

MESSIAH LUTHERAN



May 25th, 2025

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.

It is almost the end of the Easter Season, and we would like it to continue. The non-festival half of the Church Year doesn't seem as, well, festive. But listen to the Readings! There are people, like Paul in the Reading from Acts, who need support today. And Lydia is an example of a new Christian, ready to help. The vision in Revelation showed John's readers the perfect city. ready to welcome all whose names are in the Book of Life (that's us)! We can hardly wait to get there.

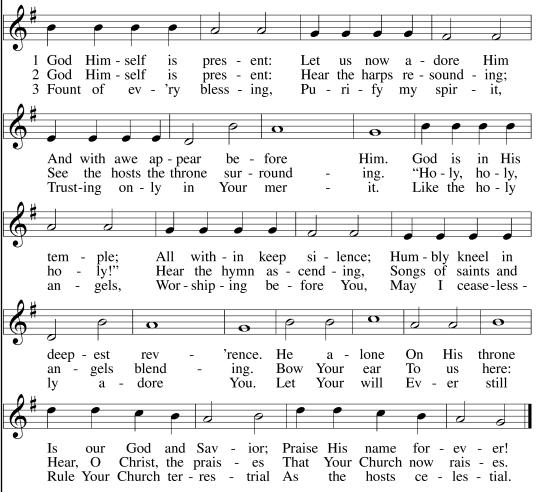
In the meantime, there's no time to lose. "Ask," Jesus tells us in the Gospel, "and you will receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:24). You see, even now He is with us. What would you like to ask Him?

MEMORIAL DAY May 18th, 2025

THE PRELUDE

THE GREETING

THE OPENING HYMN "God Himself is Present" LSB 907



THE INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

- P: 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=Pastor **C=Congregation**

In the

In the Invocation, we "invoke" God's

"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.
(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

prayer.

lessons and puts them into a P: Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.

C: He showed me the holy city Jerusalem.

P: The city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it,

C: For the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. P: Ask, and you will receive,

C: That your joy may be full.

LETHE CONFESSION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

P: Let us ask God for forgiveness and guidance.

strong faith in Your presence and protection.

C: At times, O Lord, it feels like You have left us and gone into heaven, leaving us to fend for ourselves. We confess that we fail to remember Your word of promise, about Your presence with us, and Your love for us. We fear what might happen, and we regularly face our own desires and temptations. We forget that You "have overcome the world." Forgive us and renew in us

every barrier between us and the promised Jerusalem awaiting us. 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.

P: God has not left us alone. Christ is with us, and He has broken

C: Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

K THE FIRST LESSON Acts 16:13-15

¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴ One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and

The First Lesson is taken from a book of the Old Testament, and is found on page 925 in the pew Bible. It coordinates with the Gospel lesson.

A pattern of Scripture readings for each week of the vear comes from the Old Testament. Jesus also kept this

practice.

The Epistle Lesson is generally from St. Paul's letter, however todav's lesson is from the book of Revelation. found on page 1041 in the pew Bible. We

may read through an entire book over several

weeks.

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

her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

THE EPISTLE LESSON Revelation 21:21-27

²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. ²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.



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

We respond to the Word of God with an acclamation of praise, and then 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 HOLY GOSPEL John 14:23-27

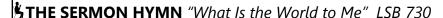
²³ Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. ²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

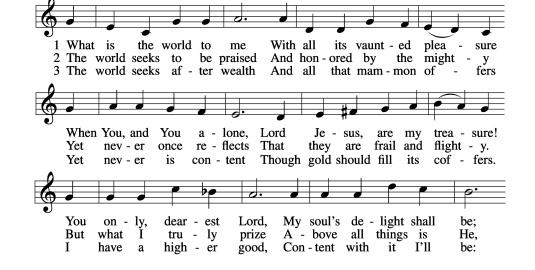
P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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 may coordinate with the Gospel lesson, or with the pastor's sermon topic.

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 all of those present to please fill out an attendance card.



THE SERMON "Help for a Troubled Heart" John 14:27

- 1. Many of us are afraid.
- 2. That fear is often linked to guilt.
- 3. Jesus can overcome our fears.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S TEACHING "What Is the World to Me" LSB 730

What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure, My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my pleasure, My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss eternally. Once more, then, I declare: What is the world to me!

