

January 19th, 2025 11:00am

STATE OF THE CHURCH



MESSIAH LUTHERAN

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.

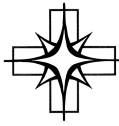
"Be thoughtful-be silent-be reverent; for this is the house of the Lord,
Before the service, speak to the Lord;
During the service, let the Lord speak to you;
After the service, speak to one another."

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.



The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 2025 11:00 Worship

THE PRE-SERVICE PRAISE "Soul on Fire"

THE GREETING

THE OPENING SONG "Lead on Good Shepherd"

The miracle of water turned into wine is a surprising one. It is marked by the fact that this is the choicest of wines, that the sheer amount of wine was embarrassingly extravagant, and that the full benefit of this miracle was limited to the servants who did what Jesus said, Mary, and the disciples who were with Jesus. It is the mark of what is to come. Jesus' whole ministry is one of goodness beyond compare, of extravagant mercy beyond what we deserve or even dare ask, and of grace hidden in ordinary things like words, water, bread, and wine. This is then a precursor of what is to come, the first of many manifestations of His mercy and the rich and overflowing provision of His grace to supply salvation to a world that otherwise knows no joy.

Well I've been turned 'round but I've never been lost,
Seen the water get troubled but we walked across.
When my knees were shaking, You held my hand
Turning my problems to a promised land.

Chorus

Lead on Good Shepherd I'll follow all my days.
There ain't nothing sweeter than to watch You make a way.
You've walked me through the valley
But You never steered me wrong.
So lead on Good Shepherd, lead on.

Seen some mighty deep canyons that You brought me through.
Seen some mighty big mountains that just up and moved.
Glory, glory hallelujah! Yeah that's my song.
Walking with my Father into the great unknown. **Chorus**

Step by step, day by day. Lead me on Lord I pray
Road gets dark walk by faith-Lead on Good Shepherd. **(sing twice)**

Chorus

Step by step day by day Lead me on Lord I pray
Road gets dark walk by faith-Lead on Good Shepherd. **(sing twice)**

Lead on Good Shepherd, lead on Good Shepherd.
Lead on Good Shepherd, lead on Good Shepherd.
Lead on Good Shepherd, lead on.

*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 pastor then
speaks God's
Word to give
the forgiveness
Jesus won for us
on the cross.
(John 20:23)*

THE INVOCATION

P: This is the day the Lord has made!

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

P: Great is His steadfast love toward us,

C: and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

P: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

C: The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

THE CONFESSION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

P: Bidden by His steadfast love, let us take refuge in the mercy of God, confessing our sins and rejoicing in His gift of forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

✠ C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

THE SONG OF PRAISE "My Redeemer Lives"

We respond to God's grace 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. We call this prayer a "Collect" because it collects the themes of the lessons and puts them into a prayer.

The First Lesson is taken from a book of the Old Testament, and is found on page 602 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.

I know He rescued my soul. His blood has covered my sin.
I believe! I believe!
My shame He's taken away. My pain is healed in His name.
I believe! I believe!
I'll raise a banner; my Lord has conquered the grave!

Chorus: My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives!
My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives! **(Repeat All)**

You lift my burdens; I'll rise with You!
I'm dancing on this mountaintop
To see Your kingdom come!
(Chorus twice)



THE COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty Father, everlasting God, who has made radiant in His holiness Your church, which was bespoiled by sin, we give You thanks for sending forth Your own Son to rescue His Bride by the riches of His mercy, and for restoring Your church that we may rejoice and be glad all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with the Father and the Spirit are one God, now and to the end of the ages.

C: Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

THE GRADUAL

P: ¹Blessèd is everyone who fears the Lord,

C: Who walks in his ways.

P: ²You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;

C: You shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.

P: ³Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;

C: Your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

P: ⁴Behold, thus shall the man be blessed

C: who fears the Lord.

P: ⁵The Lord bless you from Zion!

C: May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!

P: ⁶May you see your children's children!

C: Peace be upon Israel!

THE EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

THE GOSPEL SONG "Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You. **(repeat)**

The Gradual is from Psalm 128 found on page 518 in the pew Bible.

The Epistle Lesson is found on page 959 in the pew Bible.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 2:1-11

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 887 in the pew Bible.

