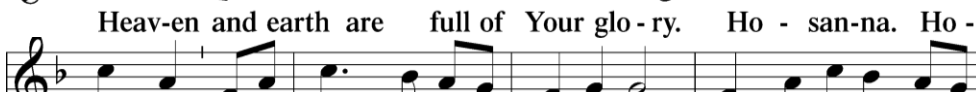
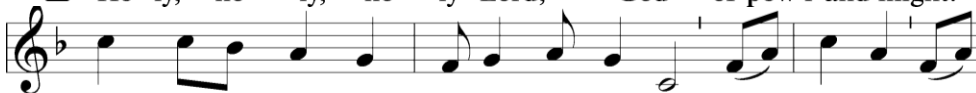
P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

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.

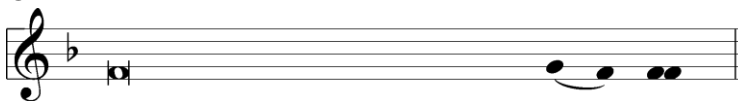
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

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



Sit

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing	LSB 635
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God	LSB 656
I Walk In Danger All the Way	LSB 716
Preserve Your Word, O Savior	LSB 658

Stand

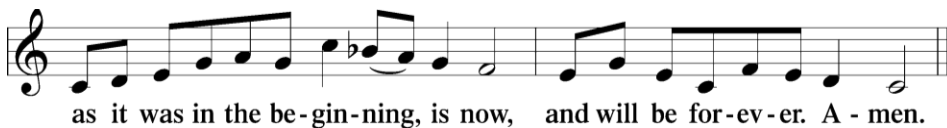
- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

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 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;



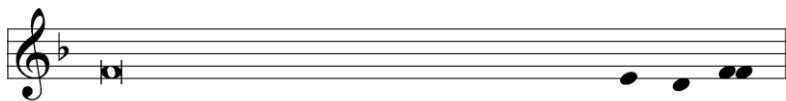
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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



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

Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

LSB 533

POSTLUDE

Air in F Major – 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

FINAL CALL for collecting your 2023 End of Year offering statements! They are located in the Narthex on the coffee bar. If you gave any offering during 2023, it'll be there! Thank you.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS begins next Sunday, March 10th. Don't forget to "Spring Forward" and turn your clocks one hour ahead!

LENTEN DINNER - There is Lenten dinner being served at 6:00pm on Wednesday, March 6th, before the 7:00pm service! Hope to see you all there!

WOMEN'S ONLINE BIBLE STUDY takes place tomorrow, March 4th, at 7:30pm, and is every first and third Monday of the month! Contact Ann Melvin for zoom link and questions.

MEN'S NIGHT OUT will be tomorrow, March 4th, at 6:00pm. Located at the Saffron Grill, 2132 N Northgate Way. RSVP with Brian Danforth.

GREETING CARDS - Easter cards are now available in the Narthex, all for just \$1.00 each! Money collected goes to our missions.

ISSUES ETC. - Habakkuk Bible Study... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on the Book of Habakkuk. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

CONCORDIA CORNER

What's Happening: Elementary and Middle-School students hosted their own mini-LEST at Concordia! Students participated in events like dance/cheer, spelling bee, basketball, Lego building, STEM, knowledge bowl, reader's theater, and art! Middle-School students helped mentor and judge events and did a fantastic job assessing and giving feedback. Concordia students are celebrating Women's History Month. They are learning about a variety of influential women in history both past and present. To kick-off this theme, Concordia invited Ty-Lene R. Cook. She is a Filipino American, raised in Southeast Asia, with a career in the creative field. She has a background in performing arts and media, and has produced videos for prominent entities like Bloomberg TV, Fox Sports, Channel E!, Nestle, and more. Ty-Lene spoke about the profound significance of honoring the unique gifts within us and staying true to oneself. She emphasized the power of authenticity, and how being genuine can open doors to opportunities aligned with one's true purpose, ultimately paving the way to a life that surpasses conventional expectations.

Annual Auction: Thank you to those who attended, donated, and volunteered! We appreciate your support of Concordia and hope to see you next year.

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

Monday

7:30 pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday

10:00 am Bible Study

Wednesday

6:00 pm Lenten Dinner

7:00 pm Lenten Service

8:00 pm Confirmation

Thursday

7:00 pm Choir

Saturday

10:30 am Young Adults Group

Next Sunday

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS

9:00 am Divine Service

10:30 am Education Hour

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Last Sunday: 147

Education Hour: 61

Sunday School: 36

Tuesday Bible Study: 12

Wednesday Service: 59

IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

Officiant

Pastor Elliott

Acolyte

Elijah Elliott

Altar Guild

Jack & Donna Holdridge

Elders

Josh Pemberton, Neil Strege

Music Director

Aaron Gehrke

Organist

Noel Channon

Ushers

Lee Cohrs, Bob Guthrie, Jim Kohring,
Destiny Aguayo, Justin & Larry Bourn,
Tyler & Rebecca Rath

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.