

Messiah Lutheran Church
October 20, 2024 11:00 am Worship
Welcome to the Lord's House



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.*

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.



Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2024 11:00 Worship

THE PRESERVICE PRAISE *"My Feet are on the Rock"*

i THE GREETING

THE OPENING SONG *"My Feet are on the Rock"*

Imagine someone offering you a gift—a gift that you cannot get on your own. How do you think the giver of that gift would react if you rejected it? That is what today's Readings are about. The children of Israel refused to go into the Promised Land. God's response was, "They shall not enter My rest." They had been slaves and gotten a good taste of the harshness of the wilderness. Yet they refused to go into a land where they would have rest. Today, God offers you rest through the gift of the forgiveness of sins. Do not miss out on the rest God offers you right now through Jesus.

I can see the clouds roll in,
I can feel the winds they try to shake me.
I will not be moved-my feet are on the Rock.

I can feel the waters rise,
I can hear the howling lies that haunt me.
Fear won't hold me now-my feet are on the Rock.

Chorus: When I feel my hope about to break
I will cling to Your unchanging grace
Let the waters come and the earth give way
I'll be dancing in the rain-my feet are on the Rock!

I can see the morning light, I can feel the joy on the horizon
Here my faith is found-I stand on solid ground. **Chorus**

On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.
So stomp your feet and clap your hands- Our feet are on the Rock!
On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.
So stomp your feet and clap your hands- Our feet are on the Rock!
On Christ the solid Rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.
So stomp your feet and clap your hands- Our feet are on the Rock!

Chorus twice

My feet are on the Rock! My feet are on the Rock!

P=Pastor
C=Congregation

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

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

THE 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: When the children of Israel lived in Egypt and were slaves,

C: God sent ten plagues upon Egypt to set His people free and give them rest.

P: When the children of Israel had their backs to the Red Sea,

C: they saw God part the Red Sea and they walked across on dry ground as He gave them rest from their enemy.

P: When there was no way out for us because of our sin,

C: God sent His Son to the cross, that all who believe would have eternal life and rest in that hope.

THE CONFESSION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty and eternal God, You see things from an eternal perspective,

C: and we see things from a limited human perspective.

P: You are omniscient, knowing all;

C: we are but mortal.

P: In many and various ways You spoke to Your people in the past, using the prophets as Your mouthpieces.

C: Your people often disobeyed and provoked Your wrath.

P: When You bid them enter the Promised Land, they would not,

C: and You denied that generation any rest, sending them wandering for forty years.

P: Today, in these last times, You have spoken to us through Your Son.

C: When we fail to believe in Him, and the message of the cross, we put ourselves in danger of missing out on the rest You desire to give us.

P: We need rest from our enemies,

C: from the devil, all his works and ways, and from our own sinful flesh.

P: Forgive us for rebelling against You, Lord,

C: for the sins of thought, word, and deed. Forgive us; wash us clean in Holy Baptism and the blood of the cross.

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 a 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. We call this prayer a "Collect" because it collects the themes of the lessons and puts them into a prayer.

P: I now ask you before God, who searches the heart: is this your sincere confession?

C: Yes, it is my sincere confession.

P: Upon this your confession, I bring you Good News from the King of kings Himself. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thank You, Lord, for Your loving kindness and for Your forgiveness.

İ THE SONG OF PRAISE "Soul on Fire"

Chorus: God I'm running for Your heart,
I'm running for Your heart, 'til I am a soul on fire.
Lord I'm longing for Your ways,
I'm waiting for the day when I am a soul on fire.
('Til I am a soul on fire) **(repeat chorus)**

Lord restore the joy I had. I have wandered bring me back.
In this darkness lead me through until all I see is You, yeah. **Chorus**

Lord let me burn for You again. Let me return to You again.
Lord let me burn for You again. Let me return to You again. **Chorus**

God I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire. 'Til I am a soul on fire. 'Til I am a soul on fire.

