

MESSIAH LUTHERAN

Messiah Lutheran Church Welcomes You to the Lord's House

'Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name."

Psalm 100:4

Welcome to Messiah! Whether you're a member, a returning guest, or maybe this is your first time at Messiah, we welcome you to this time of worship. During our time together, we hope that you experience the presence and love of God in a profound and life-changing way! May the music we share stir you, may the prayers we offer comfort you, and may the proclaimed Word of God challenge you to live with a new passion and purpose. Again, we are honored that you have chosen to worship here today. Let's give God all glory and praise.

First-Time guests, we invite you to look through the "Welcome to Messiah" brochure found in the attendance card slot on the pew in front of you. If you have any questions, please talk to an usher.

Once we enter God's House, we pray that our hearts are changed, and that His perspective becomes ours; that we release the cares of this world, and bask in the beauty of His holiness; that we give Him whatever burdens our heart, and find the Spirit's peace that passes all human understanding; that we learn more about Jesus through His Word, and the joy that comes from a closer walk with the Lord.

"Be thoughtful-be silent-be reverent; for this is the house of the Lord,
Before the service, speak to the Lord;
During the service, let the Lord speak to you;
After the service, speak to one another."

If a song is being sung, words are provided on the screens at the front of the sanctuary. We invite you to sing along, or meditate on the song's message.

O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You;

my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory.

Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You. So I will bless You as long as I live; in Your name I will lift up my hands. Psalm 63:1-4

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

All throughout the Epiphany season is the shadow of the question: Who is Jesus? We have heard Jesus called the Lamb of God and the light of the world. Now He is proclaimed our Brother who lavs aside what is His right to become our servant even to death upon a cross. Within that context, we who are called His brothers claim not right or privilege but the path of service in Christ. Our freedom is not the liberty to do as we please but the responsibility of love for the sake of our weaker brother—just as Christ suffered as the innocent for the guilty. Instead of looking inside of us, we have something better to look at: Christ and our neighbor.

P=Pastor C=Congregation

In the Invocation, we "invoke" God's presence by repeating the name in which we were baptized by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 28, 2024, 11:00am Worship

THE PRESERVICE PRAISE "God is Good"

! THE GREETING

THE SONG OF INVOCATION "I Will Call Upon the Lord"

I will call upon the Lord (I will call upon the Lord)
Who is worthy to be praised! (Who is worthy to be praised)
So shall I be saved from my enemies.

(So shall I be saved from my enemies)

I will call upon the Lord!

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I will call upon the Lord!

The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock And let the God of my salvation be exalted! The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock And let the God of my salvation be exalted!

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THE INVOCATION

- P: We celebrate in victory today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!



In the Confession, we bare our souls before the Lord, admitting our sins and accepting responsibility for the harm they caused in our relationships with God and with each other. (1 John 1:8-9; Rom. 3:23)

The pastor then speaks God's Word to give the forgiveness Jesus won for us on the cross. (John 20:23)

In the Collect, The pastor and congregation greet each other as the angel greeted Mary at her annunciation. (Luke 1:28)

The phrase also indicates the special relationship between the pastor and the congregation.

We call this prayer a "Collect" because it collects the themes of the lessons and puts them into a prayer.

The First Lesson is taken from a book of the Old Testament, and is found on page 161 in the pew Bible. It coordinates with the Gospel lesson.

A pattern of Scripture readings for each week of the year comes from the Old Testament. Jesus also kept this practice.

THE CONFESSION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

- P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- C: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- P: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
- C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C: O most merciful God who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P: Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C: Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

5 THE FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵"The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the

These words were given from God to Moses, the author of the first five books (the Pentateuch) of the Old Testament.

The Epistle Lesson is found on page 956 in the pew Bible. This is from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

The Gospel Song changes weekly.

We rise for the Holy Gospel as we would stand for Jesus Himself, since the Gospel is His living Word to us.

assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' ¹⁷And the Lord said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die."

