Loyalty Sunday

NOVEMBER 16TH, 2025
THE TWENTY-THIRD
SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



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.

One of the great mysteries of the Christian faith can be summed up in the word "near." "Near" can indicate something that is almost here but hasn't yet arrived. And at the same time, "near" can point to something already with us, like those "near and dear" to our hearts. The word "near" resounds with feelings of the here and now and the not quite yet.

Today in worship, Your Savior, Jesus, is near! He is present in the here and now, delivering grace upon grace. And He is on His way, bringing the fullness of His freedom. Praise the God who comes near in Jesus Christ, our Lord!

"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer." Psalm 19:14

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.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY November 16th, 2025 AFTER 11:00am Worship PENTECOST

THE PRELUDE "Give Thanks"

THE GREETING

THE SONG OF INVOCATION "Let's Just Praise the Lord"

We thank You for Your kindness, we thank You for Your love. We've been in heav'nly places, felt blessings from above. We've been sharing all the good things the family can afford Let's just turn our praise t'ward heaven and praise the Lord!

Chorus:

Let's just praise the Lord, praise the Lord.

Let's just lift our hands toward heaven and praise the Lord!

Let's just praise the Lord, praise the Lord.

Let's just lift our hands toward heaven and praise the Lord!

Just the precious name of Jesus is worthy of our praise. Let us bow our knee before Him, our hands to heaven raise. When He comes in clouds of glory with Him to ever reign Let's lift our happy voices and praise His dear name! **Chorus**

THE INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

- 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: For I know that my Redeemer lives.
- C: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so.
- P: You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed;
- C: You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.

THE CONFESSION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

- P: The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness
- C: and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

In the Confession, we bare our souls before the Lord, admitting our sins and accepting responsibility for the harm they caused in

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)

We celebrate God's mercy and forgiveness with the **Song** of **Praise**.

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.

P: Almighty God and Father,

C:we confess, as Your people, our sinful human nature and the thoughts, words, and actions that are evil in Your sight. We need Your rescue, righteousness, and a Redeemer. Mercifully draw near to us, O Lord. For the sake of Jesus Christ and His cross, rescue us from our troubles and cover our sin with true righteousness. Redeem our lives, that our days and deeds would be directed in Your peace. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh 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.

C:Amen.

THE SONG OF PRAISE "He Knows My Name"

I have a Maker, He formed my heart.

Before even time began, my life was in His hand.

Chorus: He knows my name, He knows my every thought. He sees each tear that falls, and hears me when I call.

I have a Father, He calls me His own.

He'll never leave me, no matter where I go. Chorus twice

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Mighty Lord, the day is coming when You will call to account all people. Help us to use rightly and for Your glory all that You have given to us, that we may not fear the return of Jesus in His glory. Give us courage and confidence that He has equipped us with every grace and that we may serve Him faithfully here and enter into His eternal joy when He comes again; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LOYALTY SUNDAY READINGS

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

P: The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

C: Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Mark 12:41

P: Jesus sat opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box.

C: Many rich people put in large sums.

Proverbs 3:9-10

P: Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce;

C: Then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Luke 6:38

P: Give and it will be given to you: Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your lap.

C: For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.

1 Corinthians 16:2

P: On the first day of every week each one of you is to put something aside, and store it up, as he may prosper,

C: So that there will be no collecting when I come.

Matthew 23:23

P: Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness.

C: These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.

Proverbs 11:24-25

P: One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

C: Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

Psalm 76:11

P: Make your vows to the Lord your God and perform them;

C: Let all around him bring gifts to him who is to be feared,

2 Corinthians 8:7-8

P: But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

C: I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine.

THE GOSPEL SONG "Ancient Words"

Holy Words, long preserved for our walk in this world They resound with God's own heart.

O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope. In this world, where e'er we roam

Ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words will guide us nome.

Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you.

We have come with open hearts. O let the ancient words impart.

The Gospel Song changes each week. We prepare our hearts and minds for the Gospel..

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 880 in the pew Bible

We respond to the reading of the Gospel with an acclamation of praise, and

then confessing

our common,

Christian faith.

The Apostles'
Creed dates
from about 75
AD and was
used in the
instruction of

instruction of those to be baptized. We are confessing our personal faith.

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 21:5-19

⁵ And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, 6 "As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." And they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. 9 And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹² But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³ This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴ Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵ for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your lives.

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.

Landing on the Promises of God"

Standing on the promises of Christ my King Through eternal ages let His praises ring Glory in the highest I will shout and sing Standing on the promises of God 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 **Praver**, we ask all of those present to please fill out an attendance card. If you are a guest with us today, please fill out the front and back of the card, where you will find a space for special prayer requests. Once completed, you can put the card at the end of the pew, and the ushers will pick

them up.

Chorus Standing, standing,

Standing on the promises of God my Savior Standing standing, I'm standing on the promises of God

Standing on the promises that cannot fall When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail By the living Word of God I shall prevail Standing on the promises of God **Chorus**

Standing on the promises I now can see Perfect present cleansing in the blood for me Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free Standing on the promises of God **Chorus**

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord Overcoming daily with the Spirit's Sword Standing on the promises of God **Chorus**

THE SERMON "Hope for the End Times" Luke 21:19

- 1. There will be difficult days on this earth.
- 2. God will give us strength to get through theses difficult days.
- 3. In the meantime, we have work to do.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S TEACHING "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, give thanks.

