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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."*

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 4, 2024

Thanksgiving for Baptism

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" ELW #843

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

2 Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.

Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

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.**

Kyrie, p. 147 (please respond in singing)

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

Let us pray: **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 known to the ends of your creation, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Choir

First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31 (printed on the back of the bulletin)

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

¹ Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God,
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

² **The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

³ He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

⁴ **He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.**

⁵ Great is our Lord and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

⁶ **The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.**

⁷ Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.

⁸ **He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.**

⁹ He gives to the animals their food
and to the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁰ **His delight is not in the strength of the horse
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

¹¹ but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Praise the Lord!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶ If 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! ¹⁷ For if I do this of my own will, I have a wage, but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸ What then is my wage? 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.

¹⁹ For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might gain all the more. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to gain 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 gain those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not outside God's law but am within Christ's law) so that I might gain those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, so that I

might gain 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 might become a partner in it.

Gospel Acclamation, p. 151

A reading from the 1st chapter of Mark (printed on back of bulletin).

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Sermon

Hymn: "Arise, Your Light Has Come!" ELW # 314

1 Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.

3 Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

2 Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

4 Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.

(APOSTLE'S CREED), p.217

Prayers of Intercession

Passing the Peace

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

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering

All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You
We give to You

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
We are an offering

All that we have

Offertory Prayer: Let us pray, **God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Thanksgiving for the Word: We pray, **O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you, illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of**

others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn: "Rise, Shine, You People!" ELW #665, verses 1 & 3

1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
our human story; God in him is centered.

He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
with grace unbounded.

3 Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.

To all the world go out and tell the story
of Jesus' glory.

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

Announcements

Please join us for coffee fellowship downstairs after worship hosted by The Generosity Team!

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers and Stewards: Everyone

Service Leaders today: The Generosity Team

SAM: Kristin Boland

Altar Guild: Linda Leis

Parish Assistant: Tracy Martinez Council President: Tom Mitchell

Ushers: Sally Randell and Matt Dawson

Choir Director: Tom Yost, Pianist: Owen Polifka

Zoom Asst: Michelle Lampson

Thanks for faithful attendance. Jan. 28, 66 in-house, 8 on Zoom

Thank you for your generosity! So far Messiah's Stained Glass Window Fund has received \$92,000.00 toward our goal of \$100,000.

Prayers for Healing

Karen Bayliss

Abbie Cook-Blais

Sarah Garrison

Merrill Miranowski

Ken Belanger

Duane Dehn

Dave Cook

Requested by

Darlene Anderson

Mary Cook

Mary Cook

Bev Dehn

Marne Belanger

Bev Dehn

Lorraine Young

Rob Gwinn	Ruth Carlson
Dick Follis	Bob Follis
Nancy Jonsson	Diane Tetzner
Keith Holm	Barb Swenson
Marlyce Olson	Sarah Olson
Sarah Olson	Sarah Olson
Joyce Oberdeck	Bob and Linda Leis
Washburn United Methodist Church	Jessica Mitchell
Mary Rezin	Bob and Linda Leis

Prayers for Comfort in grief

Jerry Larsen
Verne Pratt
Dan Harvey

Requested by

Stephanie (Olson) Larsen
Tom & Kathy Moran
Pastor Nancy Hanson

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

Some things coming up

Mondays - Dartball at 7:00pm at Messiah
Tues. & Thursdays—Congregational Survey help sessions 3:00–5:30pm
February 7 – GIFT at 5:30 pm
February 11 – Breakfast worship in the basement, come and see!
Feb. 15 – Justice Seekers 3:30 – 5:30, book discussion & soup at 5:30
February 14 – Ash Wednesday soup supper at 5:30, worship at 6:30
February 18 – Annual Meeting after worship
February 21 – GIFT at 5:30 pm
-family meeting to discuss confirmation class at 6:30 pm