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

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

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 "The Star Proclaims the King is Here" LSB 399

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



1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,
 2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed
 3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood The heav'n - ly
 4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, When wa - ter



why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly
 on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they
 Lamb in meek - ness stood That He, of whom no sin was
 red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it



birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.
 trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.
 known, Might cleanse His peo - ple from their own.
 flowed In streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.

THE SERMON "The Change That Jesus Brings to Your Life" John 2:11

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

1. A new mental attitude.
2. A new mission.
3. A new motivation.
4. A new measure of your worth.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S TEACHING "The Star Proclaims..." LSB 399



5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,



Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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 OFFERING PRAYER AND OFFERING

THE OFFERING ANTHEM "My Jesus"

Are you past the point of weary? Is your burden weighing heavy?
Is it all too much to carry? Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.
Do you feel that empty feeling, 'cause shame's done all its stealing,
And you're desperate for some healing?
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

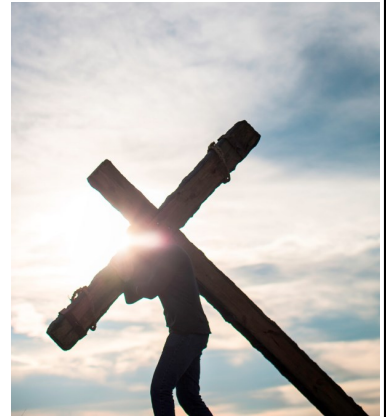
Chorus:

He makes a way where there ain't no way,
Rises up from an empty grave.
Ain't no sinner that He can't save. Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.
His love is strong, and His grace is free,
And the good news is I know that He
Can do for you what He's done for me.
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus,
And let my Jesus change your life!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen, amen!

Who can wipe away the tears from broken dreams and wasted years,
And tell the past to disappear?
Oh, and let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.
And all the wrong turns that you would go and undo if you could-
Who can work it all for your good?
Let me tell you about my Jesus. **Chorus**

Who would take my cross to Calvary?
Pay the price for all my guilty?
Who would care that much about me?
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus, oh-**Chorus**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Let my Jesus change your life!



THE INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

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 PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in this season of Epiphany where the light shines on our Savior, manifested as the Word made flesh, continue to reveal 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, church, community, and among all in this world.

C: 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 it.

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 hear and heed the call, following in faith where Christ leads.

C: 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, to use them to Your glory, for the sake of others.

P: Lord, shower Your mercy, grace and compassion on all those affected by the recent fires and storms, grieving the loss of loved ones, cherished possessions and property.

C: Give Your protection, strength and courage to the first responders, who are ministering to Your children in these desperate situations.

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.


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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung*)

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)

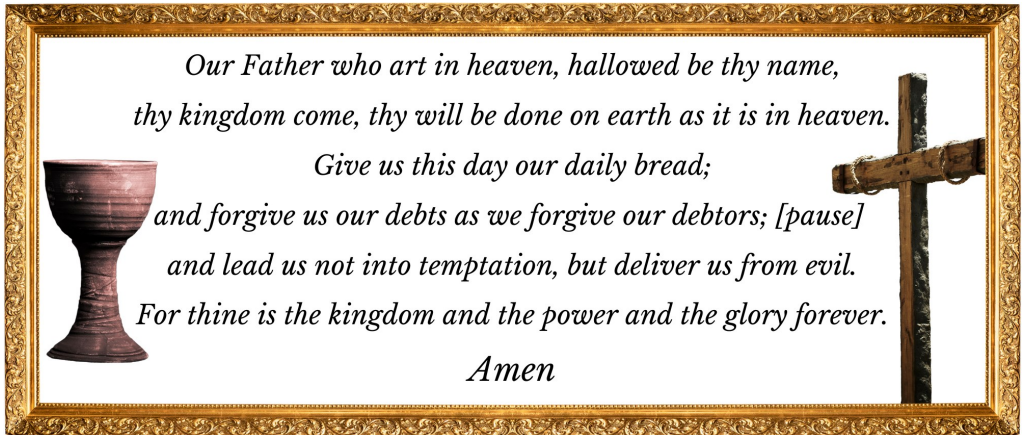
*Then follows the **Aaronic Benediction** in which the Lord recognizes us as His people, putting His name on us, and fulfilling all promises in His name.*

*(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 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.

