

MESSIAH LUTHERAN

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27th, 2025 8:30 am Worship **Welcome to Messiah!** Whether you're a member, a returning guest, or maybe this is your first time at Messiah, we welcome you to this time of worship. During our time together, we hope that you experience the presence and love of God in a profound and life-changing way! May the music we share stir you, may the prayers we offer comfort you, and may the proclaimed Word of God challenge you to live with a new passion and purpose. Again, we are honored that you have chosen to worship here today. Let's give God all glory and praise.

First-Time guests, we invite you to look through the "Welcome to Messiah" brochure found in the attendance card slot on the pew in front of you. If you have any questions, please talk to an usher. For families with young children, there is a cry room available at the back of the Sanctuary.

Once we enter God's House, we pray that our hearts are changed, and that His perspective becomes ours; that we release the cares of this world, and bask in the beauty of His holiness; that we give Him whatever burdens our heart, and find the Spirit's peace that passes all human understanding; that we learn more about Jesus through His Word, and the joy that comes from a closer walk with the Lord.

"Be thoughtful-be silent-be reverent; for this is the house of the Lord,
Before the service, speak to the Lord;
During the service, let the Lord speak to you;
After the service, speak to one another."

If a song is being sung, words are provided on the screens at the front of the sanctuary. We invite you to sing along, or meditate on the song's message.

O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory. Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You.

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Proof is surely what we want, but instead of the kind of proof that would remove the need for faith, God gives us His own marks of suffering to satisfy our fears. We find our refuge in the wounds of Christ. Thomas found them and the doubter hecame a believer. All of us find answers to the troubles and trials of this mortal life in the wounds of Christ, and from these wounds we confess to the world, "My Lord and my God!" Don't let vour doubts and fears drive vou awav from Jesus. Go to Him with them all, and He has promised to build us up in faith.

"The early Christian Church devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer." Acts 2:42

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THE PRELUDE

THE GREETING

THE OPENING HYMN "Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today" LSB 463





P=Pastor **C=Congregation**

In the
Invocation, we
"invoke" God's
presence by
repeating the
name in which
we were
baptized by the
Father, Son,
and Holy
Spirit.

In the Confession, we bare our souls before the Lord, admitting our sins and accepting responsibility for the harm they caused in our relationships with God and with each other. (1 John 1:8-9; Rom. 3:23)

The pastor then speaks God's Word to give the forgiveness Jesus won for us on the cross. (John 20:23)

In the Collect, The pastor and congregation greet each other as the angel greeted Mary at her annunciation.

THE INVOCATION

- P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: This is the day that the LORD has made;
- C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- P: Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
- C: Death no longer has dominion over Him.
- P: Christ has risen from the dead.
- C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.
- P: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;
- C: He has put all things under His feet.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
- Let C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful, and we have not always lived as Your thankful and joyful people. We have indeed turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us all that is past, blot out our sins, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us steadfastness among all the changes of this world and build Your kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
 - P: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a victorious life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. As well-loved Easter people, rejoice and be glad! You are free indeed!
 - C: Amen. We are free indeed!

THE COLLECT

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray.

The phrase also indicates the special relationship between the pastor and the congregation.

The First Lesson is taken from a book of the New Testament, and is found on page 913 in the pew Bible. It coordinates with the Gospel

lesson.

The Epistle Lesson is generally from St. Paul's letters, and is found on page 1028 in the pew Bible. We may read through an entire book over several weeks. P: Living Lord, You have commanded us to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins to all nations. To fulfill this command, we ask You to clothe us with the power from on high, Your Holy Spirit, that we may carry the amazing message of Your resurrection to the ends of the earth; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 5:12-20

¹² Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³ None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴ And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵ so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶ The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. ¹⁷ But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸ they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰ "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

THE EPISTLE LESSON Revelation 1:4-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

The Gospel Verse may change weekly or the ordinary verse is from John 6:68.

We rise for the Holy Gospel as we would stand for Jesus Himself, since the Gospel is His living Word to us.

