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PRELUDE

Everlasting God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

In celebration of our baptism, we worship

In the name of God: Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG #1

10,000 Reasons

(Please be seated as we prepare our hearts for confession)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✝ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG #2

Change My Heart, O God

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

GOSPEL

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 12th Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my

barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Orin Cummings

SERMON

Pastor Orin Cummings

SONG OF THE DAY

In Christ Alone

LITURGY OF WELCOME AT BEGINNING OF INTERNSHIP

Let us pray...

O God, who through the Holy Spirit illumines the mind and sanctifies the lives of those who are called to be pastors and teachers: look with your favor upon all seminaries for the instruction and discipline of those who are to serve in the Sacred Ministry of your Church; and bless Messiah Lutheran Church who by word and example aid your servant, Abbey Knappman, in learning to apply the principles of ministry that have been taught in school. Grant, as we diligently work together, submitting ourselves in obedience to your Son and guided by your Spirit, that our lives may be enriched, and our ministries fulfilled with joy to the glory of your Name.

Amen.

A Reading from 1st Corinthians 12:4-7: "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God that inspires them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

It is the duty of the vicar, under the direction of the supervisor, to be completely involved in the life and work of Messiah Lutheran Church, so that experiential knowledge of what the ministry entails may be gained. In a very real sense, Vicar Abbey, you are an un-ordained partner in this ministry.

Therefore, I ask you, are you ready to assume your responsibilities of ministry here and will you seek under God's hand to fulfill that ministry to God's glory?

I am ready, God helping me with God's Grace.

It is our duty as members of Messiah Lutheran Church to accept Vicar Abbey as a fellow worker within our church family, to invite and welcome her into our homes, and in every way possible strengthen and encourage her in this year of service in a new and unfamiliar area.

(Congregation) I ask you, will you receive Vicar Abbey as a servant of God and fellow laborer in the Gospel of Christ and uphold and support her in every way?
Yes, by God's help.

Let us pray...

Almighty God, we humbly ask you to bless Messiah Lutheran Church, and to further with your continual help all who labor in it. Grant us lowliness in spirit, steadfastness of faith, perseverance in all good works, and bring all to your heavenly realm; through Jesus Christ our Lord by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith with the Apostles' Creed:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

(Please be seated and join us in prayer)

PRAYER SONG **Open Our Eyes and Ears**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world, and open our hearts to God's will.

A brief silence.

Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this, our planet home. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in the image of Christ, and establish equity and peace. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, fear and pain, grief and illness, especially Pat, Ben, Deann, Tom, Jacob, Carol, Norma, Yvonne, Pat, Bill, Bruce, Matt, Alberta, DJ, Mark, Bob, Tommy, and Beverly. Give strength to those who give care and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding, and make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors, especially Roger Luder, Regina Schneider and Steve Brown. Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, as the ELCA Churchwide assembly concludes and new leadership takes the helm, and as bishops, pastors, and lay leaders return to their communities and congregations, we pray for the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Renew your church in love for you and for our neighbor, in bold witness to the gospel, and in faithful service to a broken and hurting world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PRAYER SONG

Open Our Eyes and Ears

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you.
Come, eat and rejoice.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONG

Speak, O Lord

TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name
Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

May the love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior ✝ Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

Jesus Messiah

MISSION STATEMENT

**Guided by the Gospel, we:
Welcome all to worship;
Make disciples;
Hunger for ministry;
Nurture youth;
Gather resources for growing ministries;
Offer healing and care to all in need.**

DISMISSAL

**Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
In the name of Christ. Amen**

OFFERING

(Please place gifts in the plate as you leave)