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PRELUDE

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.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

**Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

**The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in ✝ Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.
Amen.**

KYRIE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

SEÑOR, TEN PIEDAD

Cantor: Lord, have mer - cy. *All / Todos:* Lord, have mer - cy.
Cantor: Se - ñor, ten pie - dad. *All / Todos:* Se - ñor, ten pie - dad.
Cantor: Christ, have mer - cy. *All / Todos:* Christ, have mer - cy.
Cantor: Cris-to, ten pie - dad. *All / Todos:* Cris-to, ten pie - dad. *Cantor:* Se -
All / Todos: Lord have mer - cy. *All / Todos:* Lord, have mer - cy.
All / Todos: ñor, ten pie - dad. *All / Todos:* Se - ñor, ten pie - dad.

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CANTICAL OF PRAISE

GLORY TO GOD

GLORIA A DIOS

Glo - ry to God in the
Glo - ria a Dios en el
high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good
cie - lo, y en la tie - rra paz a los hom - bres que a - ma el Se -
will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
ñor. Por tu in - men - sa glo - ria te a - la -
dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you
ba - mos, te ben - de - ci - mos, te a - do - ra - mos,
thanks, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,
te glo - ri - fi - ca - mos, te da - mos gra - cias, Se -

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O God, al - might - y
ñor Dios, Rey ce - les - tial, Dios Pa - dre to - do - po - de -

Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,
ro - so. Se - ñor, Hi - jo ú - ni - co, Je - su - cris - to, Se -

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,
ñor Dios, Cor - de - ro de Dios, Hi - jo del Pa - dre; tú que

you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on
qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do, ten pie - dad de no -

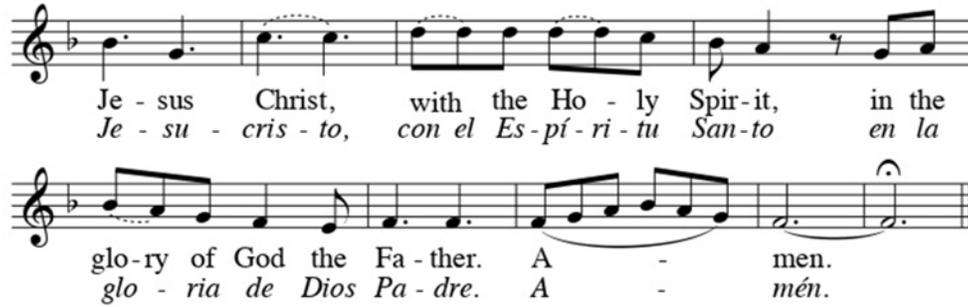
us; you take a - way the sins of the world, re -
so - tros; tú que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do, a -

ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the
tien - de nues - tra sú - pli - ca; tú que es - tás sen - ta - do a

right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on
la de - re - cha del Pa - dre, ten pie - dad de no -

us. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
so - tros. Por - que só - lo tú e - res San - to,

you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
só - lo tú Se - ñor, só - lo tú Al - tí - si - mo,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
Je - su - cris - to, con el Es - pí - ri - tu San - to en la
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.
glo - ria de Dios Pa - dre. A - mén.

APOSTOLIC 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

**O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

WORD

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

THE FIRST READING FROM ISAIAH 42:1-9

- ¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.**
- ² He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;**
- ³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.**
- ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth,
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.**
- ⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it**

and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING FROM ACTS 10:34-43

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ACLAMACIÓN ANTES DEL EVANGELIO



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,

al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu, a - le - lu - ya.

GOSPEL

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

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 3rd Chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Orin W Cummings

SERMON

Pastor Orin W Cummings

HYMN OF THE DAY

ACS 916

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways



1 Down Gal - i - lee's slow road - ways a strang - er trav - eled on
2 A - ris - ing from the riv - er he saw the heav - ens torn;
3 We too have found a road - way; it led us to this place.



from Naz - a - reth to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John.
it seemed the sky so o - pen re - vealed the Spir - it's form.
We all have had to trav - el in search of hope and grace.



He went down to the wa - ters like sol - dier, scribe, and slave,
The ho - ly dove de - scend - ed a - mid a glo - rious voice:
But now be - side this wa - ter a - gain a voice is heard.



but there with - in the riv - er the sign was birth and grave.
"You are my own be - lov - ed, my child, my heart, my choice."
"You are my own, my cho - sen, be - lov - ed of your Lord."

