



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!

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 11, 2024

10:30 am

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GATHERING HYMN #1100 "O Beauty Ever Ancient"

1 O beau-ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,
2 O beau-ty in cre - a - tion, in world of sound and sight,
3 O beau-ty that is move - ment in liq - uid line of grace,
4 O beau-ty of the Spir - it where love is shin - ing through,

di - vine and Ho - ly Pres - ence, my be - ing sings to you,
O beau - ty in the si - lence, in dark-ness as in light,
O beau - ty that is still - ness in love - ly form or face,
O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,

Refrain
in grat - i-tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!

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.

We have wounded one another

and sinned against you.

We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit

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

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

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

2 Kings 2:1-12

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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 9:2-9

Glory to You, O Lord.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be
seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus Name Above All Names”

1. Je sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful Sav - ior,
 2. Je sus, lov - ing Shep - herd, Vine of the branch - es,
 3. Praise him, Lord a - bove all lords, King a - bove all kings,

6 Fm7/Bb Fm7/Ab Gm7 Ab Eb/Bb Bb Eb2
 glo - ri - ous Lord. Em - man - u - el, God is
 Son of God; Prince of Peace, Won - der - ful
 God's on - ly Son. The Prince of Peace, who by his

11 Cm7 F7sus Fm7 Fm7/Bb Eb/Bb Bb Eb
 with us, bless - ed Re - deem - er, Liv - ing Word.
 Coun - se - lor, Lord of the u - ni - verse, Light of the world.
 Spir - it comes to live in us, Mas - ter and Friend.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please stand
as you are
able.

Let us profess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Architect and Guardian,
 who, in the beginning, breathed life into the void,
 sprouting all that is seen and unseen.**

We believe in Jesus Christ

**that in order to reconcile the cosmos,
 this God sent a piece of God's own self
 to be born human as kin to us all.**

And who, at the hands of political tyranny, was killed.

He rose again to new life in love to return the world to God.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 who is one with the Creator and Savior.
 She is our guide and wisdom.
 She pours her spirit into apostles, prophets, teachers, heal-
 ers, and listeners. We believe in the uniting of all Christians
 into the one body of Christ,
 And we believe in our return to God at the end. **Amen.**

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.

We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water of this planet. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives and callings. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for any who are sick and suffering, especially... Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation and its ministry in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died. Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. 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.**

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as you are
comfortable
in body or
spirit

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Beautiful Savior” *Celebration Choir*

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.

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 peo - ple 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,

13 PLANTS AND CREA - TURES AND MORE You GIVE US, BLESSED BE - YOND ALL OUR DREAMS!

17 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God al - migh - ty con - stant, al - ways the same.

21 BLESSED ARE THEY WHO FOL - LOW IN CHRIST'S FOOT - STEPS, AND CALL UP - ON Your name.

... 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”

LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE A - WAY OUR SIN. YOU

5 CAME TO US AND BROUGHT US BLESS - INGS WE DON'T DE - SERVE.

9 LAMB OF GOD SHOW MER - CY ON OUR SOULS. AND

13 GRANT THAT WITH THIS BREAD AND WINE WE KNOW YOUR PEACE.

#715 *ELW* “Christ, Be Our Light”

#496 *ELW* “One Bread, One Body”

POST COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING

Please be
seated

Please stand
as you are
able

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

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

“Shine Jesus Shine” *vs. 1 only*

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing;
2. Lord, I come to Your awe - some pres - ence, from the shad - ows in - to Your rad - i - ance;
3. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis - play Your like - ness;

5 Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us, set us free by the truth You now bring us. Shine on
By the blood I may en - ter Your bright - ness, search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness. Shine on
Ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell Your sto - ry. Shine on

CHORUS

10 Esus E G Esus E A E/A A D A/C# Bm Bm/A Esus E
me, shine on me. Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;
me, shine on me.
me, shine on me.

17 A E/A A D A/C# Bm Bm/A G Esus E A E/A A D A/C# Bm Bm/A
Blaze Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with

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grace and mer - cy; Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

SENDING

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

POSTLUDE



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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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