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Anchored in Scripture...Sharing Life in Christ

Welcome to worship! A special welcome to any visitors worshipping here this morning. So that we connect and keep in touch with our visitors, we have “connect cards”. Please ask an Usher for assistance. May God bless all of us as we hear God’s word read, proclaimed, and offered in Holy Communion! May we offer our own praise and thanksgiving to God with honest and joyful hearts, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord!

Welcome to the Lord’s Table: As Lutheran Christians we believe in the real presence of Jesus offered in Holy Communion (The Eucharist). We invite all baptized Christians who confess their sin before God, affirm Jesus’ presence in this meal, and rejoice in God’s forgiveness offered to us to receive Holy Communion. If you do not usually commune or are awaiting instruction in the meaning of this sacrament, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing.

Distribution of Communion:

Distribution- Pastor Metze and the Altar Guild explored many ways to administer communion faithfully and safely. The following was decided:

- Consecrated wine will be poured directly into bottles designed to easily pour wine into our plastic cups.
- Consecrated communion wafers will be distributed directly from the packaging.
- Gluten-free wafers are available for communion upon request. Please advise an usher or altar guild member before service begins.
- Pastor Metze, the assisting minister and all other communion assistants will be wearing gloves.
- A separate team will commune those attending the worship in the parking lot.

Logistics

- Every communicant will secure a plastic cup on the way to the front to receive a wafer from Pastor Metze followed by wine from an assistant.
- We will distribute communion by sections starting with the family section, then the couple’s section and finally the singles section.

Order of Service

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand if you are able.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, 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 and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

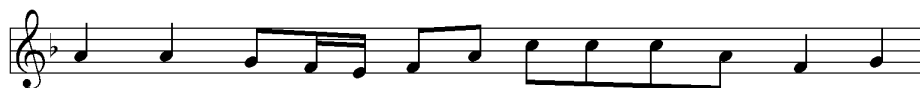
C: **Amen.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



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



B 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

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O Almighty and most Merciful God, through your bountiful goodness, keep us from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that you would have us do. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

READINGS

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹ The word of the Lord came to me: ² “What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³ As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

²⁵ “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶ When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷ Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸ Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live.”

After the reading the congregation responds as follows.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9*

- ¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my | trust in you;*
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.
- ²**Let none who look to you be | put to shame;***
let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes.
- ³Show me your | ways, O Lord,*
and teach | me your paths.
- ⁴**Lead me in your | truth and teach me,***
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all | the day long.
- ⁵Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,*
for they are from | everlasting.
- ⁶**Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;***
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your good- | ness, O Lord.
- ⁷Gracious and upright | is the Lord;*
therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.
- ⁸**He guides the humble in | doing right***
and teaches his way | to the lowly.
- ⁹All the paths of the Lord are | love and faithfulness*
to those who keep his covenant and his | testimonies.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-4 [5-13] 14-18

¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. [⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,

even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.] ¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷ Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸ Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty first chapter.

C:



Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-27 [28-32]

²³When {Jesus} entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”

²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.” [²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’

²⁹And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.”]

After the Gospel reading, the Pastor says “The Gospel of the Lord”.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C:



SERMON

Rev. Mark A. Metze

Please stand if you are able

Hymn of the Day: *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways pg 19*

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Assisting Minister leads the prayers and the congregation responds.

A: Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERING

Musical Offering

Please stand if you are able.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE:

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.'

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

The Assisting Minister leads the prayer and the congregation responds.

- A: Merciful Father,
- C: **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

DIALOGUE — THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a 'P' (Piano) dynamic marking. The second staff begins with a 'P' (Piano) dynamic marking. The third staff begins with a 'P' (Piano) dynamic marking. The fourth staff begins with a 'C' (Crescendo) dynamic marking. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.'

