



Welcome to
Messiah

We are a community of grace where we live out Jesus' commandment to love God with our whole heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We also seek to be a welcoming community for all people. This includes people of every race, ability, sexual orientation and gender identity, ethnic background, economic grouping, religious affiliation, and political persuasion. We do this simply because God created all people in God's own image and Christ Jesus came so all people might have abundant life. We may not always be perfect, but this is our intention--all are welcome!

Second Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 am - January 18, 2026

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

#979 "Making Their Way"



1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris-tians as - sem - ble
3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath-ered for wor - ship, of - fer-ing thanks,
learn-ing to walk in Je-sus' way. Mem-bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
car - ing for strang-er as for friend, till in the joy of long-ing ful-filled,



the great-est with the least have come to share this feast.
they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

The presiding minister will read the sections in plain text.
You are invited to read the bold portions.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **☩** one God,
 the Creator of heaven and earth,
 the Word who spoke life into being,
 the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

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

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.

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

Ky - ri - e, e - - le - i - son.

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Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

Please
be seat-
ed

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands;
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born;
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
² He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.
³ And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD
and my reward with my God."

⁵ And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶ he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob

4 and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”
7 Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
“Kings shall see and stand up;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sos-thenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are comfortable in body or in spirit.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in G major (indicated by a C-clef) and the bottom staff is in F major (indicated by a B-clef). The key signature changes between the two staves. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia." repeated three times, followed by "Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia." The music features eighth and sixteenth note patterns, with a fermata over the third note of the first measure. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹ [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

#817 “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”



1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -
 1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
 2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
 4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please stand
as you are
comfortable
in body or
spirit.

We believe in God, the Creator and Lover of the Universe;

And we respond to this God in love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the embodiment of Love and the Saviour of all;

And we respond to this God in love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, Love's power poured out, and the Presence of Love within;

And we respond to this God in love.

We believe in the Church, The community of Love; And we believe in life renewed and eternal; Love enjoyed and shared with God and creation for ever.

And again we dedicate ourselves to this love and to the God who gives it.
Amen.

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.

Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness, especially... Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community. Kindle in us a desire to help one another. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face. 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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please be Seated.

Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Celebration Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we offer our gifts to you today, trusting in your promise that you are indeed the One who heals, who proclaims good news to the poor, and who brings hope to those in despair. As we give, we are reminded of your humble presence in the world and your invitation to follow you with hearts full of trust and faith. May our offerings reflect the joy we find in the assurance that, all things are made new through your love for us. We pray in your holy name. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to you, Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

1 = 84 F Dm7 Am C B♭ F

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

5 B♭ F C Dm B♭maj7 F/C Csus

Heav - en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -

8 F B♭ F C Dm

est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

,, B♭maj7 F/C C Dm F F/A B♭maj7 F/C C F

...

II B♭maj7 F/C C Dm F F/A B♭maj7 F/C C F

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

God of quiet words and loud silences,

... and let Your Word of life fill our hearts and our souls. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lamb of God”

Please be seated.

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world, mi - se - re - re

no - - bis. Lamb of God, You take a - way the

sins of the world, mi - se - re - re no - - bis.

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world, do - na no - bis pa - - -

cem, do - na no - bis pa - - - cem.

#798 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

#808 “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit. Benediction: *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

BENEDICTION

May you be sent out, not just with a blessing, but with a mission.
 May the Spirit empower you to see the world through Jesus's eyes—
 full of need and potential.
 Go, then, to love fiercely, serve humbly,
 and point everyone you meet to the One who first loved us.
 Be His reflection in a world that desperately needs Him.
 Go in peace and serve with joy. Amen

SENDING HYMN

“The Joy” by *The Belonging Co.*

This is the day You made
 So I'll rejoice and be glad
 Rejoice and be glad in it
 This is where I believe
 That You are more than enough
 More than enough for me

You are faithful to Your promise
 You are strong when I am weak
 When I'm standing in Your presence
 I have everything I need

The joy of the Lord
 The joy of the Lord is my strength
 The joy of the Lord
 The joy of the Lord is my strength

O my soul bless His Name
 All that is within me say
 The joy of the Lord
 The joy of the Lord is my strength

Jesus come what may
 You are worthy of all
 Worthy of all my praise

You are faithful to Your promise
 You are strong when I am weak
 When I'm standing in Your presence
 I have everything I need

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O my soul bless His Name
All that is within me say
The joy of the Lord
The joy of the Lord is my strength

Let it rise up like a river
Overflowing Holy Spirit
Let it pour out with no limit
Overflowing Holy Spirit

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SENDING

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church



Children belong in worship!

Worship kits and a nursery space is available. God rejoices in the joyful noise of children and so do we!



God calls us to welcome everyone!

Messiah seeks to be a welcoming community and to share the love of God with our neighbors. If you are new, please introduce yourself to our pastors.



Worship should be accessible!

Hearing devices (and T-Coil) and large print bulletins are available. We invite you to sit or stand as you are comfortable. All gender and family restroom facilities are available on the first level, please see signs in the Narthex.



All are welcome at Jesus' table!

During communion grape juice and gluten-free options are available. Those not wishing to commune may come forward for a blessing. Those not able to come forward may receive communion in their pew, please notify the usher.



God calls us to pray!

Private prayer requests may be made by writing them on the back of the Welcome Card. If you would like to be added to the prayer list or receive a pastoral care visit, please contact the church office.

Preacher:	Pr. Molly Hunter
Assisting Minister:	Mike Hill
Reader:	Jeanne Groos
Ushers:	Jean Reynolds
Communion Assistants:	Mike & Joan Hill, Sandy Lindberg, Gayle Mack
Greeters:	Laurel Kniskern, Ellen Symons
Songleader:	Sara Parks
Pianist:	Jacob Schmeltzer
Band Members:	Tom Bronken, Ross Larson
Audio Technician:	Dan Zini
Livestream Technician:	Traci Zini
Projection Technician:	Abby LaForest
Nursery:	Maddie Dykema
Flower Delivery:	

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