THE MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

THE CLOSING SONG "Days of Elijah"

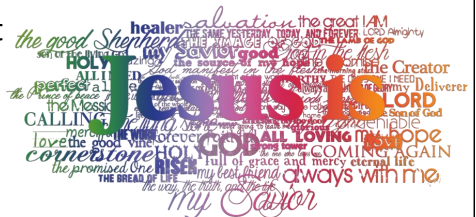
These are the days of Elijah declaring the word of the Lord,
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses
Righteousness being restored.

These are the days of great trials of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice in the desert crying-
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Chorus: Behold He comes, riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet's call!
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee;
And out of Zion's hill, salvation comes!

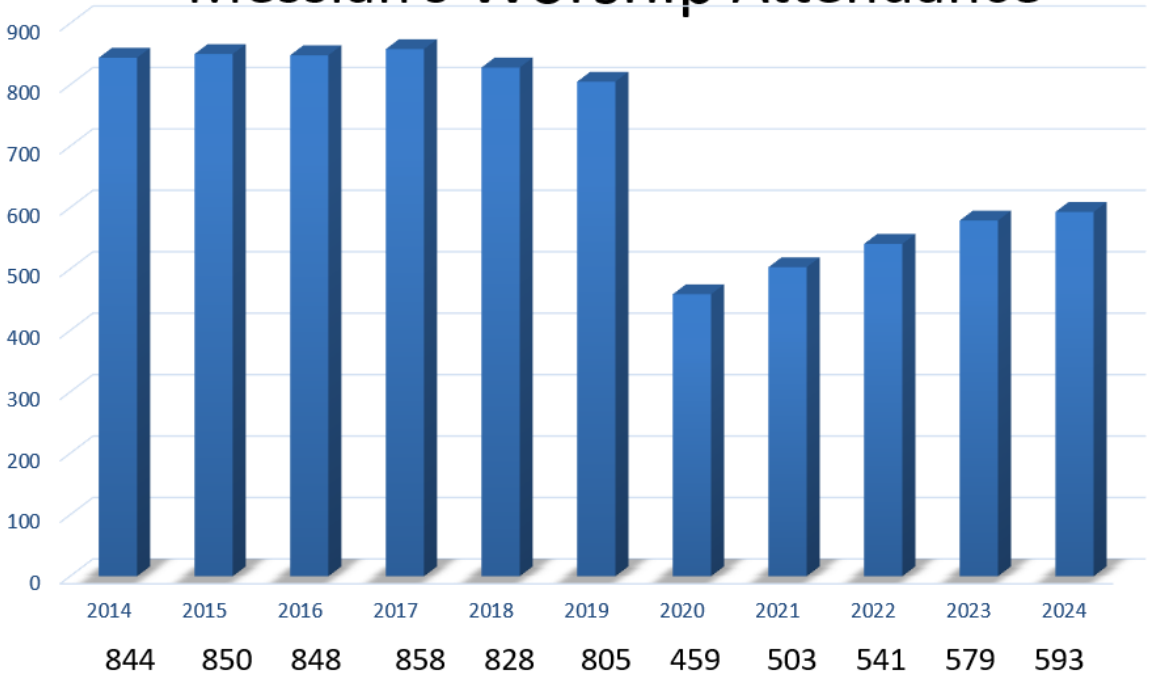
And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant, David
Rebuilding the temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world.
And we are the laborers
In Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord!