THE EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 8:9-13

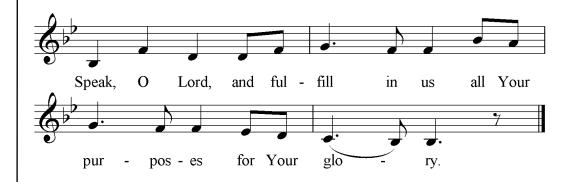
⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

I THE GOSPEL SONG "Speak, O Lord"

seen



to-day, in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.



The Gospel Lesson is selected according to the season or festival Sunday of the Church Year, and is found on page 836 in the pew Bible.

We respond to the Word of God with an acclamation of praise, and then by confessing our faith.

The Apostles'
Creed dates from
about 75 AD and
was used in the
instruction of
those to be
baptized. We are
confessing our
personal faith.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28

²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

- P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH-The 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.

THE SERMON HYMN "Entrust Your Days and Burdens" LSB 754 Entrust your days and burdens to God's most loving hand;

He cares for you while ruling the sky, the sea, the land.

Will find for you a pathway and guide you all your days.

The Sermon Hymn is based on the Sermon topic.

Rely on God your Savior and find your life secure.

Make His work your foundation that your work may endure.

No anxious thought, no worry, no self-tormenting care

Can win your Father's favor; His heart is moved by prayer.

For He who guides the tempests along their thund'rous ways

Take heart, have hope, my spirit, and do not be dismayed; God helps in ev'ry trial and makes you unafraid. Await His time with patience through darkest hours of night Until the sun you hoped for delights your eager sight.

Leave all to His direction; His wisdom rules for you In ways to rouse your wonder at all His love can do. Soon He, His promise keeping, with wonder-working pow'rs Will banish from your spirit what gave you troubled hours.

THE SERMON "Jesus: The Real Deal!" Mark 1:21-28

- 1. Trusting in Jesus brings freedom.
- 2. Evil spirits know Jesus, but don't trust in Him.
- 3. In Jesus, the evil is overcome.

• WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD "Entrust Your Days and Burdens"

O blessèd heir of heaven, You'll hear the song resound Of endless jubilation when you with life are crowned. In your right hand your maker will place the victor's palm, And you will thank Him gladly with heaven's joyful psalm.

Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen; with joy our spirits bless Until we see the ending of all our life's distress. And so throughout our lifetime keep us within Your care And at our end then bring us to heav'n to praise You there.

please fill out an attendance card. Let The Offering Prayer and Offering

The Sermon applies God's Word to our lives and helps to equip us to fulfill our baptismal calling to new life in Christ.

We present our gifts to God to symbolize the offering of ourselves to the Lord, saying thank You to God, and showing we trust Him to supply all our needs. (Romans 12:1)

After the Offering Prayer, we ask all of those present and on the live stream to please fill out an

THE OFFERING ANTHEM "How Can It Be"

I am guilty, ashamed of what I've done, what I've become.

These hands are dirty. I dare not lift them up to the Holy one.

You plead my cause; You right my wrongs. Chorus:

> You break my chains; You overcome. You gave Your life to give me mine.

You say that I am free.

How can it be? How can it be?

I've been hiding, afraid I've let you down, Inside I doubt that You still love me. But in Your eyes there's only grace now. Chorus

Though I fall, You can make me new.

From this death I will rise with You.

Oh the grace reaching out for me.

How can it be? How can it be?

You plead my cause; You right my wrongs.

You break my chains; You overcome.

You gave Your life to give me mine

You say that I am free. Chorus

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P: Almighty and gracious God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise and thank You for the countless ways You have cared and blessed us this week.
- C: May we, as Your children, never tire in lifting our hearts, hands and voices in praise, joyfully expressing our thanks to You for Your great mercy and grace.
- P: We pray for our families and neighbors, our nation and all nations of the world.
- C: May there be an end to hostilities, so that peace may prevail. Grant that we walk in the light of Christ as Your messengers.
- P: We ask you to give wisdom to the leaders of our country, that they strive to work together and govern with integrity. Remind them that their authority is a sacred trust from You.
- C: Bless those who follow Your will with success, and defeat the efforts of those who work against Your will.

Prayer is one of the marks of the congregation gathered in worship, according to Acts 2:42.

