



# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 22nd, 2026  
8:30AM & 11:00AM WORSHIP

# Welcome in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ

**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.  
So I will bless You as long as I live; in Your name I will lift up my hands. -Psalm 63:1-4*

## **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.

The season of Lent lasts for forty days (excluding Sundays). This forty-day season of Lent is a time of fasting and repentance. It is a time when we recall Jesus' forty days of fasting and temptation in the wilderness. Throughout these forty days, remember where we are going. We are headed toward the cross and empty tomb of Jesus. It is the power of God's Word that gives people the gift of faith and new eyes to see what was incomprehensible and secret now revealed by the Spirit of God. God's truth is that in the death of Christ, redemption and forgiveness of sin now awaits for the entire world. Sinners are delivered, justified before God by faith in the blood of Jesus shed on the cross and given the ability to repent and believe and become children of God for eternity. For sinful mankind, this life-giving truth is impossible to believe or understand. Only because of the mighty Word of God proclaimed to the world by His church and by the power of the Spirit is that otherwise mysterious Word actually easy and powerful to understand and to believe.

*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.*

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## THE GREETING

## THE OPENING HYMN

## *“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” - LSB 656*

A mighty fortress is our God, a trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need that hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,  
Of Sabaoth Lord, and there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill, all eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill; they shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.

## THE INVOCATION

P: We celebrate in victory today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen. This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**C: For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**

*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. (Luke 1:28)*

*The phrase also indicates the special relationship between the pastor and the congregation. We call this prayer a "Collect" because it collects the themes of the lessons and puts them into a prayer.*

## **THE CONFESSION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS**

P: I acknowledged my sin to You.

C: **I did not cover up my iniquity.**

P: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."

C: **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**  [You are invited to kneel.]

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You, and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, when Adam as parent of us all chose sin and its death, You did not condemn the people You had made but sent forth the promise of a new Adam, Jesus Christ, Your Son, to resist the lies of the evil one and earn a righteousness great enough to be given to all people in His name. Help us to abide in Christ and in His strength before the temptations of the devil; in the holy name of Jesus do we pray.

C: **Amen.**

## **THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Genesis 3:1-15**

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"<sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God,

**The Old  
Testament  
Lesson is found  
on page 2 in the  
pew Bible.**

knowing good and evil.”<sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin cloths.<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”<sup>10</sup> And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”<sup>11</sup> He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”<sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”<sup>14</sup> The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.<sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

**The Epistle  
Lesson is  
generally from  
St. Paul’s  
letters, Today’s  
lesson is from  
the book of  
Romans, found  
on page ??? in  
the pew Bible.  
We may read  
through an  
entire book  
over several  
weeks.**

### **THE EPISTLE LESSON - Romans 5:12-14**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—<sup>13</sup> for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law.<sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.



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

*“Return to God” is based on Psalm 86:15.*

*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 809 in the pew Bible.*

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

*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.*

## **THE GOSPEL VERSE**

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and  
mer - cy; Come, seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL - Matthew 4:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup>But he answered, “It is written, “‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, “‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’” <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

**P:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **WE CONFESS OUR FAITH - *The Apostles' Creed***

**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 is based on the Sermon text.*

## **THE SERMON HYMN**

*“Let All Together Praise Our God” - LSB 389*



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His  
2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is - born an  
3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His  
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our  
5 He is a ser - vant, I a lord: How great a

glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To  
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies  
at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The  
hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His  
mys - ter - y! How strong the ten - der Christ Child's love! No

give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.  
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.  
splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.  
glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.  
tru - er friend than He, No tru - er friend than He.

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

*We present our gifts to God to symbolize the offering of ourselves to the Lord, saying thank You to God, and showing we trust Him to supply all our needs.  
(Romans 12:1)*

## **THE SERMON - “The Eternal Gift of God” - John 3:16**

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

1. YOLO -You only live once.
2. YALT -You actually live twice.
3. How do you look at your life?

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

*“Let All Together Praise Our God” - LSB 389*

He is the key and He the door to blessed paradise;  
The angel bars the way no more. To God our praises rise,  
To God our praises rise.

Your grace in lowliness revealed, Lord Jesus, we adore  
And praise to God the Father yield and Spirit evermore;  
We praise You evermore.

