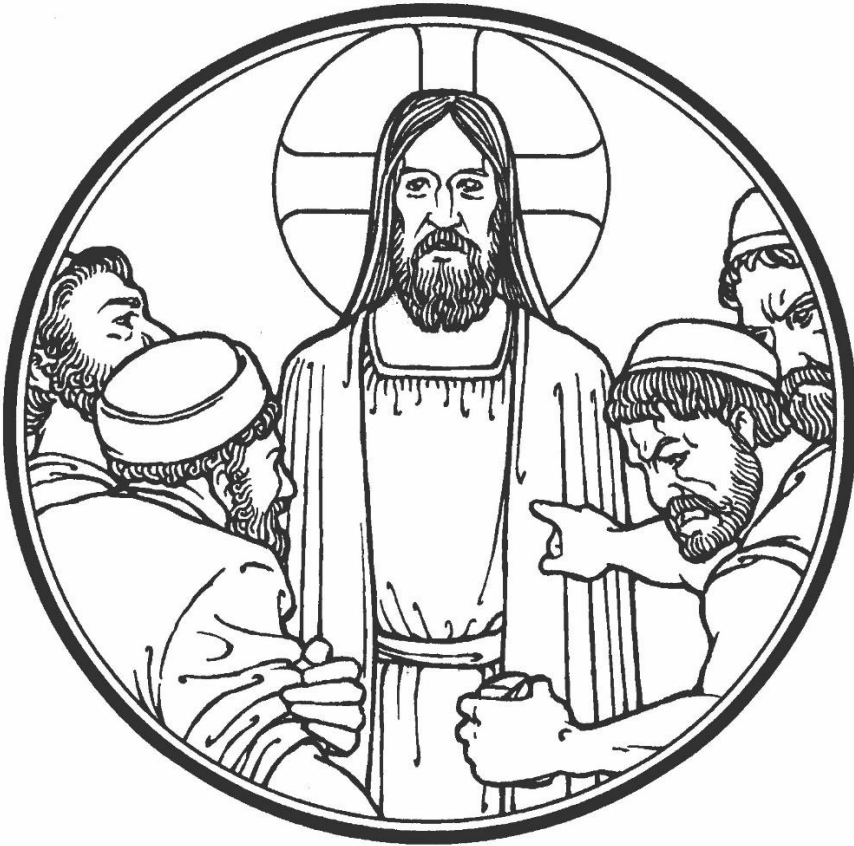


Fifth Sunday in Lent



“Why do you not understand what I say?
It is because you cannot bear to hear my word.
You are of your father the devil.”

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 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

PRELUDE

Blessed Jesus At Thy Word – J.S. Bach

OPENING HYMN

I Bind Unto Myself Today

LSB 604

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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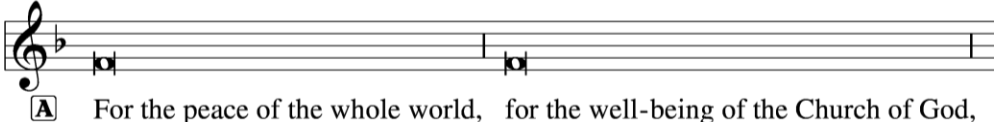
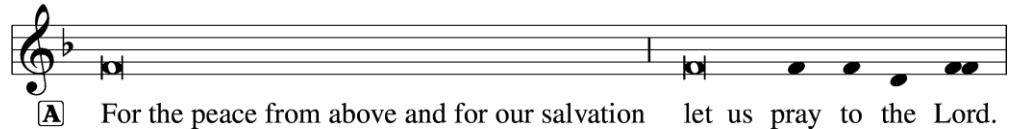
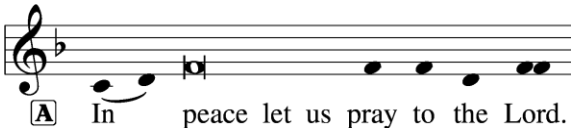
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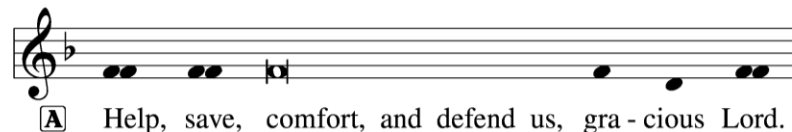
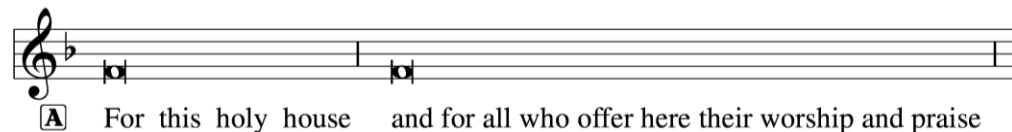
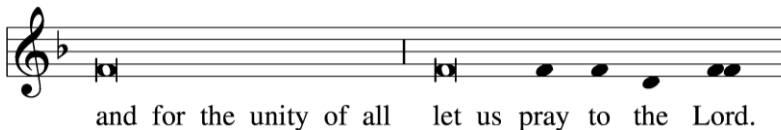


- P** Vindicate me, | O God,*
and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,
C from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!*
For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.
P Send out your light and your truth; let them | lead me;*
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your | dwelling!
C Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my ex- | ceeding joy,*
and I will praise you with the lyre, O | God, my God.
P Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil with- | in me?*
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation | and my God.
C Vindicate me, | O God,*
and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,
P from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!*
For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.