Here the congregation, established and gathered by God according to His purpose, agrees together on earth that it may be done for them by the Father in heaven. as prayers, supplications, and thanksgivings are offered for all in authority and all sorts of human need.

More praver requests for the week are located in the Announcement Guide.

- P: O Lord Jesus Christ, in Your Blessed Sacrament You give us Your body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.
- C: As we receive these gifts, help us to make confession of the unity You give in this Sacrament. May all who come to Your table to receive Your body and blood receive it to their good and to the glory of Your holy name.
- P: All these things and whatever else You would have us ask, grant us, Heavenly Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: Amen.

THE SANCTUS



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.



"Sanctus" is the Latin word for holy, and is the name of an important hymn of Christian liturgy. It is sung at the heart of the eucharistic prayer, the prayer of consecration of the bread and wine. The text is taken from Isaiah 6:3. which describes the prophet's vision of the throne of God surrounded by six-winged, ministering seraphim. This text is also influenced by Rev. 4:8. The concluding text, "blessed is

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer Jesus taught to His disciples and to us in His Word. (Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4)

He who comes.'

The Words of Institution are a collection of all four Gospel accounts of the Last Supper, based on the oldest and fullest text found in 1 Corinthians 11.

The Agnus Dei is a canticle that found its way into the liturgy as early as the 8th century.

Following Jesus' baptism, John the Baptist acclaims Him as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world."

John 1:36

"Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him." Psalm 34:8

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink." John 6:54-55

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THE AGNUS DEI



5 THE COMMUNION

If you are a guest today, please read page 15 before communing. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the communion rail.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM "In Communion We Sing"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. As we sit at His table, reclining at His breast, May our hearts be so humble and our minds be at rest. There is joy in His presence as His mercy we embrace, And harmony with each other as we celebrate His grace.

Chorus: Alleluia to our Father and to Jesus, now we bring. Holy Spirit, we adore You. In communion now we sing.

As we worship and honor, contrition in our hearts
Now the table is ready, let humble adoration start.
There is joy in His presence as His mercy we embrace,
And harmony with each other as we celebrate His grace. **Chorus**

THE COMMUNION SONGS "There is a Redeemer"









"Grace Flows Down"

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.

Amazing love, now flowing down

From hands and feet that were nailed to the tree.

Grace flows down and covers me.

It covers me. It covers me. It covers me.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.

Amazing love, now flowing down

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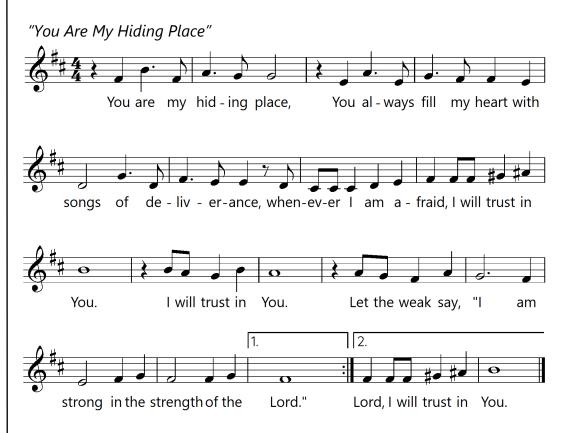
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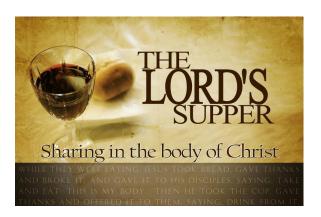
It covers me. It covers me. It covers me. It covers me.

A Prayer before Communing-

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A Prayer after Communing-Almighty and everlasting God I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.





The Post-Communion Song is based on the Words of Institution. We have eaten Christ's body and drank His blood.

The personal encounter with Christ and His gifts in the Lord's Supper leads indeed to a joyful service to "share the peace, hope, and life with others!"

