



MESSIAH LUTHERAN

Messiah Lutheran Church
Welcomes You to the Lord's House

*"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;
give thanks to Him and praise His name."*

Psalms 100:4

Welcome in the name of our 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*

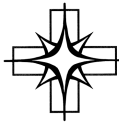
Luther's Morning Prayer

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.

Can't somebody else do it? Those words and thoughts often come to our minds and out of our mouths when being asked to do something we'd rather not do. It happens in our work and jobs, it happens in homes and families, and it even happens within the church. It happened to Jonah when the Lord told him to go to Nineveh. Today we hear the second time God called to Jonah, telling him to again go to a place he'd rather not go. There are many times we hear things in Scripture we'd rather not hear when it comes to difficult things. Can't somebody else do it? Instead of that thought entering our minds, may we instead be reminded of God's continued promises and presence with us in whatever we do in faith, and wherever we are called to go—even to our own Ninevehs.

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.



The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 21, 2024 11:00 Worship

THE PRESERVICE PRAISE "Soul on Fire"

I THE GREETING

THE OPENING SONG "Cry of My Heart"

Sing Chorus twice at beginning only

CHORUS

It is the cry of my heart_ to fol - low You. It is the cry of my heart_ to be close_ to You. It is the cry of my heart_ to fol - low

FINE VERSE

All of the days_ of my life. _ 1. Teach me Your ho - ly ways, _
2. O - pen my eyes so I _

_ O Lord, _ so I can walk _ in Your truth, _
_ can see _ the won - der - ful things _ that You do. _

Teach me Your ho - ly ways, _ O Lord, _ and make me
O - pen my heart up more _ and more, _ and make it

whol - ly de - vot - ed to You. _
whol - ly de - vot - ed to You. _

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.

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)

THE CONFESSION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

P: Hearing the Word of God, we are called to confess our sin, trusting in the one true God who is faithful and just and who will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Though Jonah was reluctant when the Lord spoke to him the first time, He spoke to Jonah a second time and told him, "go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you."

J C: As You, O Lord, have given us the message of the Gospel, we have been reluctant to go bring Your truth and grace to all people. For this we seek Your forgiveness.

P: Paul reminds the people of God, "The appointed time has grown very short. . . . The present form of this world is passing away."

C: As You, O Lord, have given us each day and hold all time in Your hands, we have not used our time wisely. For this we seek Your forgiveness.

P: In today's Gospel, Jesus called to Simon and Andrew, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." Immediately they dropped their nets and followed Him.

C: As You, O Lord, have called us to follow You, we have instead sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. For this we seek Your forgiveness.

P: Though we deserve His present and eternal punishment, God has relented by sending His Son to bear our sin and to be our Savior. Christ has taken our punishment on the cross, paid the price of our sins through His perfect life and sacrificial death, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

 "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."
Colossians 4:2

*We respond to
God's grace and
forgiveness with a
song of praise!*

I THE SONG OF PRAISE "Your Grace is Enough"

Great is Your faithfulness Oh God.
You wrestle with the sinner's heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy,
And nothing can keep us apart.
So, remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, Oh God.

Chorus: Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough.
Your grace is enough for me. **(repeat)**

Great is Your love and justice God.
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation,
And all Your people sing along.
So remember Your people, remember Your children.
Remember Your promise, Oh God. **Chorus**

So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise, Oh God.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough.
Your grace is enough for me.
Your grace is enough; Heaven reaching down to us.
Your grace is enough for me. God I see Your grace is enough.
I'm covered in Your love. Your grace is enough for me. For me.

*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 COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, though not deserved, You continue to call to us as Your people as You came to Jonah with another opportunity of sharing Your message.

C: Though not deserved, You showed mercy to the city of Nineveh through their repentance and You continue to show mercy to us.

P: Continue to grant us the gift of a bold and confident faith in You, 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 First Lesson is taken from a book of the Old Testament, and is found on page 775 in the pew Bible.

It coordinates with the Gospel Lesson. A pattern of Scripture readings for each week of the year comes from the Old Testament. Jesus also kept this practice.

The Gradual is from Psalm 62, found on page 479 in the pew Bible.

THE FIRST LESSON Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,
²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . . ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

THE GRADUAL

P: ¹For God alone my soul waits in silence;

C: from him comes my salvation.

P: ²He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;

C: I shall not be greatly shaken.

P: ³How long will all of you attack a man to batter him,

C: like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

P: ⁴They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood.

C: They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.

P: ⁵For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,

C: for my hope is from him.

P: ⁶He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;

C: I shall not be shaken.