THE COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You created mankind not only to work but to rest as well. Yet we too often spend our energy and time seeking and working for those things that Satan has set as traps to destroy us. By the leading and guiding of Your Holy Spirit, turn us away from the things Satan has set as snares to take away our rest. Help us recall our true rest and hope is in You alone. This we ask in the name of Jesus, who came to give us rest, who with You and the Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

⌘ THE FIRST LESSON Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

*The First Lesson
is taken from a
book of the Old
Testament, and is
found on page
555 in the pew
Bible.*

¹⁰ He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹ When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹² Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep. ¹³ There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴ and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵ As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶ This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷ Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger. ¹⁸ Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹ Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. ²⁰ For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

*The Gradual
is from
Psalm 119:9-16
on page 512 in
the pew Bible.*

THE GRADUAL

P: ⁹ How can a young man keep his way pure?

C: By guarding it according to your word.

P: ¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you;

C: let me not wander from your commandments!

P: ¹¹ I have stored up your word in my heart,

C: that I might not sin against you.

P: ¹² Blessed are you, O LORD;

C: teach me your statutes!

The Epistle Lesson is generally from St. Paul's letters, and is found on pages 1002 in the pew Bible. We may read through an entire book over several weeks.

P: ¹³ With my lips I declare

C: all the just decrees of your mouth.

P: ¹⁴ In the way of your testimonies I delight

C: as much as in all riches.

P: ¹⁵ I will meditate on your precepts

C: and fix my eyes on your ways.

P: ¹⁶ I will delight in your statutes;

C: I will not forget your word.

THE EPISTLE LESSON Hebrews 4:1-13

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ² For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³ For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,'" although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴ For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." ⁵ And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest." ⁶ Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷ again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." ⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰ for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

! THE GOSPEL SONG "Our God"

The Gospel Song may change 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 found on page 846 in the pew Bible.

We respond to the Word of God with an acclamation of praise, and joyfully confess our Christian faith.

Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind.
There's no one like You, none like You.
Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we will rise.
There's no one like You, none like You.

Our God is greater, our God is stronger!
God, You are higher than any other.
Our God is healer, awesome in power-our God, our God!
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THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 10:23-27

²³ And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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*

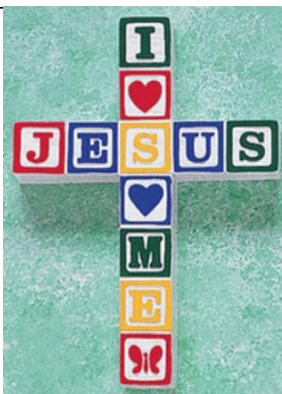
C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from 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 Children's Time: We invite children ages 2 through 5th grade to come forward for the Children's Time. A children's song is sung that is based on the theme of the day.

🔗 THE CHILDREN'S SONG "*Let Everything That*"

Let everything that, everything that,
Everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Let everything that, everything that,
Everything that has breath praise the Lord.

I will worship, I will worship,
I will worship You with every breath.
I will worship, I will worship,
I will worship You with every breath.



THE CHILDREN'S TIME "*The Greatest Gift of All*"

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

THE SERMON HYMN "*Salvation unto Us Has Come*" LSB 555



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For
giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And
ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our

help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
 man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those
 by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a
 guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's

 Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
 pure de - sires The spir - it of the
 mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
 poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our

 world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
 Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
 guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

THE SERMON "God Alone Graciously Saves Us" Mark 10:27

1. It is impossible for us to save ourselves.
2. With Jesus ONLY, He graciously saves us.

¶ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S TEACHING "Salvation Unto Us..." LSB 555

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

5 Yet as the Law must be ful - filled Or we must die de -
 6 Since Christ has full a - tone - ment made And brought to us sal -

 spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled, Our
 va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad And

 hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for us the
 build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear

Law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's
Lord, I plead, Your death is now my

ven - geance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.
life in - deed, For You have paid my ran - som.

THE OFFERING PRAYER AND OFFERING

🔗 THE ANTHEM "Never"

After the Offering Prayer, we ask all of those watching the service on the live stream, please fill out an attendance card. If you have any special prayer requests, you will find a space for this online as well.

For those in attendance, please fill out a card that is in the pew. You can pass your card to the end of the pew and the ushers will pick it up. Thank you.