The Gospel lesson is selected according to the season or festival Sunday of the Church Year, and is found on page 906 in the pew Bible.

We respond to the Word of God with an acclamation of praise, and then by confessing our faith.

THE GOSPEL VERSE "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heav'n" LSB 477

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow'rs of evil
In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried:
Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
Whom we worship and adore.



THE HOLY GOSPEL John 20:19-31

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." ²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

- P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Apostles'
Creed dates
from about 75
AD and was
used in the
instruction of
those to be
baptized. We
are confessing
our personal
faith.

A creed is a statement of what you believe as a Christian. In this Easter season, pav special attention to the words. "I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." Because Jesus rose, we too shall rise on the last day.

The Sermon Hymn is based on the Gospel Lesson.

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WE CONFESS OUR FAITH-The Apostles' Creed

C: 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.

🏅 THE SERMON HYMN "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen" LSB 474



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The Sermon applies God's Word to our lives and helps to equip us to fulfill our baptismal calling to new life in Christ.

The pastor preaches both the LAW (God's judgment on our sin), and the GOSPEL (God's love and forgiveness for our sins). We then share the same grace with those around us. as well as the Good News of salvation!

After the offering prayer, we ask members and guests to fill out an attendance card. If you have a special prayer request, you will find a space for this on the back of the card.

Thank you.

THE SERMON "That" and "In" Rev. Jace C. Detrie

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S TEACHING "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen" LSB 474

5 City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb, River of life, saints and archangels, Sing with creation to God the I AM! Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

ነ THE OFFERING PRAYER AND OFFERING

THE ANTHEM "Made for More"

I know who I am 'cause I know who You are.

The cross of salvation was only the start.

Now I am chosen free and forgiven.

I have a future and it's worth the living.

Chorus: ('Cause) I wasn't made to be tending a grave

I was called by name

Born and raised back to life again-

I was made for more.

So why would I make a bed in my shame

When a fountain of grace is running my way. I know I am Yours and I was made for more.

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I know who I am 'cause I know who You are.

The cross of salvation was only the start.

Now I am chosen free and forgiven.

I have a future and it's worth the living. **Chorus**

Oh, hallelujah You called out my name

So I'll sing out Your praise

Hallelujah You buried my past-I'm not going back.

Oh, hallelujah You called out my name

So I'll sing out Your praise!

Hallelujah You buried my past-I'm not going back. **Chorus**

Prayer is a time in worship for the congregation, established and gathered by God according to His purpose, to agree together on earth that it may be done for them by the Father in heaven, as prayers, supplications, and thanksgivings are offered for all in authority

More prayer requests are found in the Announcement Guide. Please take them with you to use for your prayer time this week.

and all sorts of human need.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the whole church, that the message of salvation may joyfully be proclaimed throughout the world, and the forgiveness of sins be celebrated around the globe.
- C: We pray for all nations, that their governments would be a source of blessing to those who are governed, and that all forms of oppression may be ended, bringing peace and well-being to all.
- P: We pray for ourselves in this amazing season of our Lord's great victory, that we may truly be Easter people all year long, radiating the light of Christ in our homes, workplaces, and communities.
- C: We pray for all who serve through their callings, especially those who deal with challenges or dangers on a regular basis, including police officers, firefighters, and all emergency personnel.
- P: We remember at this time the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, whose efforts serve to defend our nation in challenging times.
- C: Use all who pledge to serve and protect us to Your glory.
- P: We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or grieve, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all other needs known to You.
- C: Bless them with Your presence, gracious Father, that they may have a sense of purpose in their lives and find strength and hope for each day.
- P: By Your grace, bless all who receive our Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament this day.
- C: As we receive the same body and blood given into death and raised again for our forgiveness, grant us the joy of the forgiveness of sin and the power of an endless life. Help us by this sacrament to live out our Baptismal life, dying in repentance and being raised in faith.
- P: These things and whatever else You would have us ask, we implore You to grant us for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.
- C: Amen.