P: ⁷On God rests my salvation and my glory;

C: my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

P: ⁸Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

C: God is a refuge for us.

P: ⁹Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion;

C: in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

P: ¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery;

C: if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

P: ¹¹Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:

C: that power belongs to God, ¹²and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.

The Epistle Lesson is from one of St. Paul's letters, and is found on page 956 in the pew Bible.

The Gospel Song changes weekly

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

The Holy Gospel is selected according to the season or festival Sunday of the Church Year, and is found on page 836 in the pew Bible.

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

P: For you will render to a man

C: according to his work.

THE EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

I THE GOSPEL SONG "Thy Word"

Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. **Refrain**

2 I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;
And I will love You to the end. **Refrain**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." ¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, 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.

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

♩ THE SERMON HYMN "Today Your Mercy Calls Us" LSB 915



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
 2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
 Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
 His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
 The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
 No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
 A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
 Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.

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

*After the
Offering Prayer,
we ask all of
those present
and watching
online 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.
If you have any
special prayer
requests, you
will find a space
for this on the
back of the card.
Thank you.*

THE SERMON "A Big Change" Jonah 3:10

1. It seems like prayer changes God's mind.
2. It seems like repentance changes God's mind.
3. But prayer and repentance cause God to change us.

¶ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S TEACHING "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You when heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us, to drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open, one ear will hear our prayer.

¶ THE OFFERING PRAYER AND OFFERING THE OFFERING ANTHEM "Go Light Your World"

There is a candle in every soul
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold.
There is a Spirit who brings a fire.
Ignites a candle and makes His home.

So carry your candle, run to the darkness,
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it.
Take your candle, and go light your world.
Take your candle, and go light your world.

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
Light his own candle some other way.
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to;
Still holds a candle without a flame.

**All: So carry your candle, run to the darkness
 Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn.
 Hold out your candle for all to see it.
 Take your candle, and go light your world.**

Take your candle, and go light your world.
We are a family whose hearts are blazing.
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky.
Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus
Make us a beacon in darkest times.

All: **So carry your candle, run to the darkness,
Seek out the helpless, deceived and poor.
Hold out your candle for all to see it.
Take your candle, and go light your world.**

**Carry your candle, run to the darkness,
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it.
Take your candle, and go light your world.**

Take your candle, and go light your world.

THE INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

i THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: In this season of Epiphany where the light shines on our Savior, manifested as the Word made flesh, continue to reveal to us through Your Word the mercy and grace found in Jesus Christ alone. Arise and shine,

C: For our light has come.

P: Lord, we have been called by the working of Your Spirit to go and make disciples of all nations. Grant to us a confident and bold faith to live as Your witnesses to the ends of the earth beginning in our homes, our church and community, and among all our neighbors in this world. Soften the hearts of the hard-hearted and open the minds of the close-minded that all may come to repentance and know You as the one true God who sent His Son into this world to redeem the world. Arise and shine,

C: For our light has come.

P: As Jesus called His disciples to become fishers of men, they responded immediately to drop their nets and follow. Give us such an urgency to also hear and heed the call and to follow in faith where Christ leads. As we do not know the hour of Your return, give an eagerness to our lives as faithful stewards of all we have been given with time, treasures, and abilities, that we use them to Your glory and for the sake of others. Arise and shine,

C: For our light has come.

P: Heavenly Father, into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

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

*More prayer
requests for
the week are
located in the
Announcement
Guide. Please
use these 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)

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

We follow Christ, through faith, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, and go into the world to share the life-giving love of Jesus with those we encounter.

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 LORD'S PRAYER (*sung*)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; [pause] and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

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 SILENT PRAYER

THE MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

THE CLOSING SONG "You are Holy"