KYRIE

Mark 10 :47





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.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 22:1-14

A The Old Testament reading is from Genesis, chapter 22.

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 9:11-15

A The New Testament reading is from Hebrews, chapter 9.

When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

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

John 8:42-59

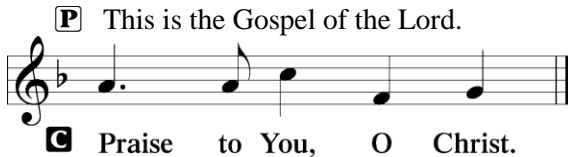
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my

word, he will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.



Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Song Is Love Unknown

LSB 430

SERMON

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.**

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.

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VOLUNTARY

Andante, from 5th Organ Sonata – Felix Mendelssohn

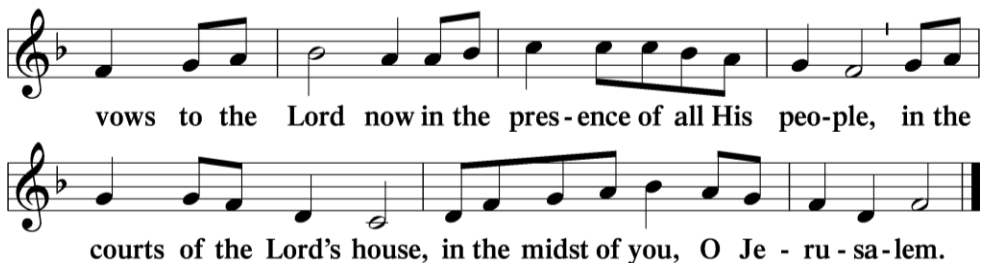
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OFFERTORY

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



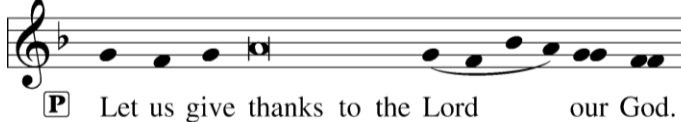
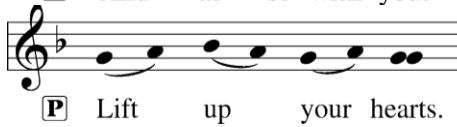
C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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



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

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9





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

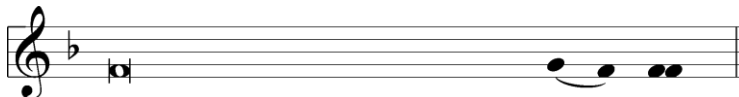
- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and 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