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

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

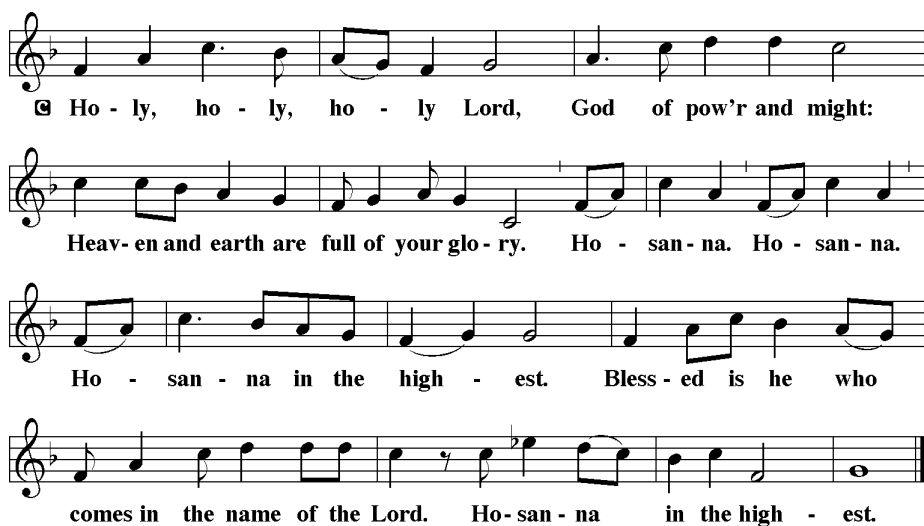
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

The Preface is led by the Pastor.

SANCTUS:



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

The Pastor begins with "Blessed are you..."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS:

P: We do not presume to come to this Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies.

C: We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table. But You are the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, to abide in the body and blood of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Pastor begins with “In the night...”

LORD’S PRAYER:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and
lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION:

All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward for communion. Others may come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms to identify that you wish to be blessed.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:

As directed by the Ushers.

Hymns during Distribution:

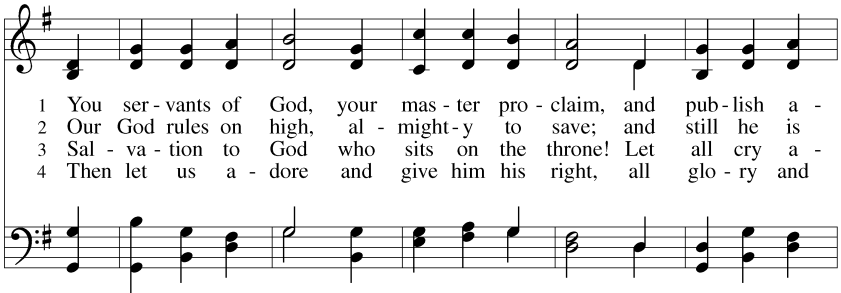
Lamb of God

☐ 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.

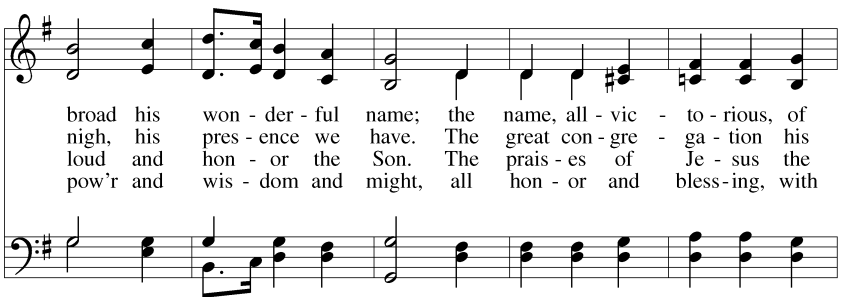
The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. A square box containing a cross symbol is placed at the beginning of the first line of lyrics. A slur is placed under the notes for the words 'grant us' in the final line.