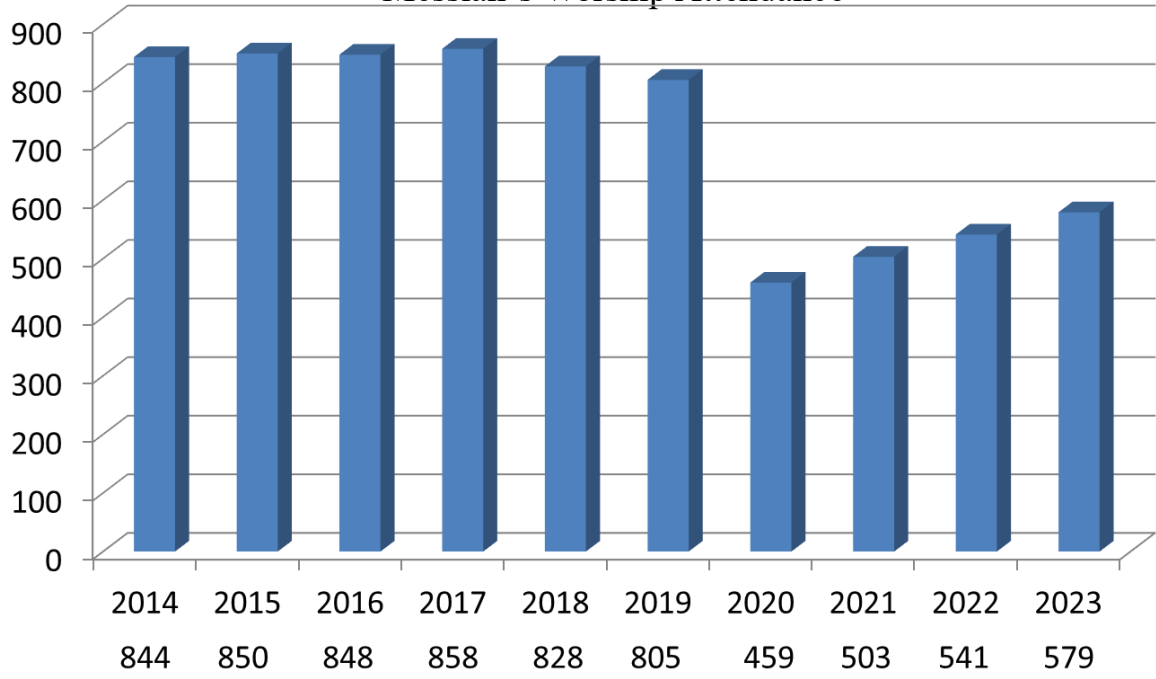
You are holy (You are holy), You are mighty (You are mighty),
You are worthy (You are worthy)
Worthy of praise (worthy of praise.)
I will follow, (I will follow), I will listen (I will listen)
I will love You (I will love You) all of my days (all of my days)

You are Lord of lords, You are King of kings,
You are mighty God, Lord of everything.
You're Emmanuel, You're the great I AM,
You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb.
You're the Living God, You're my saving grace.
You will reign forever; You are Ancient of Days.
You are Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End.
You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and Friend.
You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for You.

