



Welcome to Messiah

We are a community of grace where we live out Jesus' commandment to love God with our whole heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We also seek to be a welcoming community for all people. This includes people of every race, ability, sexual orientation and gender identity, ethnic background, economic grouping, religious affiliation, and political persuasion. We do this simply because God created all people in God's own image and Christ Jesus came so all people might have abundant life. We may not always be perfect, but this is our intention--all are welcome!

5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 4, 2024

10:30 am

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are comfortable in body or in spirit.

GATHERING HYMN #684 "Creating God, Your Fingers Trace"



1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries
3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly



signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and
known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with
spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a
with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by



light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
grace un - til we praise you face to face.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God, our rock and refuge,

we pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

The presiding minister will read the sections in plain, you are invited to read the bold sections

**We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.**
**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.**
Remember your covenant.
Renew your creation.
Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.
God has spoken:
The time of grace is now.
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
By the authority of ✠ Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
You are God's beloved.
Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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GOD LOVES EACH AND EV - RY ONE. FOR US ALL HE SENT HIS SON.

5 LET'S GIVE THANKS FOR WHAT HE'S DONE. A - LE - LU - I - A!

8 PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESS - INGS FLOW.

12 PRAISE HIM ALL CREA - TURES HERE BE - LOW

17 SOME - TIMES WE DON'T HAVE A CLUE. WE DOUBT, DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

21 HO - LY SPI - RIT HELPS US THROUGH; A - LE - LU - I - A!

25 A - LE - LU - I - A! A - LE - LU - I - A!

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard?
 Has it not been told you from the beginning?
 Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
 and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
 who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
 and spreads them like a tent to live in;
²³who brings princes to naught,
 and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
 scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
 when he blows upon them, and they wither,
 and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
 or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
 Who created these?
 He who brings out their host and numbers them,
 calling them all by name;
 because he is great in strength,
 mighty in power,
 not one is missing.
²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
 and speak, O Israel,
 “My way is hidden from the LORD,
 and my right is disregarded by my God”?
²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?
 The LORD is the everlasting God,
 the Creator of the ends of the earth.
 He does not faint or grow weary;
 his understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹He gives power to the faint,
 and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
 and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission.

¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Please
stand as
you are
comfort-
able in
body or
spirit

GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand

and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

Please be
seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

#955 "Come to the Water of Life"

1 All who are thirst-y for mer - cy, all who are thirst-y for
 2 All who are thirst-y for heal - ing, all who are thirst-y for
 3 All who are thirst-y for beau - ty, all who are thirst-y for
 4 All who are thirst-y for jus - tice, all who are thirst-y for

love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,
 touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,
 truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,
 peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,

come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.

BAPTISM

Please stand
as you are
able.

Sponsors, do you present Viola Renee Sundman for baptism. If so, please respond, **I do.**

Parents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Viola baptized into Christ? If so, please respond, **I do.**

As you bring Viola to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities...

Do you promise to help Viola grow in the Christian faith and life? If so, please respond, **I do.**

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Viola in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? If so, please respond, **I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support Viola and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God...now and forever. **Amen.**

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Everlasting God, you bring your healing power to the church. Give your church a spirit of unity and prayer, that we discern your way for us in the world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Creator of the ends of the earth, you make the grass grow and send rain for the soil. Bring your creation into harmony and balance. Give animals their food and provide healthy shelter for your people. Inspire us to honor the miraculous beauty of all you have made. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God without equal, your steadfast love endures forever. Bring the leaders, elected officials, and peacekeepers of our towns and countries into understanding and unity. Guide them to serve with compassion and understanding. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who strengthens, you lift up with your hand any who are suffering. Heal those who are brokenhearted and strengthen the weak and all in need, especially... God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who gives power to the faint, challenge us to share the faith stories of what God has done in our lives. Open us to receive the unique ways God is at work in your people, especially those whose perspectives challenge our own. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God who calls each star by name, we remember all who have died. Shelter all who mourn with your mercy and care, and give us hope in your promised salvation. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please be
seated

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Be Still”

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Please stand
as you are
comfortable
in body or
spirit

THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly GOD AL - MIGH - TY LET PEOP - LE NOW PRO - CLAIM, -

5 ALL CRE - A - TION IS YOUR AWE - SOME DO - ING. WE PRAISE YOUR HO - LY NAME.

9 EARTH AND MOON, SUN AND SKY SUR - ROUND US, HILLS AND VAL LEYS AND STREAMS,



... you created life out of the void.

We thank you for the gift of creation.

... you lead your people from oppression into liberation.

We thank you for your gift of liberation.

... and guide us to your faithfulness in your promises.

We thank you for your promise to love.

... you made us whole through Jesus Christ.

We thank you for the gift of Christ.

... Amen.

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. 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lamb of God”



Please be
seated



#843 *ELW* "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

#858 *ELW* "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Please
stand as
you are
able

Benedic-
tion: *God
blesses us and
sends us in
mission to the
world.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING

BENEDICTION

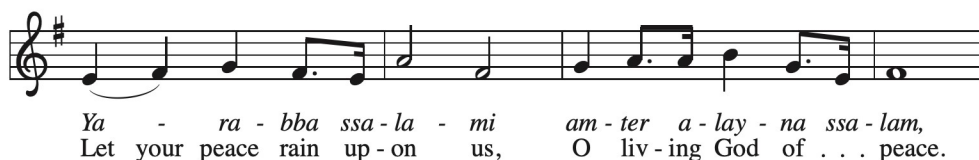
May God the Great Creator,
go on creating within us,
Christ Jesus be our company
and the Holy Spirit surround us
with eternal grace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

#989 "Let Your Peace Rain upon Us"

sing three times

(1-Sara Parks & band; 2-Piano & Congregation; 3-A Capella)



SENDING

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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donation to a specific fund, please be
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entirety of our ministry.

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Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church



Children belong in worship!

Worship kits and a nursery
space is available. God rejoices
in the joyful noise of children
and so do we!



God calls us to welcome everyone!

Messiah seeks to be a welcoming
community and to share the love of
God with our neighbors. If you are
new, please introduce yourself to our
pastors.



Worship should be accessible!

Hearing devices (and T-Coil) and
large print bulletins are available. We
invite you to sit or stand as you are
comfortable. All gender and family
restroom facilities are available on
the first level, please see signs in the
Narthex.



All are welcome at Jesus' table!

During communion grape juice and gluten-free
options are available. Those not wishing to
commune may come forward for a blessing.
Those not able to come forward may receive
communion in their pew, please notify the usher.



God calls us to pray!

Private prayer requests may be made by writing
them on the back of the Welcome Card. If you
would like to be added to the prayer list or receive
a pastoral care visit, please contact the church
office.

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