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Messiah's Communion Practice

Scripture teaches that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another. Communing also declares publicly that we are united in all our beliefs about Christ. Therefore, Messiah practices membership communion. We ask that only members of Messiah or another WELS or ELS church come forward to receive the Sacrament and publicly declare their agreement with our statement of faith.

Our Order of Worship

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Hymns: 213 - 207 - 550 - 214

Psalm: 118, page 108

Today's message: based on John 5:24-29

"The Master's Voice"

First Lesson: Daniel 12:1-3

“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. ² Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 10: 11-18

¹¹ Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. ¹³ Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, ¹⁴ because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

¹⁵ The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: ¹⁶ “This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.”

¹⁷ Then he adds: “Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.” ¹⁸ And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

Gospel Lesson: John 5:24-29

²⁴ “I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

²⁵ I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has

granted the Son to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸ “Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER:

Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you. **We too join them to praise your majesty.** You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us! **We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.**

Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering. **Give us power to live as your faithful people.** Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you. **Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.**

As we approach Your table, come to us with Christ’s body and blood. **Wash us clean of our sins and strengthen our faith.** Help us to remember Christ’s death until He comes again. **Come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness. **Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We join in the Lord's prayer - **“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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.”**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD COLLECTION FOR ST. PAUL'S PANTRY From today until the Sunday after Thanksgiving we'll be collecting non-perishable foodstuffs for St. Paul Lutheran Church's food pantry. Your donations will help feed the less fortunate in our city. Please bring your donations to church and place them in or by the wicker baskets in our entryway. May the Lord move your heart to help others!

MEDITATIONS The latest edition of our personal devotional booklet is available in our entryway. Pick one up today!

FACEMASKS? If you are more comfortable wearing a face mask in worship, please do so! We're happy you are here and want to worship with us.

ART CONTEST The Education Committee is looking for your help to spruce up the Education wing of our facility. We are looking for Biblical designs to display on a feature wall and additional wall art on canvas. Contest details are available on the information center in the narthex.

ABC HOSTESS OPPORTUNITIES Do you enjoy decorating? Volunteer to be a table hostess and we will reserve a table for you! Many partner with one or two others to host a table. Hostesses provide table settings, holiday decorations and

candles for a table of 6 to 8 ladies. It requires only a few hours of your time for planning and decorating. If you want to sit with a group of 4 or more we encourage you to host a table for guaranteed seating. Sign up to hostess a table in the Activity Hall for our December 5th (6:30 pm) event.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS Messiah's Evangelism Committee is holding a family Christmas event on December 11th from 11am to 2 pm. We will have a chili cookoff, cookie decorating, hot chocolate & apple cider, a short movie in the sanctuary (Lord willing, with our new video system), games for the family, family photo opportunity and farm animals.

Volunteers are needed. Information is available on the insert in your bulletin today. Sign up in the activity hall. Or online at bit.ly/messiahfamilychristmas

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE is being planned for Sunday, December 19th at 7:45 & 10:15 am.

<u>Our Response to God's Gifts:</u>	
Thursday -	32
Sun. early -	74
Sun. late -	92
	Total: 198
Offerings:	\$5,975.38
Technology upgrade budget:	\$37,880
Given to date:	\$29,868.70
Amount still needed:	\$ 8,011.30

Activities next week:

Thursday	6:30: Worship service
	7:30: Church council
Sunday	7:45: Worship service
	9:00: Sunday School
	9:15: Adult Bible class
	10:15: Worship service

Serving today in the Lord's house:

Usher team	7:45: Team #7 Dave Maccoux's team
	10:15: Team #10 Jeff Rindfleisch's team
Cleaning	Lorenz, Mendez, Merholz, J. Pribek

Serving next week in the Lord's house:

Usher team:	7:45: Team #9 Chris Dolch's team
	10:15: Team #2 Doug Voigt's team
Cleaning:	T. Lindsley, Mertens, Micksch, J. Mortensen, N. Nelson