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We are glad you are worshipping with us! If you are looking for a church home or if you would like a pastoral visit, let us know by giving your contact information to an usher or the Pastor. **Our mission** *Living in God's grace, we reach out to invite & welcome all with God's Love.* **Our welcoming statement** *We welcome people of every age, color, culture and political persuasion, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and ability as we celebrate together our unity in Christ.*

*According to our 2022-2023 Mission Action Plan:
"In all we say and do we ask for God's guidance."*

Welcome to in-house worship. Our efforts to mitigate the effects of Covid19 continue. We are gradually resuming activities similar to those undertaken prior to the pandemic. However, according to info from the Bayfield County Health Dept. on August 8, Covid19 cases have recently doubled in the city of Washburn. Therefore, we should continue to practice measures that ensure safety. We remain responsive to the best judgment of health professionals and consider the impacts of our decisions on the most vulnerable of our congregation.

Water Appreciation Sunday
August 14, 2022
Messiah Lutheran Church, Washburn, WI

Prelude (Owen Polifka) and Announcements

Call to Worship Holy Spirit, Life-Giver, who moved over the waters of creation, who led your people through the waters of the Red Sea to liberation, who descended like a dove above the waters of Jesus' baptism, draw us together as we gather in your name, seeking replenishment for your task of repairing the world. **Creator God, We thank you for your love in all creation, especially for your gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. We ask your blessing on this gathering as we come together as your people, bringing us together from many places. May we find strength and refreshment as we gather together to worship. Amen.**

ELW #817: You've Come to the Lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy, but only asking for me to follow.

Refrain: Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you've called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you, I will seek other seas.

2-You know full well what I have, Lord; neither treasure nor weapons for conquest, just these my fish nets and will for working. **Refrain**

3-You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary, a love that's willing to go on loving. **Refrain**

Litany (responsive) based on Psalm 23 *Inspired by Katherine Hawker Self

They say that God is taking care of us, that we will have what we need.

We want to believe God hears and responds to our needs and to all children everywhere.

When we follow the Divine into places of beauty, beside lush streams, our soul is restored.

In sharing gratitude for the gifts of life, we pause. We know some are without safe water, without

power, and without parental comfort. Not enough water, not enough food, not enough peace.
Compassion calls to us from places beyond our understanding.

At times, our instinct is to retreat; yet God is calling.

God's way of life is abundance in the presence of despair; beauty washes the pain, hope is determined.
Our steps may be small, but each tiny step is blessed and multiplies. Compassion blossoms as seeds fall to the rich soil beneath the thorns. Love is more pervasive than hatred. Compassion is more insistent than despair. Come Holy Spirit, Come! Make us instruments of your compassion, love and peace. Amen.

Psalms 23 **The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

Message: The Lord's Prayer

ELW #574 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2-I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have bore my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

3-I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

***Four Directions Prayer* and any other prayers we offer today...**

We turn our hearts, minds and bodies toward You as we pray.

We face the North. *Lower Voices:* **From this place, we remember the rivers. Rivers connect us and bring communities together. They provide easier transportation and made early commerce possible. All our lives are bound together by these rivers. O God, creator of the waters above and the waters below, make us one body, like the body of rivers flowing together from many sources. Help us remember that what happens to one part of the body affects all others. Help us be mindful of the protection of our water systems, as we are also mindful of protecting and standing with all parts of the body of Christ, your world, your people. *Pause for silent prayer***

We face East-Higher Voices: **As we turn toward the rising sun, we remember the oceans, fisheries, long and dangerous journeys and all people who make their living from water and on the water. We remember how the oceans brought a diversity of people to this country and met the first peoples here. We pray for people who make their living from the water, and we pray for people who still cross oceans to find a safe home. May we continue to be a people of welcome, of sanctuary, of new possibilities and be gracious to share the abundance of our home. *Pause for silent prayer***

YOUNGER: As we turn to the South we remember those who live in urban communities. Unseen, underneath our cities are the water systems that provide for homes and offices, business and industry. Help us never forget our dependence on water systems. Help us use water responsibly and ethically. And really, all the water we ‘use’ is water we actually just borrow. Make us mindful to remember how precious it is as a resource. Help us teach our children to care for our water. *Pause for silent prayer*

OLDER: Looking westward, we remember the rural uses of water—water for farms, for irrigation, for animals and to grow foods. We pray for rural communities, that we be mindful of their importance in the web of sustaining life. As we stand and pray together, we pray especially for communities who do not yet have access to safe, reliable drinking water. We remember especially communities for whom this is an ongoing struggle. We pray for our communities, our leaders, and our own capacities to speak out. Creator God, who gave us the gift of the waters above and the waters below, help us ensure that all your children have access to good water. We pray that everyone’s right to water will be heard and respected. *Pause for silent prayer*