## **THE OFFERING PRAYER AND OFFERING**

*After the Offering Prayer, we ask all of those present to please fill out an attendance card.*

*Prayer is one of the marks of the congregation gathered in worship, according to Acts 2:42. Here the congregation, established and gathered by God according to His purpose, agrees 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 and all sorts of human need.*

### **THE ANTHEM “In the Beauty of Holiness”**

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song, come sing to the Lord all the earth,  
Sing praises to the name of the Lord, all nations sing with one accord.  
Come, worship the Lord, Whom we bless in the beauty of holiness!

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song. Declare all God’s glory and God’s strength!  
Bring offerings of praise to His courts. Praise God, the great Lord of lords!  
Come, worship the Lord, Whom we bless in the beauty of holiness!

Oh, sing to the Lord. Oh sing a new song. Come and sing a new song.  
Let all on earth and all in heaven be glad! Rejoice! Let the seas rejoice!  
Rejoice! Let the seas rejoice! Give all in creation a voice.  
Come worship, come worship the Lord, Whom we bless  
In the beauty of holiness!

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song. The fields and the forests shall rejoice,  
Our Lord is now coming, coming to judge to rule and reign over us.  
Come, worship the Lord, Whom we bless in the beauty of holiness!  
Come, let us sing! Rejoice!

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION AND THE CHURCH**

**P:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For a mighty fortress is our God,

**C: a sword and shield victorious.**

**P:** Lord God, You are our sword and shield against the attacks of Satan.

**C: As we journey through this Lenten season, protect us from the assaults of the devil, remind us of our Baptism, and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.**

**P:** Lord God, every good and perfect gift comes from You. Thank You for the many blessings You have poured into our lives. Help us to accept what You give and ask for what we need.

**C: Protect us from a life of perpetual dissatisfaction and lead us toward a life of gratitude.**

**P:** Lord God, we pray for all those who are not yet baptized into Christ,

**C: May the Holy Spirit lead them toward the promises of Baptism and the family of the church.**

**P:** Lord God, we pray for our nation and its leaders.

**C: We pray that You, Lord, would make Your ways and paths known to them, that You would lead them in the truth and teach them. For a mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious.**

*More prayer requests for the week are located in the Announcement Guide.*

*"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.*

*The Lord's Prayer is the prayer Jesus taught to His disciples and to us in His Word. (Matthew 6:9-13 & 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.*

P: Lord God, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### THE SANCTUS

C Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-  
san-na. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 gave it to the disciples and said: "Take eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, 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  
is a canticle  
that found its  
way into the  
liturgy as early  
as the 8th  
century.*

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

*"But God  
shows his love  
for us in that  
while we were  
still sinners,  
Christ died for  
us." Romans  
5:8*

*A Prayer  
before  
Communing-  
Dear Savior, at  
Your gracious  
invitation I  
come to Your  
table to eat and  
drink Your holy  
body and blood.  
Let me find  
favor in Your  
eyes to receive  
this holy  
Sacrament in  
faith for the  
salvation of my  
soul and to the  
glory of Your  
holy name; for  
You live and  
reign with the  
Father and the  
Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and  
forever. Amen.*

## THE AGNUS DEI - [439]

O Dearest Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy  
On us poor sinners, Lamb of God have mercy  
You take away the guilt of this world's sinning  
Grant us Your peace, Lord.



## THE COMMUNION

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

*"Draw Near and Take the Body" - LSB 637*

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'ly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

*"What Wondrous Love is This" - LSB 543*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

*"The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my | stronghold."*

*Psalms 18:2*



*A Prayer after Communing— Almighty and everlasting God I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the 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.*

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing His love for me,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on.

*"On Eagles' Wings" - LSB 727*

1 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, Who a -  
2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, And  
3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, Nor the  
4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand To

bide in His shad - ows for life,  
fam - ine will bring you no fear;  
ar - row that flies by day;  
guard you in all of your ways; Though Up -

Say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, My  
Un - der His wings your ref - uge, His  
thou - sands fall a - bout you,  
on their hands they will bear you up, Lest you

rock in whom I trust!"  
faith - ful - ness your shield.  
Near you it shall not come.  
dash your foot a - gainst a stone.  
*Refrain*

And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the  
sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

## *“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”*

‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;  
Just to rest upon His promise; just to know “Thus saith the Lord.”

### **Chorus:**

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;  
And in simple faith to plunge me ‘neath the healing, cleansing flood!