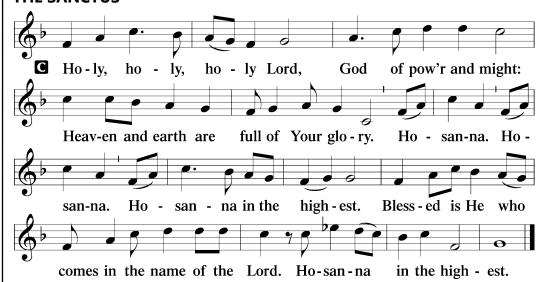
"Sanctus" is the Latin word for holy, and is the name of an important hymn of Christian liturgy. It is sung at the heart of the eucharistic prayer, the prayer of consecration of the bread and wine. The text is taken from Isaiah 6:3, which describes the prophet's vision of the throne of God surrounded by six-winged, ministering seraphim. This text is also influenced by Revelation 4:8.

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer Jesus taught to His disciples and to us in His Word. (Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4)

The Words of Institution are a collection of all four Gospel accounts of the Last Supper, based on the oldest and fullest text found in 1 Corinthians 11.

The Agnus Dei is a canticle that found its way into the liturgy as early as the 8th century.

THE SANCTUS



THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and He gave it to His disciples saying: "Take eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way also after supper, He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

THE AGNUS DEI



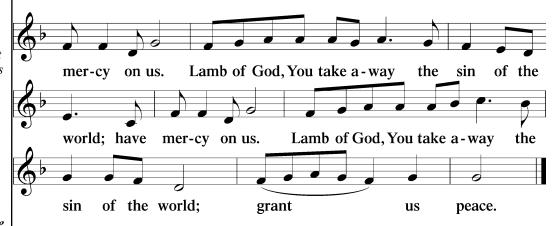
Following
Jesus' baptism,
John the Baptist
acclaims Him as
the "Lamb of
God, who takes
away the sins
of the world."
John 1:36.

A Prayer Before Communing:

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation. I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holv body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holv Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holv name.

"One of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and forthwith came out blood and water."
John 19:34

Amen.



% THE COMMUNION

If you are a guest today, please read page 15 before communing. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the communion rail.

THE COMMUNION HYMNS "He's Risen, He's Risen" LSB 480



A Prayer After Communing:

I thank and praise You, O God, for feeding me the lifegiving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, in receiving this Holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my

Lord. Amen. "And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saving, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Revelation 5:13; 7:11-12

"Because He Lives"

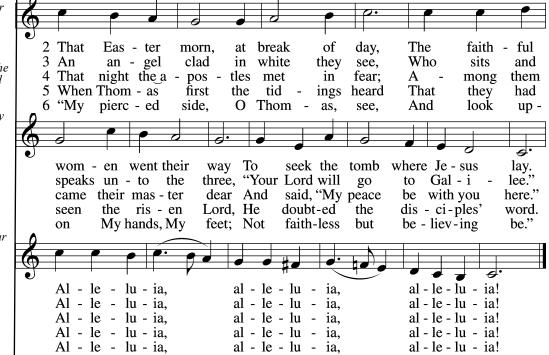
God sent His Son, they call Him "Jesus" He came to love, heal, and forgive He lived and died to buy my pardon An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

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, That 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 vict'ry I'll see the lights of glory, and I'll know He lives. **Chorus.**

"O Sons and Daughters of the King" LSB 470



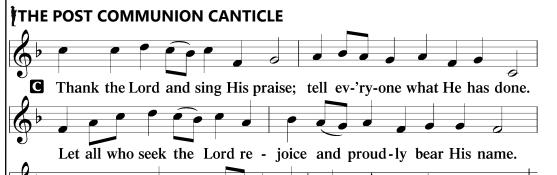
The Post-Communion Canticle, is based on Psalm 105.