Chorus



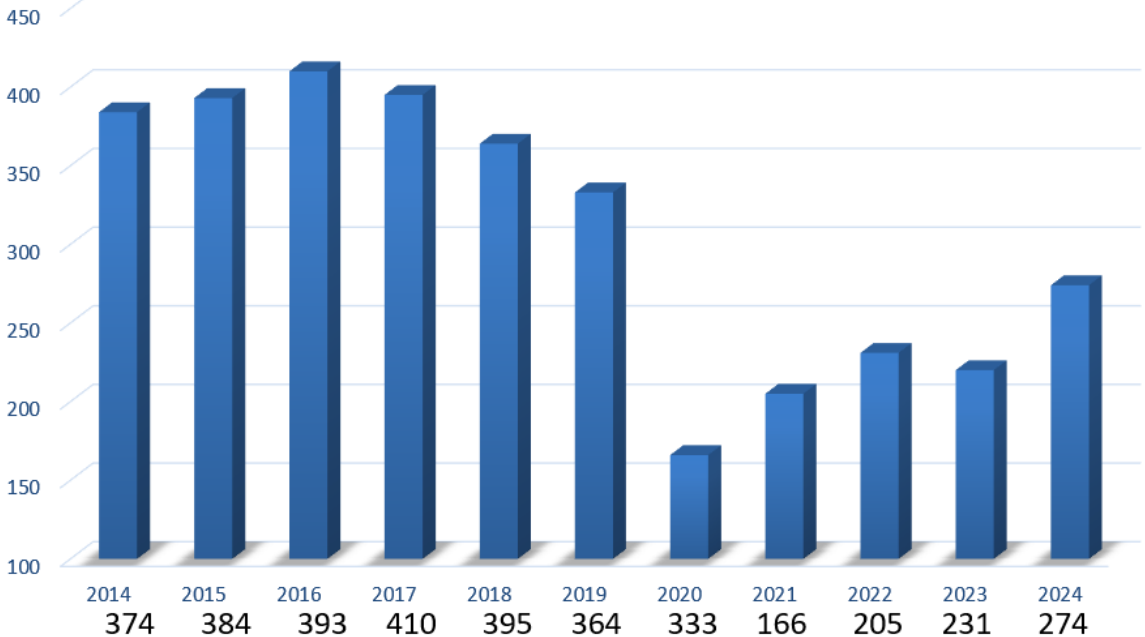
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Messiah's Worship Attendance