K THE OFFERING PRAYER AND THE OFFERING

THE MEMORIAL DAY ANTHEM

"Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones"

Blades of grass and pure white stones Shelter those who've come and gone. Just below the emerald sod, Are those who've reached the arms of God.

Chorus: Buried here with dignity, endless rows for all to see.

Freedom's seeds in sorrow sown,

'Neath blades of grass and pure white stones.

Blades of grass and pure white stones Cover those who left their homes, To rest in fields here side by side Lest we forget their sacrifice. **Chorus**

Just below the emerald sod, Are those who've reached the arms of God. **Chorus**

'Neath blades of grass and pure, white stones.



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 pravers. supplications, and thanksgivings are offered for all in authority and all sorts of

human need.

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P: O Lord of heaven and earth, who attends to Your people's voice in prayer, let Your Church have no fear or be troubled. As Christ is her defense, may she always stand firm in the true faith of Jesus Christ.
- C: Gracious Lord, give Your divine strength to all who follow You, and shield them from harm and danger.
- P: We give You thanks for the love that made us and sustains us. We praise You for the gift of redemption through Jesus Christ, who gave Himself into death for our sin, that we might have life in His name.
- C: Help us to keep the treasure of Your love and grace in our hearts, and guide us to faithfully love and serve You all of our lives.
- P: Dear God, we know that You are not constrained by our troubles. Your limits are never challenged. There is never a moment when there is nothing more You can do, because Lord, You work beyond the possibilities we can imagine.
- C: Lord, give Your people Your peace that we may shine brightly in a dark world. Grant us the courage to live faithfully, even in the midst of hard times. Let our fear of You be the beginning of wisdom, rather than have fear of the world driving our actions. Show Your mercy and heal those who are suffering in Your fallen creation. Most of all Lord, come. Restore the world You have made and make all things new.
- P: Before Abraham was, You were and are and ever will be—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. From You comes all that is from creation to redemption in Jesus Christ. Your grace preserves all things.
- C: Grant us continued faith and trust in Who You have revealed Yourself to be, that we trust in Your mercy, and rejoice in the forgiveness accomplished for us through all our days.
- P: Lord, give us a sense of urgency to go forth in faith and action, to do what is needed to heal relationships and draw closer to You.
- C: Help us to realize where changes need to be made in our lives, in order for us to more closely follow You and Your Word.
- P: O Lord of heaven and earth, who calls Your people to this feast of abundance, nourish them with Your gracious love, and let their joy be full in the body and blood of Your Son. These and whatever other things You would have us pray, we implore You for the sake of Him who is the Resurrection and the Life, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen.

THE SANCTUS

Oh holy, holy, God of power and might Heaven and earth, Your glory show aright Holy, Hosanna, Blessed is the name Of Christ, who comes, His Lordship to proclaim.

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 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

O Lamb of God, You take away our sin; Have mercy now and cleanse us from within Have mercy, Lord, that freedom may increase And grant us all the blessing of Your peace.



⅓ THE COMMUNION

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

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

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

Today we remember with gratitude those who died that we might continue to live in freedom. Through our remembrance of them, we reach back into the meaningful past, in order to participate in the plan for the future. It is not simply that we learn from history; we are joined to it---it is our history. We will always treasure their great sacrifice. Those sacrifices also reminď us of the sacrifice God made when His Son Jesus Christ died on the cross for us.

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 COMMUNION HYMNS "Come, Share the Lord"

We gather here in Jesus name;

His love is burning in our hearts like living flame.

For through the loving Son the Father makes us one.

Come take the bread; come drink the wine; come share the Lord.

He joins us here; He breaks the bread.

The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead.

The One we love the most is now our gracious host:

Come take the bread; come drink the wine; come share the Lord.

We'll gather soon where angels sing,

We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King.

Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait.

Come take the bread; come drink the wine; come share the Lord.

THE MEMORIAL DAY ANTHEM "By Your Side"

Born on the plains a farmer's sons and brothers the same Raised on promises we'd stay that way.

As boys we believed summers at the sea.

We were free to become men of good will side by side.