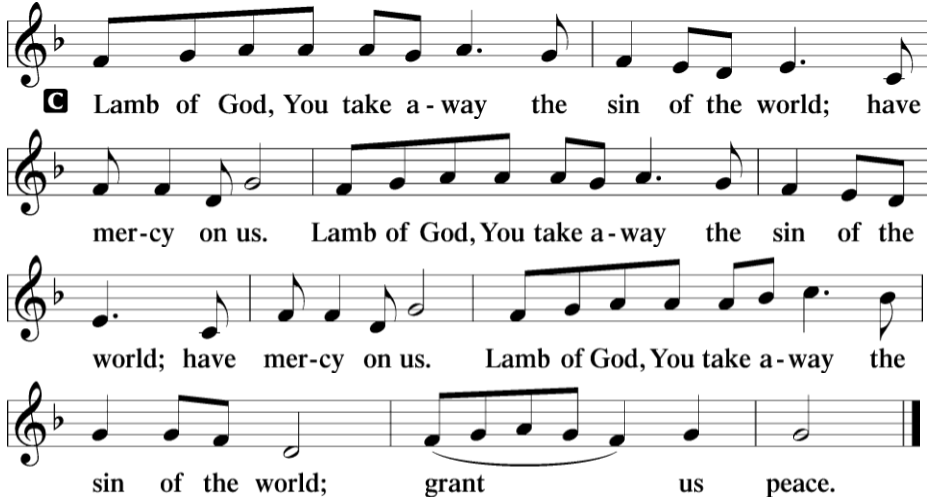


- P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



AGNUS DEI

John 1:29



Sit

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

LSB 440

The Lamb

LSB 547

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

LSB 438

The God of Abraham Praise

LSB 798

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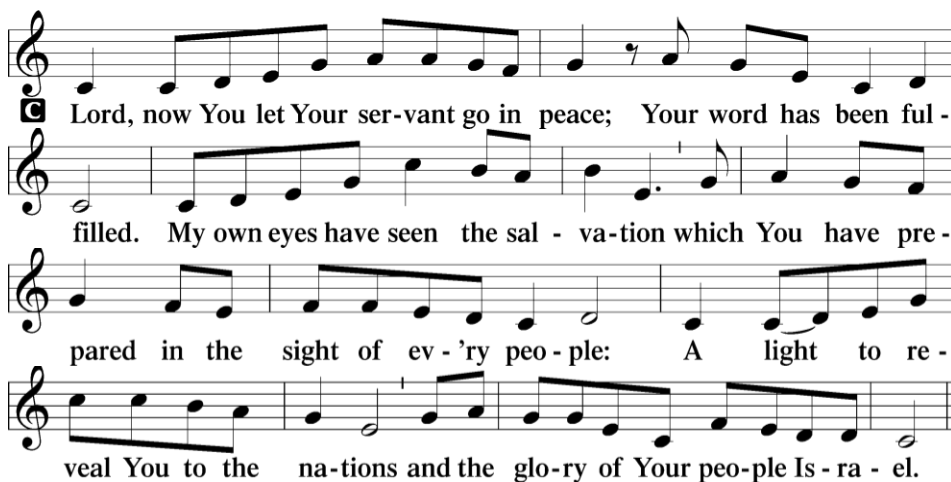
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

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.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

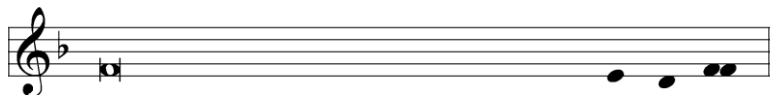
A Let us pray ... the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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

At The Name of Jesus

LSB 512

POSTLUDE

Toccata – William Walond

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

LENTEN DINNER - The last Lenten dinner will be served at 6:00pm this Wednesday, March 20th, before the 7:00pm service! Hope to see you all there!

SPRING CLEANUP DAY - The next cleanup day will be this Saturday, March 23rd, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. We will be working outdoors raking up leaves and pine needles and doing general cleanup around the church in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Bring rakes, brooms, gloves, etc. Volunteers are greatly appreciated.

LADIES & MEN'S NIGHT OUT - Ladies Night Out will NOT meet during March because the 4th Monday is during Holy Week. Instead, we will meet twice during April. There are 5 Mondays in April so we will meet Monday, April 1st and Monday April 29th. Since the first Monday of the month is traditionally Men's Night Out, the Ladies will combine with the men at Diamond Knot Brewpub in Mountlake Terrace at 6:00 pm. This is not just for couples, it's a fun night to socialize and have dinner together! Diamond Knot Brewpub is located at 5602 232nd St SW, Mountlake Terrace (not Mukilteo location). On April 29th, at 6:00 pm, Ladies Night Out will go to Demetris Woodstone Taverna, 101 Main St, Edmonds. Ladies, please RSVP to Bev Edmon by email (bevedmon@gmail.com), in person, or by text using the phone number in the Messiah directory. Men, RSVP to Brian Danforth as usual.

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

ISSUES ETC. - Galatians 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 Galatians. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app or your favorite 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.

Auction Thank You: Thank you to all our auction participants for Under the Sea! It was a wonderfully fun event and so far has raised over \$110,000! We are still accepting donations towards our Hoffman Scholarship Fund, Repainting the Exterior of the Building, and Technology Upgrade. We would love to reach a total of \$125,000.

Hiring Preschool Director: After many faithful years of service, Pam Curry is retiring. We are in search of a Full Time Preschool Director. We prefer a Called worker but it is not a requirement. If you know anyone near or far that may be interested, please have them contact Christine Malone or send their cover letter and resume to her at cmalone@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 and full-time preschool director. Contact Principal Malone at cmalone@concordiaseattle.com.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Today

9:00 am Divine Service
10:30 am Education Hour
11:45 am Youth Group

Tuesday

10:00 am Bible Study
6:30 pm Elders Mtg.

Wednesday

6:00 pm Lenten Dinner
7:00 pm Lenten Service
8:00 pm Confirmation

Thursday

7:00 pm Choir

Saturday

9:00 am Spring Cleanup
10:30 am Young Adults Group

Next Sunday - PALM SUNDAY

9:00 am Divine Service
10:30 am Education Hour

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Last Sunday: 148
Education Hour: 62
Sunday School: 31
Tuesday Bible Study: 13
Wednesday Service: 61

IN OUR SERVICE TODAY

Officiant

Pastor Elliott

Acolyte

Addie Bourn

Altar Guild

Joanne Estergreen, Sharon Christiansen

Elders

Andrew Petro, Mark Jorgensen

Music Director

Aaron Gehrke

Organist

Noel Channon

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.