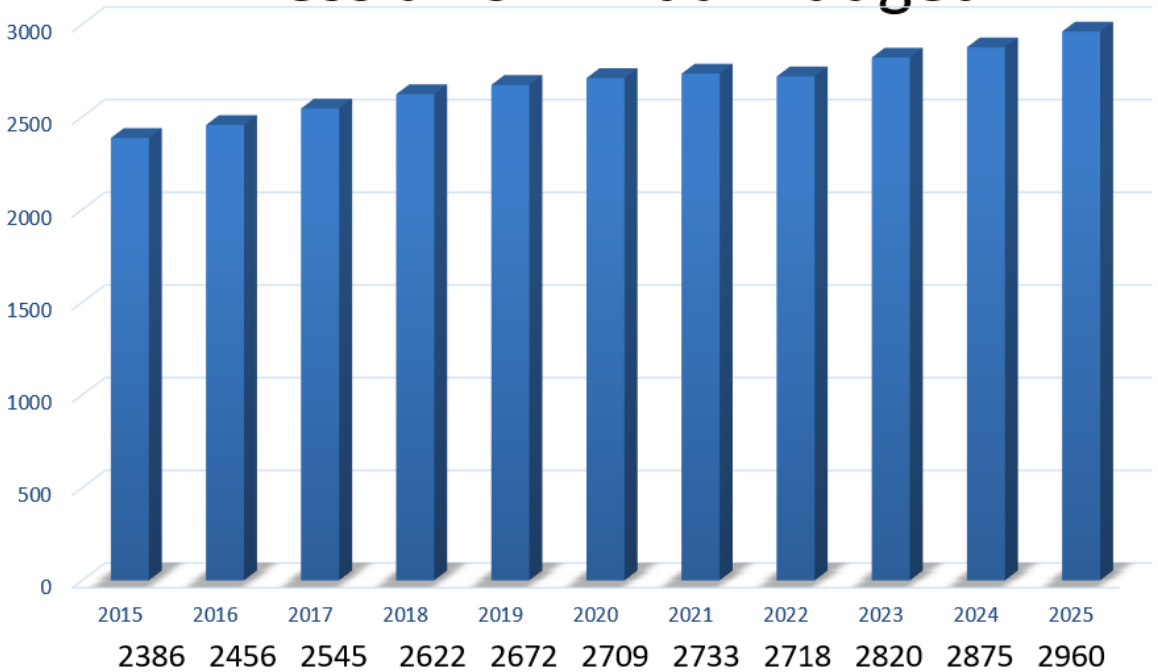


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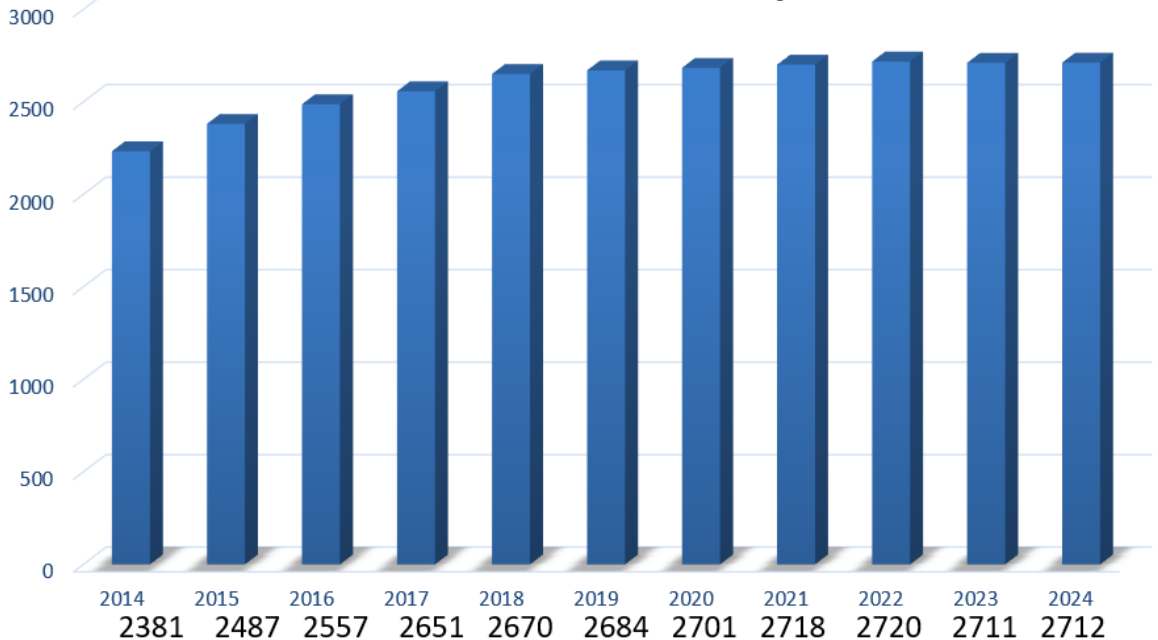
Messiah's Bible Class & Sunday School Attendance



Messiah's Annual Budget



Messiah's Membership Growth



Messiah's Membership in 2024:

2712 Baptized
2146 Communicants
59 New Members



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Messiah's Membership By Neighborhood:

460 Plano	113 Garland
244 Richardson	108 Frisco/The Colony
206 Dallas/Addison	99 Rowlett/Sachse/Rockwall
160 Wylie/Murphy	66 Carrollton/Lewisville/Flower Mound
176 Allen/Fairview/Lucas	27 Arlington/Coppell/Fort Worth
156 McKinney/Anna/Princeton/Melissa	897 Other

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

- 1) Through donations of \$1,012 to the Prestonwood Pregnancy Center.
- 2) Through collecting over 6,000 pounds of food, 9 bags of clothing, 2 bags of shoes, plus \$520 to the community through Network Ministry.
- 3) Through 5 Carter Bloodcare Drives that had the potential to impact over 186 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 40 Thanksgiving/Fall Harvest Boxes & Bags to Meals on Wheels.
- 14) Through over \$1,500 of food gift cards donated to Good Samaritans of Garland.

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 J. Kollmann
LITURGIST	Rev. Matthew A. Lee
ELDER CAPTAIN	Scott Smith
ALTAR COMMITTEE	Team 4
USHER TEAM	Team F
ACOLYTES	Brooke Moncrief, Garrett Schuster
ANTHEM	Norma Miller
PRAISE TEAM	Team A, Teresa Logue, Dorothy Sherrod, Duane Dieterich
PRODUCTION TEAM	Danny Ladishew, Manager Chuck Tolsma, Sound - David Sherrod Media

Our Response to the Lord Last Week

Weekly Worship Attendance	579
Adult Bible Class	195
Sunday School Attendance	106

Church Faith Budget

Given last week	\$
Given year to date	\$
Given year to date last year	\$

Building Fund

Given last week	\$
Given year to date	\$



MATTHEW 22:37

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

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Services available on our Website/YouTube

- ♦ Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary: 8:30 & 11:00 AM
(Holy Communion every 2nd and 4th Sunday)
- ♦ Sunday School & Adult Bible Class: 9:45-10:40 AM
- ♦ Traditional 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!