

**Messiah Lutheran Church
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"TO LIVE AND TEACH JESUS' LOVE"**



"Growing God's Family through Worship and Service"

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11:00 a.m. Sunday

Order of Worship Celebration Sunday

We Worship Together

As we gather to worship and praise our God in His House, out of respect and reverence to Him, please silence or turn off all cell phones.

Prelude Music

Words of Welcome

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship (We take a moment in silence to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.)

- † Pray that the stuff of the week will not crowd out your worship
- † Pray that the Holy Spirit will open your heart and mind to receive God
- † Thank God, by name, for those who have witnessed to you by their faithful worship
- † Thank God for all that you receive in worship

Key Verse

“And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’” (Matthew 25:40)

P: We make our beginning in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen!**

The Opening Song (Please rise as you are able)

“Sanctuary”

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.
We exalt Thee, we exalt Thee, we exalt Thee O Lord!
We exalt Thee, we exalt Thee, we exalt Thee O Lord!
Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We come before our God of grace to confess our sins and receive His love and forgiveness in Jesus. (A time for silent confession)

All: **Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against You. Too often, Lord, we fail to believe that You have loved us with everything You have. We try to earn Your love and earn salvation by what we do and how we live instead of simply putting our faith in Jesus. We haven't always loved those less fortunate than us. For these and all the other ways that we have sinned against You we ask Your forgiveness for Jesus sake. Amen.**

P: “For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.” By God's grace through faith in Jesus we have been made alive, we are sheep of the Shepherd. In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus we are blessed by the Father and have heaven as our inheritance. Therefore hear again His words of forgiveness, your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in His peace.

C: **Amen!**

The Song of Response

"Because He Lives"

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal, and forgive.

He lived and died to buy my pardon;

An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow; Because He lives all fear is gone;

Because I know He holds the future,

And life is worth the living just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, And feel the pride and joy he gives;

But greater still the calm assurance

This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

Chorus

And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain.

And then as death gives way to victory,

I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

Chorus

Prayer

All: Almighty God, in Your grace You have blessed us and called us to be Your sheep, Your children, who will one day join You in the glories of heaven. As we wait for that day empower us with the Holy Spirit so that we may give food to the hungry and clothes to the naked and drink to the thirsty and welcome in the stranger. Help us everyday to love others the way Jesus has loved us. In His precious and holy name. Amen.

(Please be seated)

The Scripture Readings

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice... Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits,

then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord,

when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Children’s Sermon (We invite the children to please come forward)

The Song of the Day

Way Maker/King of My Heart

You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

Chorus (2x’s)

**Way maker, miracle worker
Promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who you are**

You are here, touching every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, turning lives around
I worship You, I worship You

Chorus (3x’s)

Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run,
The fountain I drink from;
Oh, He is my song.

Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide,
The ransom for my life;
Oh, he is my song.

Chorus

You are good, good, oh.
You are good, good, oh.
You are good, good, oh.
You are good, good, oh.

Let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails,
The anchor in the waves;
Oh, He is my song.

Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins,
The echo of my days;
Oh, He is my song.

Chorus

Sermon

"What the Saints do"

Confession of Faith

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Prayer for Healing

C: Gracious Father, when the trials of life beat us down, when we suffer with the pains of life, You invite us to come to You for strength and comfort. Therefore, we lift before You Your servants and ask that You bring healing to their lives: Jared Hanschu, Katelynn Graham, Louis Onek, Kurt Taylor, Shirley Hensley, Caide Timmons, Marietta Whitson, Dale Brecht, Robert Brecht, Matt Smith, Myrna Hinz, Tim Rust and others that each of us lifts before You in our hearts... (Silently lift them before God).

L: Lord in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Benediction

- P: Jesus comes to us again today and says, ‘come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you...’
- C: **We thank God for numbering us with the sheep and giving us forgiveness and life in Jesus. By the power of the Holy Spirit we will live to share Jesus love.**
- P: Go then, as people empowered by this faithful God and as you go may:
The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you His peace.
- C: **Amen.**

The Closing Song

“Your Love Defends Me”

You are my joy, You are my song
You are the well, the One I'm drawing from
You are my refuge, my whole life long
Where else would I go?

Chorus

**Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me, Your love defends me
And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me, Your love defends me**

Day after day, night after night
I will remember, You're with me in this fight
Although the battle, it rages on
The war already won
I know the war is already won

Chorus

Bridge

We sing Hallelujah
You're my portion, My salvation
Hallelujah

Chorus (Twice)

Bridge (Three Times)

Recessional