THE POST-SERVICE PRAISE

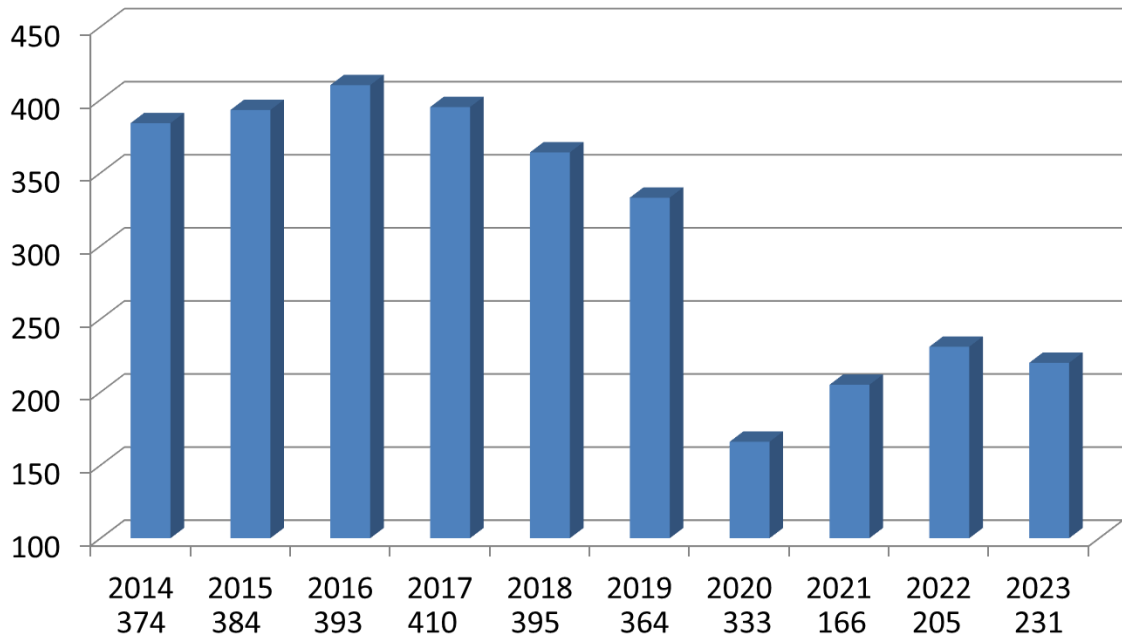
STATE OF THE CHURCH 2023

Messiah’s Worship Attendance

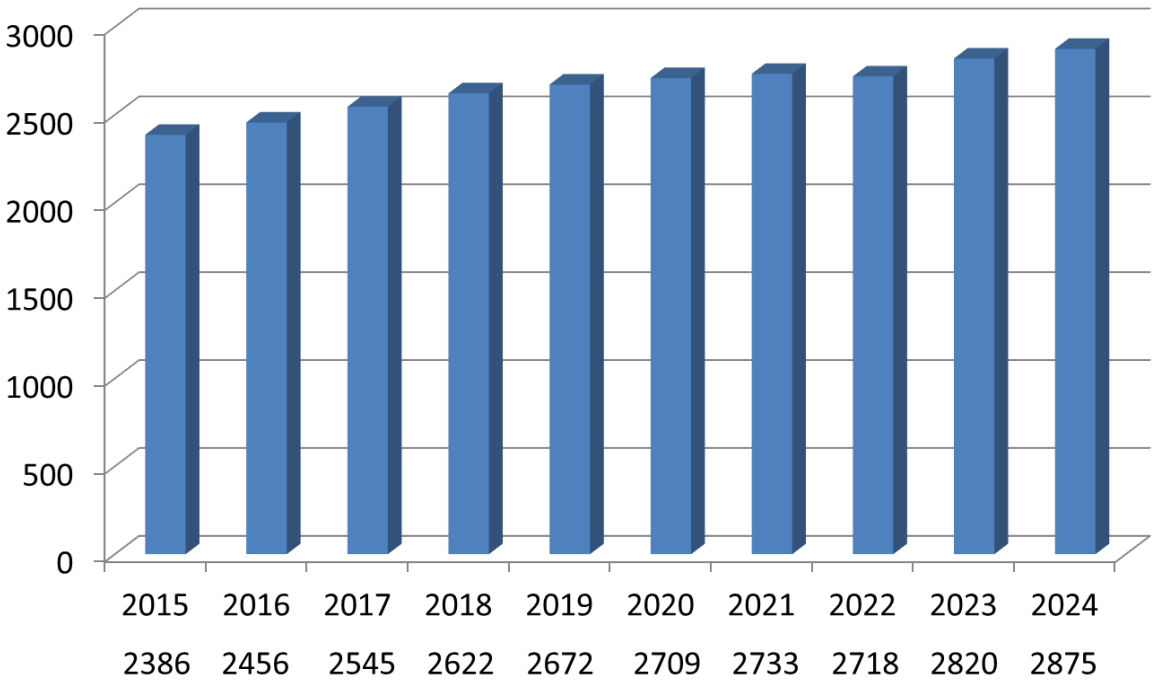


Live Stream average per Sunday-283

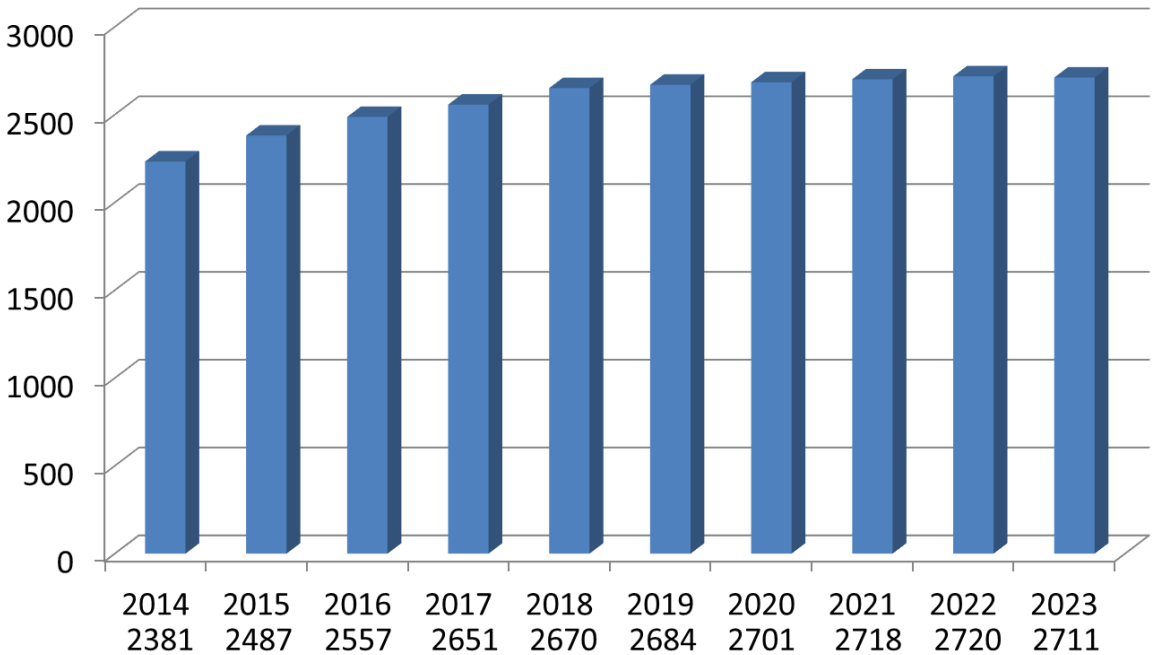
Messiah’s Bible Class & Sunday School Attendance



