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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 info to an usher or the Minister. **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. Messiah is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.*

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

Second Sunday in Lent **February 25, 2024**

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.**

Call to Worship

Lenten travelers, who is this Jesus that we follow?

He is the Messiah.

What kind of Messiah is Jesus?

He is the Messiah who teaches that he will lose his life, and who calls us to lose our lives in order to save our lives.

Lenten travelers, following Jesus as our Messiah is a hard road. The blessing is that we do not travel it alone.

Thanks be to God that we share this journey with Jesus, and one another, as we lose our lives for the sake of the gospel to save our lives through Jesus, our Messiah. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: "As We Gather at Your Table" ELW #522 vs 1 & 2

Verse 1

As we gather at Your table
As we listen to Your word
Help us know O God Your presence
Let our hearts and minds be stirred
Nourish us with sacred story
Till we claim it as our own
Teach us through this holy banquet
How to make Love's vict'ry known

Verse 2

Turn our worship into witness
In the sacrament of life
Send us forth to love and serve You
Bringing peace where there is strife
Give us Christ Your great compassion
To forgive as You forgave
May we still behold Your image
In the world You died to save

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, we confess that we are caught in the snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us. Lord. Amen.

Kyrie, p. 147 (please respond in singing)

Glory to God in the highest, p. 148 (please respond in singing)

Let us pray: **Oh God, through your grace and love, you made the cross, an instrument of torture and death be for us the means to life. Grant us the courage to follow in your way of the cross. Give us faith to deny ourselves for the sake of you and our neighbors. All of this we ask, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Choir

Children's Message

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:23-31

²³ You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴ **For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me but heard when I cried to him.**

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

²⁷ **All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.**

²⁸ For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

²⁹ **To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.**

³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord

³¹ **and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.**

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Gospel Acclamation, p. 151 "Return to the Lord..."

A reading from the 8th chapter of Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn: "Will You Come and Follow Me" ELW # 798, vs 1, 2, & 5

1 Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2 Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

5 Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Apostle's Creed, p.105

Prayers of Intercession
Passing the Peace

Offertory and Offering Hymn: "We Are an Offering" ELW # 692

Offering Prayer: **Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving, p.152

Holy, Holy, Holy, p.153

Holy Communion: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!**

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God, p.154

Prayer after communion

Announcements

Blessing

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and give you peace. **Amen.**

Hymn: *Go Now and Pass It On*

**May the Lord walk beside us,
As we leave this quiet place,
For the Lord will always guide us,
If we walk in the light of his grace.
May we feel God's love around us,
As it keeps us faithful and strong,
For the peace of God surrounds us,
And now we must pass it on.
Go now and pass it on.**

Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Coffee fellowship downstairs after worship is hosted by Sally Randell today!

Bad River, a movie highlighting our Indigenous neighbors and issues of justice related to culture, livelihood, and water is being released Fri., March 15th. It will play for at least one week in Ashland. Please consider viewing the movie & joining a congregational discussion (hosted by Justice Seekers) at Messiah on March 21st from 5-7pm. Link to movie trailer: <https://www.badriverfilm.com/>. For questions, contact Mary Trettin, 651-308-0486, mltrettin@outlook.com

Some things coming up

Mondays - Morning Prayer at the parsonage, 7:15am

Tuesdays - Bible Study 1:30pm

February 27 – The Chosen Bible Study, 5:30 pm

March 6 and 20 – GIFT at 5:30 pm

March 21 – Justice Seekers 3:30

Lenten Worship Schedule

Wed. Night 6:30 Service—Feb. 28 & March 13

HOLY WEEK (Thurs 3/28—Easter 3/31):

Maundy Thurs. 5:30 soup supper, 6:30 worship

Good Fri. – Sanctuary open, silent prayer 12 to 2:00 pm, 6:30 worship

Easter Sunday—9:00 am worship

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers and Stewards: Everyone

SAM: Kristin Boland

Altar Guild: Linda Leis

Parish Assistant: Tracy Martinez

Council President: Tom Mitchell

Usher: Mike Miller

Assistant: Mary Trettin

Choir Director: Tom Yost, Pianist: Owen Polifka

Zoom Asst: Michelle Lampson

Thanks for faithful attendance. February 18, 65 in-house, 8 on Zoom

Messiah has reached \$93,000 towards the window restoration. Because no additional repairs were necessary we did not need the \$100,000. **Thank you to our congregation!**

Prayers for Healing

Karen Bayliss

Sarah Garrison

Merrill Miranowski

Ken Belanger

Duane Dehn

Dave Cook

Rob Gwinn

Dick Follis

Nancy Jonsson

Keith Holm

Requested by

Darlene Anderson

Mary Cook

Bev Dehn

Marne Belanger

Bev Dehn

Lorraine Young

Ruth Carlson

Bob Follis

Diane Tetzner

Barb Swenson

Marlyce Olson	Sarah Olson
Sarah Olson	Sarah Olson
Washburn United Methodist Church	Jessica Mitchell
Daniel Saari	Bill Luckenbill
Barb	Mary Cook
Judy Zovac	Cindi Orley

Prayers for Comfort in grief

Jerry Larsen
Verne Pratt
Dan Harvey
Carol Root
Terry Nichols
Joyce Oberdeck

Requested by

Stephanie (Olson) Larsen
Tom & Kathy Moran
Pastor Nancy Hanson
Kelly Beirl
Carol Salminen
Bob & Linda Leis

Prayers

-Comfort and love to all affected by violence
-Peaceful resolution to the wars in Ukraine and Israel
-Wilma Lamken and Lois Osterberg are at The Oaks