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993
Music: MERLE'S TUNE, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933
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INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

INSTALLATION OF 2026 COUNCIL MEMBERS

The following members Frank Noto, Scot Franson, Mary Keidle, Jack Dimond, Lindsey Dillion, Cathy Murrell, Myril Stewart, John Charles, Marilyn Dial, Ken Edstrom, Steve Grochowsky, Sarah Gunion and have been elected by the congregation to be the 2026 Church Council. Also, Billie Stewart serves as Treasurer and Vickie Donnell as Recording Secretary. I invite all of you to come forward.

We give thanks for Charles Hill, Martha Morris, Marcie Rosenkoetter, and Penny Gordon- Chumbley for their faithful leadership as Councilors over the past year.

In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

A reading from 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 "There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

You have been elected to leadership and trust in this congregation. Hear now your responsibilities:

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of Messiah Lutheran Church, I ask you:

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Members of Messiah, I ask you:

Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

I now declare you installed as 2026 Church Council of Messiah Lutheran Church. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ. **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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

Steadfast God, give courage to your servant church. Heal our divisions and unite us in mission. Uphold our lay leaders, missionaries, pastors, and bishops, and all who proclaim hope in a broken world. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Restoring God, cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs. Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Righteous God, you guide the nations, especially those caught in the grip of conflict or war in the Middle East, Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe and the Americas. Reconcile warring enemies and end cycles of violent retribution. Defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee from persecution. Sustain international aid workers and peacemakers. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill especially Chuck Ryen, Donna Koehler, Jennifer Ledbeeter, Karen Grochowsky, Michael Gunion, Delaney Metzger, Janet Pennel, Jackie Kellie, Steve Moore, Pastor Mike, Marilyn, Sam Coryell, Sally McCarville, Bruce Whiting, Gabe Derr, Jacob Russell-Rivera, Juanita Steinbaugh, Andrew Langr, Mark Krueger, Bob White, and Beverly Carlson. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving one another, our neighbors, and our enemies. We pray for travelers and those who are homebound. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Promising God, in baptism we die and rise with Christ. We give thanks for Dave Pope and Ray Hollingstad who have gone before us, and we trust that we will join them in your everlasting peace one day. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
San - to, San - to, San - to es el Se - ñor, Dios de U - ni - ver - so.

Heav - en and earth, heav - en and earth are full of your
Lle - nos es - tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
glo - ria. Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. Ben -

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
san - na en el cie - lo. Ho - san - na en el cie - lo.

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.
men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

LAMB OF GOD

CORDERO DE DIOS

Cantor: *Assembly / Asamblea:*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
Cor - de - ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe - ca - do del

To repeat *Cantor:*

world, have mer - cy on us.
mun-do, ten pie - dad de no - so-tros. Cor-

Last time *Cantor:*

us.
so - tros. Cor-

Assembly / Asamblea:

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
de - ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe - ca - do del mun-do,

grant us peace, grant us peace.
da - nos la paz, da - nos la paz.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

ELW 310

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

ELW 453

Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956
Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

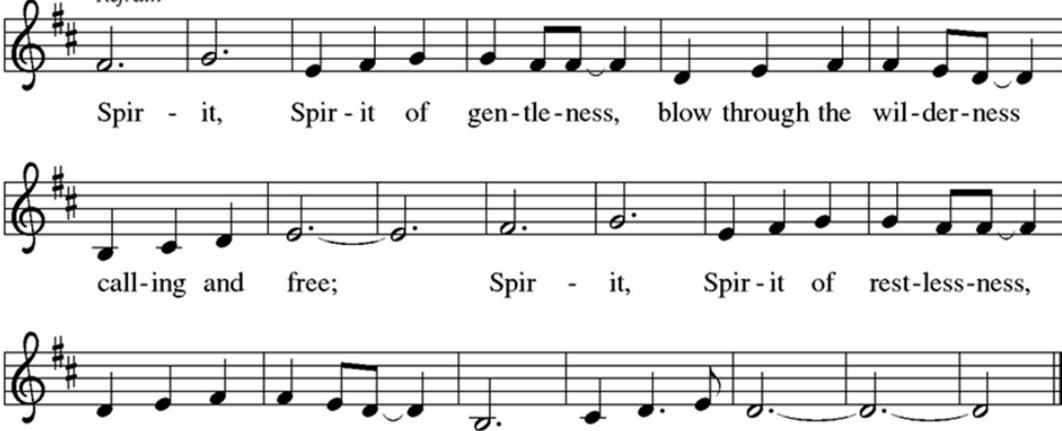
May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise, bless you now and forever.
In the name of the Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 396

Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness
call-ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest-less-ness,
stir me from plac-id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The third staff concludes the melody for the third line. The lyrics are printed below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.



1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940
Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley
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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. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

OFFERING

(Please place gifts in the plates as you leave)

POSTLUDE