Communion Hymn #2 on the next page

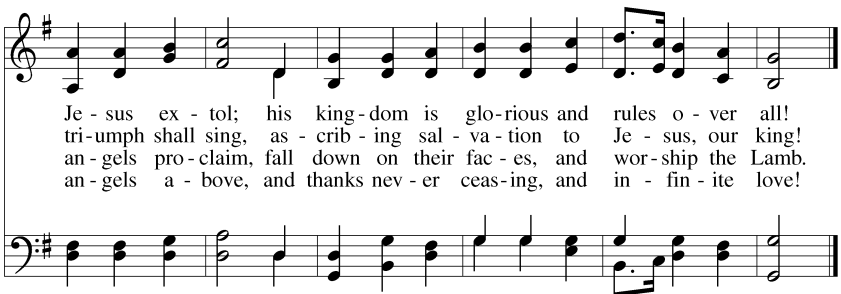
You Servants of God



1 You ser - vants of God, your mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
 2 Our God rules on high, al - might - y to save; and still he is
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
 nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
 loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
 pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
 tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
 an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Music: LYONS, Johann M, Haydn, 1737–1806, adapt.

One Bread, One Body

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

Refrain

wom-an or man, one in the Lord, gath-ered to one
no more. of all. for all.

Text: John Foley, st, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, st

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:

Please stand if you are able

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

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re- calls his prom- is - es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks- giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:

A: Let us pray.

The Assisting Minister leads the prayer and the congregation responds

C: Amen

BLESSING:

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: Amen.

Closing Hymn: *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* pg 20

SENDING:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

God of Grace and God of Glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



- 1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
- 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
- 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
 May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
 let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
 May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.

Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

ANNAPOLIS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Anchored in Scripture ... Sharing Life in Christ

Pastor: The Reverend Mark A. Metze

Prayer List

Health & Healing: Art Butler, Mike Ogle, Nancy and Jim Reece, Janet Everette, Merele Schulz, Julie Stegelvik, Rachel, Randy Smith and all those affected by Hurricane Sally.

Homebound: Carolyn Buddemeier, Jean Clarke, Henrietta Conlin, Theresa Dearborn, Audrey Gilbert, Alice Johnson, Peggy Martin, & Betty Strohl.

Military Deployed & Their Families: LCDR Brennin Colegrove

NALC Atlantic Mission Region Congregation of the Week:
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Seven Valleys, PA

Youth Sponsored Children: Joseph and Muluken.

Church Office Hours

Monday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m — 3:00 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Friday — Closed

Saturday — Closed

Sunday — Closed

The Office Administrator is available via email

For Congregation Members

Name(s): _____

Message for Pastor or Office Administrator (including changes to phone number, email or address) _____

Prayer Request: _____

Utilizing Space for Meetings & Activities

If you have a need to utilize any of our church spaces and/or resources for meetings or activities, please contact the church office to reserve the space and time. This ensures that there are no space/time conflicts, and that someone is here to facilitate your needs. Contact us via phone at 443-837-6436 or via e-mail at church@annapolislutheran.org.

Confirmation

Confirmation will be Sunday October 25th. Please save the date on your calendar for this important event.



Congregational Meeting Sunday, October 18th

A Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 18, 2020 immediately following worship service.

Crafters Group

Crafters Group will have their next meeting on Tuesday October 13th. Please bring a craft project and join us at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

From the Quilters

The Quilters will begin displaying some of the “better” quilts for sale on Sundays in the gym, and weather permitting, in the portico for those who don’t wish to come inside. We will also have available several traditionally made quilts in different sizes. The Quilters will have Christmas Themed quilts on display for sale in the coming weeks. This is the only means the Quilters have to earn funds for supplies, so any support is greatly appreciated.

Bring Light to the Children of Africa

OGT has been shipping solar lights (brand name Luci lights) to areas with no electricity in the homes. The next shipments will be to South Sudan and Liberia. These lights allow the children to study when they would otherwise not be able to do so. You can help by donating \$10 toward the purchase of Luci lights. A \$10 light can mean so much to these children and their families. This is the last Sunday to donate.