

Messiah Lutheran Church

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We are glad you are worshiping 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. 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."*

Welcome to in-house worship. Our efforts to mitigate the effects of Covid19 continue. We continue to practice measures that ensure safety. We trust the best judgment of health professionals and consider the impacts of our decisions on the most vulnerable of our congregation.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany **January 29, 2023**

Prelude: Owen Polifka

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, we confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

Holy One, source of our renewal, **we confess that we have sinned and cannot free ourselves. At times, our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another. Amen.**

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Hymn: "Let Streams of Living Justice" ELW #710

1 Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth.
Give freedom's light to captives; let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading; the workers claim their rights,
The mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron power.
Abolish ancient vengeance. Proclaim your people's hour.

2 The dreaded disappearance of family and friend,
The torture and the silence – the fear that knows no end.
The mother with her candle, the child who holds a gun,

The old one nursing hatred – all seek release to come.
Each candle burns for freedom, each light's a tyrant's fall.
Each flower placed for martyrs gives tongue to silenced call.

3 For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end.
For love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together: knit our lives as they are spun.
On your loom of life enroll us till the thread of life is run.
O great Weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one.
Dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your sun.

4 Your city's built for music: we are the stones you seek.
Your harmony is language. We are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service, our hope in other's dreams.
Our love in hand of neighbor. Our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice, your way – the path untried:
Your truth – the heart of stranger, your life – the Crucified.

Lord God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Help us practice kindness, do justice and walk humbly with you. In your name we pray, Amen.

Choir
Children's Time

Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in^[c] the Lord."

Matthew 5:1-12
Sermon

Hymn: "Blest are they" ELW # 728

1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit
Theirs is the kingdom of God
Blest are they, full of sorrow
They shall be consoled

Refrain:

Rejoice and be glad
Blessed are you; holy are you
Rejoice and be glad
Yours is the Kingdom of God

2 Blest are they, the lowly ones
They shall inherit the earth
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst
They shall have their fill

Refrain

3 Blest are they who show mercy

Prayers of Intercession

Passing the Peace while sitting

Offering, for all online givers, please find a card at the usher's station that says "We give our offering electronically."

Offertory: Owen Polifka

"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 have

Mercy shall be theirs
Blest are they, the pure of heart
They shall see God

Refrain

4 Blest are they who seek peace
They are the children of God
Blest are they who suffer in faith
The glory of God is theirs

Refrain

5 Blest are you who suffer hate
All because of me
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom
Shine for all to see

Refrain:

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

God, we offer the gifts of our hearts & lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen.

Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

Sing: *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us. 2x
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.*

Choir

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.

Sending Hymn: "Lord, Dismiss Us" ELW # 545

1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.

Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,
trav'ling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation

in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when your love shall call us
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day.

Blessing: Go in peace. Follow in the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

Announcements

Thanks to the Bell family for serving coffee fellowship. Please sign up for future Sundays so we can continue to care for one another.

Messiah's Stained Glass Window Fundraising Update

We have raised over \$64,368 toward our \$100,000 goal. If you want to contribute, write "windows" in your check memo or use an envelope from the usher station. Thank you.

Caring, responsible person needed to provide care for our son who lives in Washburn and requires around the clock care. Weekend hours and some shifts are available; however, we prefer a dedicated full-time person, and this would include some benefits. Will train for those with desire to provide stellar support. Contact Dea or Tom at 715-373-5000 or dlyost@centurytel.net.

Monday Night Dartball

Mark Maki reports that everyone is having a great time; and they still need more players. There's no time like the present to attend a Monday night dartball game to see if you might like it! All genders welcome. Call Mark 715-209-4573 for more info.

Tues., 1:30 pm Bible Study meets for fellowship. Pastor Nancy will be at Northern Lights Nursing Home on January 31.

Women of all ages study and fellowship group meets at 5:30 pm. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays each month. Come join us even if you haven't come before. Women all ages welcome! Next two meetings are February 14 and 28.

Quilting, Wednesdays 9:00 am. No experience needed, we want you!

Choir rehearsal on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. All voices welcome.

Living the Questions continues on Thursdays from 11:00-1:00 pm Years ago we watched this DVD series. This time the discussion is LIVE with folks from around the U.S. Come to the church basement on Thursdays from 11-1, or ask Pastor for the Zoom ID.

Session 4: The Myth of Redemptive Violence, Feb. 2

Session 5: Practicing Resurrection, Feb. 9

Session 6: Debunking the Rapture, Feb. 16

***GIFT stands for Generations in Faith Together**

We meet at 5:30pm starting with a meal, then worship and lesson. All ages welcome. GIFT meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Our next meetings are February 1 and 15.

Sunday, February 5 is a big day. New Member Sunday and Messiah's Annual Meeting with potluck meal to follow. Please sign up indicating what kind of food you plan to bring for the potluck. Thank You!

We grieve the loss of Messiah's long-time member and organist, Sue Grube. We also celebrate her long life of 92 years. Per Sue's request, there will be no formal funeral services. Cards can be sent to her daughter: Cindy Ferrara, 47755 North Trapper Lake Drive, Cable, WI 54821.

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers and Stewards: Everyone Pastor: Nancy Hanson

Choir Director: Tom Yost

Altar Guild: Cheryl Follis and Wendy Murphy

Parish Assistant: Tracy Martinez Pianist: Owen Polifka

Ushers: Sally Randel and Mary Westlund

Zoom Assistant: Michelle Lampson Reader: Cindi Orley

New people always welcome!

***Ukulele practice** on Saturday, February 4, 9:30 am

Thank you for your faithful attendance.

January 22-45 in-house, Zoom-10.

Prayers for Healing

Terry Morris

Carol Salminen

Ken Belanger

Terry Nichols

Cynthia Warren

Mary

Nancy Heaton

Lona

Linda Fenwick

Baby Miana

Donna Kramolis

Jamie Klema

Dale Chesley

Penny Sandor

Wendy Murphy

Rosie Bodin

Eva Livingston

Requested by

Cindi Orley

Pastor

Marne Belanger

Carol Salminen

Gail Ballinger

Bob & Linda Leis

Margie Motiff

Sandy Raspotnik

Keith Holm

Heidi Kontny

Linda Schoch

Jamie Zak

Pastor

Kelly Beirl

Sue Nelson

Wendy Murphy

Diane Tetzner

Bradley Faulkner
Paul Simmons

Lynn Faulkner
Pastor

Prayers for Comfort in grief

Eric Swansen
Kelly Kirchner
Lionel Dicharry
Dick Bellile
Sue Grube

Requested by

Pastor Nancy
Bev Dehn
Tom & Jessica Mitchell
Pastor
Pastor

More Prayers -Angel K. and Dan Harvey

- Peaceful resolution regarding the Russian invasion of Ukraine
- Verne Pratt is at Court Manor in Ashland
- Wilma Lamken is at The Oaks