And we were children then footprints in the sand,

And where the ocean bends we made our promises. He knows.

Duty soon called; 1943 we enrolled.

Together we would be our family's pride.

And we were soldiers then-our bodies in the sand,

And like that sand through our hands, go our grandest plans.

And just to see your face for one moment I'd cross the ocean again —the end is not the end.

And I'll be by your side on the other side, I'll be by your side on the other side.

And through the cloud of death, we find our way back home.

All gave some... Some gave all

Remember them this

Memorial Day

And though I hold your hand, all must go alone.

And when you see the face of our Maker,

You don't have to be ashamed.

He knows the promises we made.

And I'll be by your side on the other side,

I'll be by your side on the other side.

"America, the Beautiful" has a Scripture reference from 1 Peter 2:17, "Show proper respect to everyone....for God."

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.

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fount I know.

"America, the Beautiful"

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain; For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain: America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet whose stern, impassioned stress A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness: America! America! God mend thy every flaw. Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life: America! America! May God thy gold refine, Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears: America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

"Nothing But the Blood of Jesus"



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The Post-Communion **Canticle**, is based on Psalm 105. The personal encounter with Christ and His gifts in the Lord's Supper leads indeed to a joyful service to "tell all the nations; Jesus Christ proclaim!"

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

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

His name.

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

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thanks be to God and blessed be His name! Tell all the nations; Jesus Christ proclaim! Servants, depart this table in His peace, And let our praise and witness never cease!

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.

C: Amen.



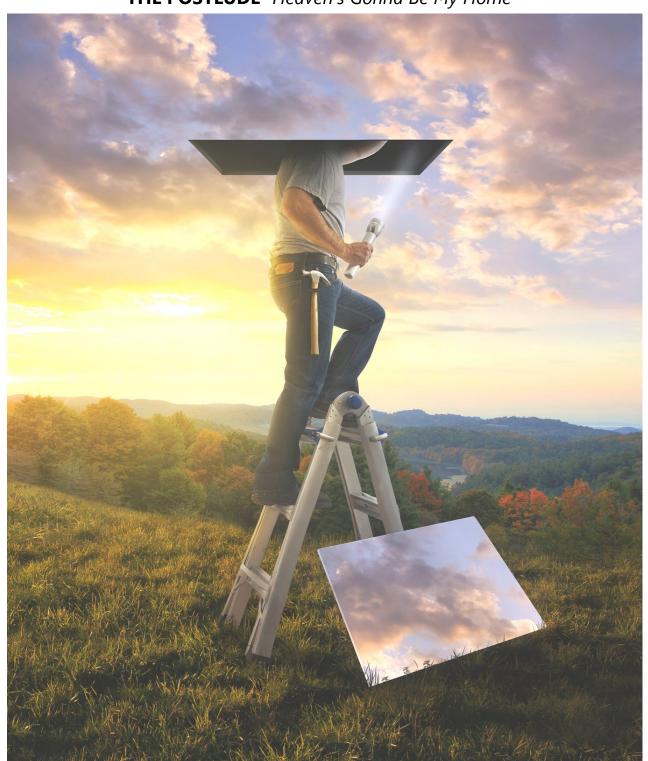
5 THE MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

THE CLOSING HYMN "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father, brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Lord, send Your peace to me, as uncertain days are near. With You here by my side there's nothing I need to fear. With You, our true leader, ruler over all, There's no reason to worry, though earthly kings may fall. Lord, let peace reign in us and keep our minds calm and still. Send wisdom from above and help us to do Your will. Lord, make our nation a holy nation of love and unity. Lord, fill the lives of all with faith, hope and charity. Amen.

THE POSTLUDE "Heaven's Gonna Be My Home"



Serving in the Lord's House Today

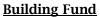
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PRODUCTION TEAM	Kayden Spieler, Sound - Max Hall, Media Wyatt Schuster, Cameras

Our Response to the Lord Last Week

Weekly Worship Attendance	523
Adult Bible Class	233
Sunday School Attendance	63

Church Faith Budget

Given last week	\$ 37,522
Given year to date	\$ 981,886
Given year to date last year	\$ 982,140



Given last week \$ 20,410 Given year to date \$ 143,520

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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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!**