When this broken world is breaking me down,
When my tears and knees both fall to the ground,
When my questions make me doubt You more than ever,
You remind me that Your answer is always never.

Never forgotten, never forsaken, never abandoned
Not for a second.

I am safe in Your hands always and forever!
You're never not working, my heart is the proof
There's not a broken too broken for You.
Will there ever come a day when You're not holding me together?
You say never.

Every single time I look back I see
There's never been a promise You didn't keep
You don't waste the wounds. You use them for the better.
When it comes to You Your answer's always never. **Chorus**

You never let me down, no You never let me down.
When did You ever let me down? Never, no never
You never let me down, no You never let me down.
When did You ever let me down? Never!

You say never. You say never
You never let me down. When did you ever let me down?
Oh never, never. **Chorus**

I THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Father in heaven, because no one can confess that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit, we pray that You would preserve Your Christian people from the temptations and troubles that would lead us away from You.

C: We praise You for all the blessings that You give us daily.

P: Almighty God, You have promised to protect, defend, and prosper Your Church through Your Word.

C: Give all pastors the faith, strength and confidence to preach Your Word without constraint, and open all ears and hearts to hear, believe and share it.

P: Lord, we lift up all impacted by the recent hurricanes, suffering the loss of loved ones, property and cherished possessions. We praise You for the countless number of volunteers reaching out to help in the relief efforts.

C: May we give generously of the resources You have given us to show Your love to our brothers and sisters in need in these ravaged areas. Lord, we pray that Your precious children feel Your love and comfort.

P: Almighty God, bless, guide, and instruct our president, congress, governor, and all in authority that they govern according to Your will and purpose for all.

C: Dear Father in Heaven, we humbly ask You to heal our land. Grant us a godly President and leaders who will govern righteously. Protect the election so that it is fair and honest for all.

P: Almighty God, You give us all things and have made us managers of Your great creation. Bless the earth that its fruitfulness supply all that we need. Bless our stewardship of the land that we not squander what You have given.

C: Bless our hearts that we are generous and return to You the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart.

P: Loving Father, You know our frailty and our weakness, that we do not always know how to pray or what to pray for, so grant us all things good and profitable for our salvation.

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

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

Protect us from harm; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom all glory, honor, and worship are Yours, holy Father, in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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

THE 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.

P: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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)

THE MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE



İ THE CLOSING SONG "Less Like Me"

You are welcome to take this bulletin home and use it for personal devotions this week. Otherwise, we ask that you return it to an usher table in the back. Thank you!

Oh I have days I lose the fight
Try my best but just don't get it right.
Where I talk a talk that I don't walk
And miss the moments right before my eyes.
Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped
Somebody with a hand that I could have held
When I just can't see past myself, Lord help me be-

A little more like mercy, a little more like grace,
A little more like kindness, goodness, love and faith
A little more like patience, a little more like peace
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.

THE POSTSERVICE PRAISE



Serving in the Lord's House Today

PREACHER	Rev. Matthew A. Lee
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Our Response to the Lord Last Week

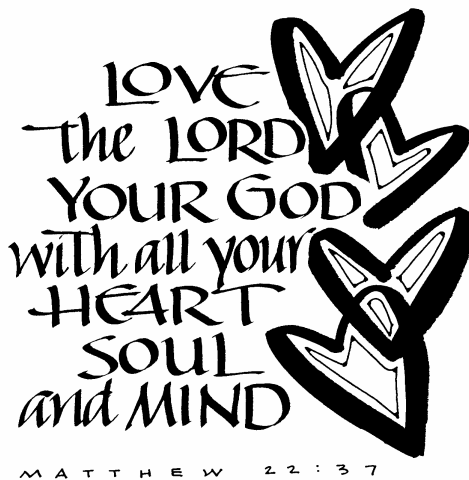
Weekly Worship Attendance	495
Adult Bible Class Attendance	120
Sunday School Attendance	32

Church Faith Budget

Given last week	\$ 58,491
Given year to date	\$ 1,922,358
Given year to date last year	\$ 1,939,738

Building Fund

Given last week	\$ 2,055
Given year to date	\$ 106,060



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

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Services available on the Live Stream/YouTube

- ♦ 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!