Leader: As we come full circle, may we remember the path that water takes as it cycles through our lives. Let’s remember that what we put in is ultimately what we get back. Help us live in ways that proclaim your glory together for the love of the world. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Holy Communion & Lord’s Prayer (pre-packaged cups available)

ELW #774: 1-What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms. **Refrain** Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

2-Oh, how sweet to walk, in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. **Refrain**

3-What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. **Refrain**

Announcements

Please stay after worship to hear from Mary Meriotto who will tell us how Bethesda Lutheran in Bayfield came to have a Russian family seeking asylum live in their church basement. **Also TODAY, Messiah folks are invited to attend an outdoor picnic hosted by First Lutheran in Port Wing.** Meet at Port Wing's Town Hall for 11:45 am for the picnic. Bring your own utensils, plates and beverage and dish to pass. Brats, buns and condiments are provided. (Their outdoor worship starts at 10:45 am).

Tuesday, August 16, 1:30 pm, new weekly bible study using *The Lutheran Handbook*, the companion for anyone trying to become a well-informed Jesus follower and have a good time learning at the same time. Topics include: How to Sing a Hymn, How to Stay Alert in Church, What to Bring to a Church Potluck (By Region), How to Share Your Faith with Someone, and more.

Sun., Aug, 21, OUTDOOR worship at Memorial Park 8:30 am.

Tuesday, August 23, 5:30pm, discuss *The Chosen* episode 8. View the episode at home if possible. Meet at church or by Zoom ID #848-4050-6503, passcode-chosen. Discuss & follow the life of Jesus.

Wednesday, August 24, bonfire at Bayview Beach, 6:30 pm. If you are able, please bring a blanket, chair, wood, but mainly bring yourself for fellowship. Single folks, families, young and old are welcome!

Sunday, August 28, plan now to attend a special congregational meeting immediately following the 8:30 am worship service to vote on a stained-glass window proposal which includes fundraising ideas.

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers and Stewards: Everyone Pastor: Nancy Hanson
Altar Guild: Carla Kedrowski & Linda Leis
Parish Assistant: Tracy Martinez Pianist: Owen Polifka
Ushers: Sally Randell and Mary Westlund
Assistants: Michelle Lampson, Diane Tetzner

New folks always welcome to all events!

***Ukulele practice** Saturday morning, August 20, 9:30 am

***Women**, all ages, meet at Messiah, Sat. August 20, **4:00 pm** for an outdoor adventure. Call Jana at 651-308-7472 for more info.

Thank you for your faithful attendance on August 7 we had 33 people in-house and 10 on Zoom.

Prayers for Healing

Terry Morris
Bev & Duane Dehn
Aunt Betsy
Carol Salminen
Kelly Kirshner
Joyce Hudson
Mike Garnich
Tammy Sjolander
Mary Cook (July 7 surgery)
Linda Butler
Ken Belanger
Dianne Heapy
Craig Vittone
Julie Vadnais
Terry Nichols
Neil Schnipke

Requested by

Cindi Orley
Kelly Beirl
Kate, Emma and Jane
Pastor
Bev Dehn
Pastor
Sue Nelson
Melanie Sjolander
Pastor
Linda Schoch
Marne Belanger
Pastor
Kelly Beirl
Anna Mendolin
Carol Salminen
Cindi Orley

Prayers for Comfort in grief

Jim Skerik
Phil Tetzner
Barbie Nichols
Mary McGregor
Dick Steel
Landon Young
Robert Lampson
Ruth Koehn
Lou Kern
Alyssa and Khaleesi Ortman
Betty Larson

Requested by

Pastor
Diane Tetzner
Carol Salminen
Linda Coleman
Pastor
Pastor
Michelle Lampson
Wilma Lamken
LeAnn House
Pastor Nancy
Pastor Nancy

More Prayers -Angel K. and Dan Harvey– healing and housing

- ongoing healing for Margie Motiff and June Steel, now at home
- Peaceful resolution regarding the Russian invasion of Ukraine
- Verne Pratt is at Court Manor in Ashland
- Sue Grube is at Northern Lights.
- Comfort for all who are grieving losses due to traumatic events.
- Comfort & healing for all involved in the July 22 Ashland car accident.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer to be a Zoom Usher! Zoom Ushers ensure that those attending worship via Zoom are getting the most out of our new system. Duties include doing sound and camera checks before worship, monitoring the sound and cameras during worship and adjusting as needed, and co-hosting the Zoom session. No experience required – we will train! Contact Pastor Nancy or Michelle Lampson if interested.

Ashland Community Shelter Needs Volunteers To complete an application visit 2300 Lakeshore Dr. in Ashland or call 715-292-6115.