4 THE OFFERING PRAYER AND OFFERING

If you are joining worship on the live stream, you will find a card to fill out online. Please include any prayer requests as well. We are glad you are with us today!

THE ANTHEM "Sing a New Alleluia"

I'm gonna sing a new alleluia! I'm gonna bring a new alleluia! With every breath I take, I will give my praises And sing to the Lord a new song.
Alleluia, alleluia! Sing alleluia with voices strong!
Alleluia, alleluia! Sing to the Lord a new song!

I'm gonna sing a new alleluia! I'm gonna bring a new alleluia! With every breath I take, I will give my praises And sing to the Lord a new song.
Alleluia, alleluia! Sing alleluia with voices strong!
Alleluia, alleluia! Sing to the Lord a new song!

Come on and sing a new alleluia! I'm gonna bring a new alleluia! With every breath I take, I will give my praises
And sing to the Lord a new song. Sing to the Lord a new song!

THE PRAYER FOR OUR LOYALTY PROMISES

Generous God, I give thanks to You for the gifts You have given me:
my life, my family, my friends, time, talents, and material possessions.

All that I have comes from You. Help me to remember this and rejoice in Your goodness. Walk with me, my God. Help me on my spiritual journey,
so that I may constantly renew my relationship with You. Renew in me Your
Spirit. Give me the strength and courage to become a better follower of Jesus,
to be a disciple. I give glory to You, my God, as I make stewardship a
way of life. Bless the promise that I am making today,
and lead me in being a cheerful giver. Amen.

WE PRESENT OUR LOYALTY PROMISES TO GOD

If you are a guest with us today, this is the opportunity each year for our members to demonstrate their commitment to the Lord by presenting their Loyalty Promises at the altar. We invite you to use this time to pray for them and the pledges they are making.



THE LOYALTY HYMN "I Surrender All"



Prayer is one of the marks of the congregation gathered in worship, according to Acts 2:42.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION AND OF THE CHURCH

- P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- C: We pray for the whole Christian Church, that through it the will of God may be done among us on earth, and that in it, we may rejoice in hearing the good news of the Gospel.
- P: Bless the nations of the world and all those entrusted with their leadership, that Your justice and peace may be known around the globe.
- C: Preserve our nation in justice and honor of Your will, that we may lead a peaceable life with integrity.

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

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

Luke 11:2-4)

Aaronic
Benediction in
which the Lord
recognizes us as
His people,
putting His
name on us, and
fulfilling all
promises in His
name.
(Num. 6:24-25;

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

Matt. 18:19-20)

You are welcome to take this bulletin home and use it for weekly devotions, studying the Scriptures listed and how they relate to worship today.

- P: For the tender love You have shown the whole of creation, for the food we eat, the clothes we wear, and the homes in which we live, we thank You, God.
- C: We thank You for the gift of our families, both near and far, cherished friends, and for the blessings that human love brings to our lives. We are thankful for the bounty of harvest, the laborers, and for the good earth that You have given and blessed.
- P: For our nation and all its people, with the freedoms we enjoy; foremost of these, the freedom to worship You publicly and without shame; we give You thanks, and bless Your holy name.
- C: Lord, heal the divisions in our nation, that we may unite in love and respect for each other, in thankfulness to You. Strengthen our minds and hearts to remain steadfast in our faith in You, the one, true God.
- P: You are indeed blessed, holy, and worthy of all honor and praise, O Father Almighty, O only-begotten Son, O Spirit of Holiness. To You alone do we give all glory, now and ever, unto the ages of ages!
- Then follows the C: Amen.

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 BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

Lord, I lift Your name on high!

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 SONG "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Lord, I lift Your name on high! Lord, I love to sing Your praises! I'm so glad You're in my life! I'm so glad You came to save us! You came from heaven to earth to show the way, From the earth to the cross my debt to pay. From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,

THE POSTLUDE

Serving in the Lord's House Today

DDT 4 CYYED	D D III . I II II
PREACHER	Rev. Dr. Victor J. Kollmann
ELDER CAPTAIN	Eric Bensen, Maxey Buchwald
ALTAR COMMITTEE	Team 2
USHER TEAM	Team F
ACOLYTES	Makenzie Kler, Landon Murcott
ANTHEM	Sanctuary Choir
PRAISE TEAM	Cindy Gragert, Madeline Bate, Dorothy Sherrod
PRODUCTION TEAM	Kayden Spieler, Manager/Cameras Chuck Tolsma, Sound - Andrew Veins, Media

Our Response to the Lord Last Week Weekly Worship Attendance 577 Adult Bible Class 239 **Sunday School Attendance** 74 **Church Faith Budget** Given last week 77,179 \$ Given year to date \$ 2,251,196 Given year to date last year \$ 2,140,911 **Building Fund** Given last week \$ 340 Given year to date 186,328

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

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淨SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE CLASS: 9:45-10:45 AM

辩Wednesday Worship: 7:00 PM (W/Holy Communion)



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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, Quite 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!