### **Chorus**

I’m so glad I learned to trust Him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that He is with me, will be with me to the end. **Chorus**

*The Nunc Dimitiss is the Latin name of the passage in the second chapter of Luke (Luke 2:29-32) that is also commonly called the Canticle of Simeon.*

*Simeon was a devout Jew who had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until he had seen the Savior.*

## *“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive” - LSB 609 [on screens]*

### **THE NUNC DIMITTIS**

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



*The Aaronic  
Benediction:  
the Lord  
recognizes us  
as His people,  
puts His name  
on us, and  
fulfills all  
promises in His  
name.*

*(Num. 6:24-25;  
Matt. 18:19-20)*

*We enter to  
pray and praise  
and we leave  
with a  
renewed  
commitment  
to serve and  
witness!*

*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.  
Thank you!*

## THE BENEDICTION

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.

C: Amen.

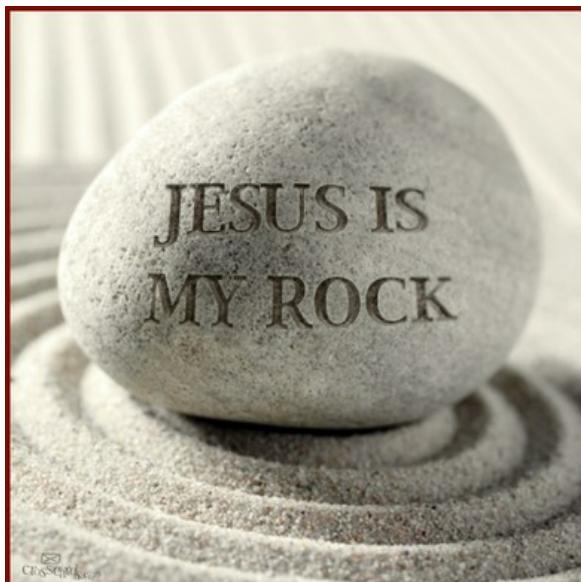
## THE MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

## THE CLOSING HYMN

*“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” - LSB 656*

The Word they still shall let remain nor any thanks have for it;  
 He's by our side upon the plain with His good gifts and Spirit.  
 And take they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife,  
 Though these all be gone, our vict'ry has been won;  
 The Kingdom ours remaineth. Amen!

## THE POSTLUDE



# SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

PREACHER	Rev. Dr. Victor Kollmann
LITURGIST (8:30am)	Rev. Jace C. Detrie
ELDER CAPTAIN	Jerry Baedke, Chris DuBois
ALTAR COMMITTEE	Team 4
USHER TEAM	Team G
ACOLYTES	Emma Detrie, Greyson Walling
ANTHEM	Sanctuary Choir, Taylor Cole, flute
ORGANISTS	Dorothy Sherrod, Teresa Logue
PRODUCTION TEAM	Danny Ladishev, Kayden Spieler, Cameron Luecke, Susan Redding, David Sherrod, Andrew Viens

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE LORD LAST WEEK

Weekly Worship Attendance	533
Adult Bible Class	204
Sunday School Attendance	48

### CHURCH FAITH BUDGET

Given last week	\$ 47,982
Given year to date	\$ 378,663
Given year to date last year	\$ 383,231

### BUILDING FUND

Given last week	\$ 480
Given year to date	\$ 3,945

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



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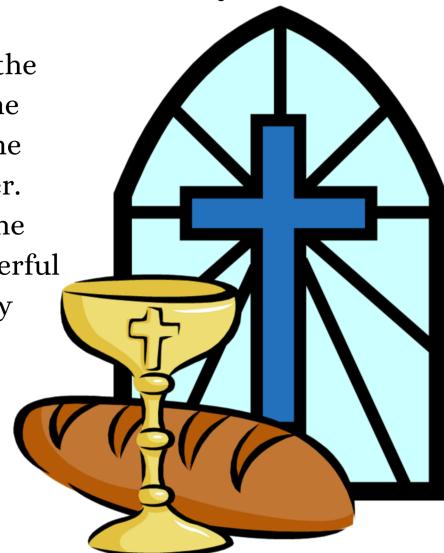
# *The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

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 OFFERED EVERY SUNDAY DURING LENT)
- SUNDAY CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 11:00 AM  
(CELEBRATION HALL W/COMMUNION ON 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS)
- SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE CLASS: 9:45-10:45 AM
- WEDNESDAYS: 6:00 PM FAMILY WORSHIP - CELEBRATION HALL  
7:00 PM LENTEN WORSHIP - CHAPEL



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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!**