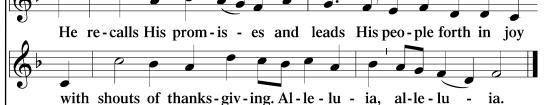
The first time this canticle appeared in the liturgy was in the 4th century. Then follows the Aaronic Benediction in which the Lord recognizes us as His people, putting His name on us, and fulfilling all promises in His name. (Numbers 6:24-25 and Matt. 18:19-20)

Almighty God. through Your only Son, Jesus, You overcame death and the grave for me. You have opened the gate to eternal life, not only for me, but for all believers. May the Word that I have heard proclaimed through song and scripture today be engraved on my mind and heart. Empower me to share the Resurrection Joy with those around me. Amen.

You are
welcome to take
this bulletin home
and use it for
personal
devotions this
week.

Otherwise, we ask that you return it to an usher table in the back. Thank you!





THE BENEDICTION AND SILENT PRAYER

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you His peace.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

以THE MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

THE CLOSING HYMN "Now All the Vault of Heav'n Resounds" LSB 475

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!" Alleluia, Alleluia!

Eternal is the gift He brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Now still He comes to give us life and by His presence stills all strife, Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring and with the heavn'ly blessed sing: "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"

Be to the Father and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God, All the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

Serving in the Lord's House Today

PREACHER	Rev. Jace C. DetrIe
LITURGIST	Rev. Dr. Victor J. Kollmann
ELDER CAPTAIN	Jason Looney
USHER TEAM	Team G
ALTER TEAM	Team 4
ACOLYTES	Eli Gremmer and Luke Gremmer
ANTHEM	Lori Phelps and Lor Smith
ORGANIST	Dorothy Sherrod
PRODUCTION TEAM	Kayden Spieler, Manager—Susan Redding, Sound Wyatt Schuster, Media - Max Hall, Cameras

Our Response to the Lord Last Week

Weekly Worship Attendance	1,666
Adult Bible Class	67
Sunday School Attendance	0

Church Faith Budget

Given last week	\$ 44,563
Given year to date	813,874
Given year to date last year	755,850

Building Fund

Given last week	\$ 866
Given year to date	\$ 120,355



In planning for the future, consider including the church in your will.

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

As You come to the Lord's Supper, you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that with Lutheran Christians, you believe His Body and Blood are present and you desire to serve Him as a dynamic disciple in the fellowship of all believers. Our Holy Communion practice is called "CLOSE" communion, not "CLOSED" communion. "Close" communion invites all those who answer the following questions in the affirmative. We DO seek to help each visitor and member, to prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament. If you have not communed with us before, or if you cannot answer yes to the questions below, please speak to our Pastor or an Elder before communing.

- 1. Have I been baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
- 2. Do I believe that I am a sinful human being without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
- 3. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil?
- 4. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His true Body and Blood?
- 5. Do I intend, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to live a Godly life?

At Messiah, Communion is distributed in a manner whereby the individual cup, followed by the common cup, are offered at the same table. Communicants seated in the middle sections of the Sanctuary proceed to the altar

first, standing behind the usher. Then the communicants in the side sections will proceed to the altar, also standing behind the usher. This will provide a prayerful setting surrounding the significance of receiving Christ's body and blood.

A light, alcohol-free wine is offered in clear glasses in the individual trays. Gluten-free wafers are available at the usher table in the back.



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Services available on our Website/YouTube

- Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary: 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Holy Communion every 2nd & 4th Sundays)
- ♦ Sunday School & Adult Bible Class: 9:45-10:40 AM
 - ♦ Wednesday Worship-7:00 PM (Holy Communion every Wednesday)





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Rev. Matthew A. Lee, Associate Pastor Dorothy Sherrod, Music Ministries Amy Plenger, Children's Ministries Jodi Sorenson, Youth Ministries Danny Ladishew, Technology Director Karrie Looney, Women's Ministries Todd Smith, Gym Manager Lori Phelps, Secretary

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With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will share God's light as we:

Gladly enter God's House weekly (Worship) —Psalm 122:1 Listen for God's voice. (Discipleship-Bible Study, Quiet Time, Prayer)— John 10:27 Open my heart and hands to serve God. (Ministry) —1 Samuel 12:24 Wholeheartedly love God and my neighbor. (Evangelism/Fellowship-Outreach) —Luke 10:27

GLOW and **GO!**