Messiah's Annual Budget



Messiah's Membership Growth



Messiah's Membership in 2023:

2711 Baptized
2145 Communicants
65 New Members



Messiah's Membership By Neighborhood:

455 Plano	117 Garland
257 Richardson	116 Frisco/The Colony
210 Dallas/Addison	102 Rowlett/Sachse/Rockwall
170 Wylie/Murphy	64 Carrollton/Lewisville/Flower Mound
174 Allen/Fairview/Lucas	26 Arlington/Coppell/Fort Worth
150 McKinney/Anna/Princeton/Melissa	870 Other

Some ways we made a difference in the lives of people around us:

- 1) Through donations of \$1,045 to the Prestonwood Pregnancy Center.
- 2) Through collecting over 6,000 pounds of food for people in need in our community and 15 bags of clothing to Network Ministry.
- 3) Through 5 Carter Bloodcare Drives that had the potential to impact over 182 patients.
- 4) Through our Triton Comfort Dog Ministry and Operation Kindness Collection.
- 5) Through packing meals for the Feed My Starving Children Ministry.
- 6) Through helping our senior citizens with their basic needs in our community and with the Caring Cards for Seniors Project.
- 7) Through helping children in need with The School Supply Project.
- 8) Through giving \$36,000 to mission work around the world through our Texas District, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and Lutheran Women's Missionary League.
- 9) Through the Prayer Shawl Ministry for veterans, high school graduates, and many more.
- 10) Through our donations for Hope's Door Ministry for Domestic Abuse victims.
- 11) Through the Lutheran World Relief Quilts and Disaster Relief Kit Donations.
- 12) Through the Braille Ministry making Bible Books for the blind.
- 13) Through delivering over 65 Thanksgiving/Fall Harvest Boxes & Bags to Meals on Wheels.
- 14) Through over 1,022 lbs. of Mac N Cheese and Peanut butter to Good Samaritans of Garland.
- 15) Through Messiah's Angel Tree to support Collin County Committee on Aging Secret Santa Program and Messiah Lambs' Angel Tree to support our community.
- 16) Through our members who have found creative ways to reach out to others around them in their communities.

What can I do to allow God to keep doing great things through me and my church

- 1) Be in worship with one another in person or on live-stream each week.
- 2) Invite someone to worship with us.
- 3) Be involved in a ministry in our church.
- 4) Be generous in our giving to our God.

Serving in the Lord's House Today

PREACHER	Rev. Dr. Victor Kollmann
LITURGIST	Rev. Matthew Lee
ELDER CAPTAIN	Blake Vogler
ALTAR COMMITTEE	Team 3
USHER TEAM	Team F
ACOLYTES	Abigail Marsh, Mason Moncrief
ANTHEM	Patty Luecke, Dorothy Sherrod and Teresa Logue
PRAISE TEAM	Team A, Teresa Logue, Dorothy Sherrod, Charles Hayes, Duane Dieterich
PRODUCTION TEAM	Danny Ladishew, Manager Kayden Spieler, Media—David Sherrod, Camera

Our Response to the Lord Last Week

Weekly Worship Attendance	427
Adult Bible Class Attendance	213
Sunday School Attendance	70

Church Faith Budget

Given last week	\$ 41,767
Given year to date	\$ 93,194
Given year to date last year	\$ 106,153

Building Fund

Given last week	\$ 1,645
Given year to date	\$ 3,535



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

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Services available on the Live Stream/You Tube

♦ Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary: 8:30 & 11:00AM
(Holy Communion every 2nd and 4th Sunday)

♦ Sunday School & Adult Bible Class: 9:45-10:40AM

♦ Wednesday Worship in the Chapel 7:00PM
(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!