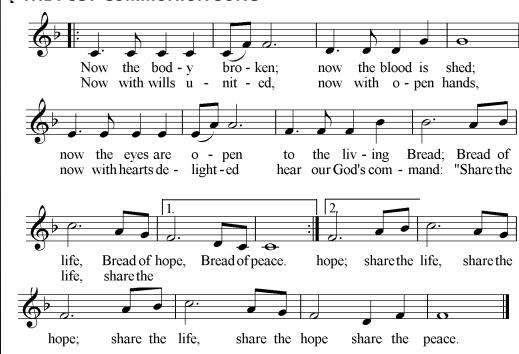
The Aaronic Benediction: the Lord recognizes us as His people, puts His name on us, and fulfills all promises in His name. (Num. 6:24-25; Matt. 18:19-20)

We enter to pray and praise and we leave with a renewed commitment to serve and witness!

You are welcome to take this bulletin home and use it for personal devotions this week.

Otherwise, we ask that you return it to an usher table in the back. Thank you!

I THE POST-COMMUNION SONG



THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you His peace.

C: Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER THE MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE THE CLOSING SONG "Yes He Can"

Sometimes I wonder is He faithful-

Does He see me in my trouble does He understand?

Sometimes I question if He's able-

Can He rescue, can He save me again and again? But when I look back-

Chorus: Did He move every mountain? Did He part every sea? Yes He did, so yes He can!

Did He defeat the darkness? Did He deliver me? Yes He did, so yes He can! (Yes He did so yes He can)

Serving in the Lord's House Today

PREACHER	Rev. James Otte
LITURGIST	Rev. Matthew Lee
ELDER CAPTAIN	John Brownlee
ALTAR COMMITTEE	Team 3
USHER TEAM	Team H
ACOLYTES	Landon Murcott, Knox Phelps
ANTHEM	Natalie Carpenter, Sanctuary Choir
PRAISE TEAM	Team B, Teresa Logue, Dorothy Sherrod, Charles Hayes, Duane Dieterich
PRODUCTION TEAM	Danny Ladishew, Manager Steve Corley, Media—Chuck Tolsma, Sound

Our Response to the Lord Last Week

Weekly Worship Attendance	504
Adult Bible Class	242
Sunday School Attendance	77

Church Faith Budget

Given last week	\$ 43,132
Given year to date	\$ 136,476
Given year to date last year	\$ 139.621

Building Fund

Given last week	\$ 810
Fund total for 2024	\$ 4,345

In planning for the future, consider including the church in your will.

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

As You come to the Lord's Supper, you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that with Lutheran Christians, you believe His Body and Blood are present and you desire to serve Him as a dynamic disciple in the fellowship of all believers. Our Holy Communion practice is called "CLOSE" communion, not "CLOSED" communion. "Close" communion invites all those who answer the following questions in the affirmative. We DO seek to help each visitor and member, to prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament. If you have not communed with us before, or if you cannot answer yes to the questions below, please speak to our Pastor or an Elder before communing.

- 1. Have I been baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
- 2. Do I believe that I am a sinful human being without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
- 3. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil?
- 4. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His true Body and Blood?
- 5. Do I intend, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to live a Godly life?

At Messiah, Communion is distributed in a manner whereby the individual cup, followed by the common cup, are offered at the same table. Communicants seated in the middle sections of the Sanctuary proceed to the altar first, standing behind the usher. Then the communicants in the side sections will proceed to the altar, also standing behind the usher. Limit the line behind the usher to about twenty persons. This will provide a prayerful setting surrounding the significance of receiving Christ's body and blood.

A light, alcohol-free wine is offered in clear glasses in the individual trays. Gluten-free wafers are available at the usher table in the back.



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Services available on the Live Stream/You Tube

- ♦ Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary: 8:30 & 11:00AM (Holy Communion every 2nd and 4th Sunday)
- ♦ Sunday School & Adult Bible Class: 9:45-10:40AM
- ♦ Wednesday Worship in the Chapel 7:00PM (Holy Communion every Wednesday)

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With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will share God's light as we:

Gladly enter God's House weekly (Worship) —Psalm 122:1 Listen for God's voice. (Discipleship-Bible Study, Quiet Time, Prayer)— John 10:27 Open my heart and hands to serve God. (Ministry) —1 Samuel 12:24 Wholeheartedly love God and my neighbor. (Evangelism/Fellowship-Outreach) —Luke 10:27

GLOW and GO!