

# *Welcome to Messiah Lutheran*

## *Third Sunday in Epiphany*



It was one of those thought-for-the-day-calendars you find in your Christmas stocking. The sayings mostly were trite and pithy, but every so often there was a truth worth repeating, for example: “Decide what you want and what you are willing to exchange for it. Set your priorities and go to work.” In other words, if we’re serious, saying yes to one thing often requires saying no to something else.

Jonah—after fleeing from the mission to which God was calling him (and three days and nights in the belly of the fish!)—now says “No!” to his former urges and “Yes!” to God as he sets out as God’s prophet to Nineveh. Paul invites us to say “No!” to trivial matters and “Yes!” to the things of God that have serious and eternal consequences. Jesus calls the disciples to say “No!” to their boats and nets and families and much of everything else they have known and to say “Yes!” to his “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” We feel a kinship with Jonah’s situation, because he struggles. He runs away from God and only relents after a huge fish vomits him onto a distant shore. The call-response stories of Simon, Andrew, James, and John make it all seem so easy. One little word of invitation from Jesus and these men turn in an instant from fishers to disciples.

But most of us live somewhere in the middle, not resisting God’s call with the vigor of Jonah but certainly responding more slowly and ambiguously than the disciples. So, a question for today is: To what is God calling us to say “No!”? Remember, it’s not just the ugly stuff but often good things that must be denied for the sake of following Jesus. And then we must also ask in faith: To what is Jesus inviting us to say “Yes!”?

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*The mission of Messiah Lutheran Church is to glorify Christ  
by nurturing our faith, sharing His love, and teaching His Word.*

*January 24, 2021*

*10:30 a.m.*

## *We Gather for Worship*

**PRELUDE:**

**Special Music by Handbells**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
whose voice is upon the waters,  
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,  
whose goodness cascades over all creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Holy God,

**C: you search us and know us.**

**You are acquainted with all our ways.**

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—**

**our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love.**

**We distrust those who are not like us.**

**We exploit the earth and its resources**

**and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,**

**for all we have done and left undone.**

**Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them;**

**receive them in your divine mercy.**

**Amen.**

L: How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of ☩ Christ Jesus,

our sins are washed away

and we are claimed as God's own beloved.

Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of God's forgiveness,

we are called to be the beloved community

living out Christ's justice

and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN: “Dearest Jesus, at Your Word” - ELW 520

- 1 Dearest Jesus, at your word  
we have come again to hear you;  
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
and in glowing faith be near you  
as the promises here given  
draw us wholly up to heaven.
- 3 Radiance of God's glory bright,  
Light of light from God proceeding,  
Jesus, send your blessed light;  
help our hearing, speaking, heeding,  
that our prayers and songs may please you,  
as with grateful hearts we praise you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-1684, sts. 1-3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707

### \*GREETING

- L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: **And also with you.**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

- L: Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all you lands.
- C: **Tell his glory among the nations;  
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.  
Give glory and honor to the Lord!**
- L: Worship the Lord, in holy attire;  
tremble before him, all the earth;
- C: **Say among the nations:  
The Lord is king, he governs the peoples with equity.  
Give glory and honor to the Lord!**

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *ELW Holy Communion Setting 10, page 205***

*(Tune: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee)*



Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.



Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

**L:** The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**L:** We pray together: **Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*We Hear God's Word*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *(Please stay seated)*

**FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 62:5-12** *The congregation will use the boldface response*

<sup>5</sup>For God alone I wait in silence;  
truly, my hope is in God.

<sup>6</sup>God alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

**God alone is my rock and my salvation.**

<sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance and my honor;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

<sup>8</sup>Put your trust in God always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.

**God alone is my rock and my salvation.**

<sup>9</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath;  
those of low estate cannot be trusted.  
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

<sup>10</sup>Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

**God alone is my rock and my salvation.**

<sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.

<sup>12</sup>Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,  
for you repay all according to their deeds.

**God alone is my rock and my salvation.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *ELW Holy Communion Setting 10, page 205*



**\*GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20**

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” <sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

**L:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY - “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore” - ELW 817**

*See next page - Verses 1 & 4*



# You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

*Tú has venido a la orilla*



1	<i>Tú</i>	<i>has</i>	<i>ve - ni - do</i>	<i>a la o - ri - lla,</i>	<i>no has bus -</i>
1	You	have	come down to the	lake - shore	seek - ing
2	You	know	full well what I	have, Lord:	nei - ther
3	You	need	my hands, my	ex - haus - tion,	work - ing
4	You	who	have fished oth - er	wa - ters;	you, the



<i>ca - do</i>	<i>ni a sa - bios</i>	<i>ni a ri - cos;</i>	<i>tan só - lo</i>
nei - ther	the wise nor the	wealth - y,	but on - ly
treasure	nor weapons for	con - quest,	just these my
love for	the rest of the	wea - ry—	a love that's
long - ing	of souls that are	yearn - ing:	O lov - ing



<i>quie - res</i>	<i>que yo</i>	<i>te si - ga.</i>
ask - ing	for me	to fol - low.
fish nets	and will	for work - ing.
will - ing	to go	on lov - ing.
Friend, you	have come	to call me.

## Refrain / Estribillo



<i>Se - ñor,</i>	<i>me has mi - ra - do</i>	<i>a los o - jos;</i>	<i>son - ri - en - do,</i>
Sweet Lord,	you have looked in - to	my eyes;	kind - ly smil - ing,



<i>has di - cho</i>	<i>mi nom - bre.</i>	<i>En la a - re - na</i>	<i>he de - ja - do</i>	<i>mi</i>
you've called out	my name. . .	On the sand I	have a - ban - doned	my



<i>bar - ca;</i>	<i>jun - to a ti</i>	<i>bus - ca - ré o - tro</i>	<i>mar.</i>
small boat;	now with you,	I will seek oth - er	seas.

Text: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1936–1991; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946

Music: PESCADOR DE HOMBRES, Cesáreo Gabaráin

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## *We Respond as God's People*

### **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth,  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

**OFFERING MOMENT:** *Sharing our tithes and gifts is an outpouring of thanksgiving and praise for all that God has done for us. We give with glad hearts and joyful spirits!*

### **PRAYERS:**

As we pray to Jesus, the Lord of all peoples, let our prayers be as wide as the world, saying:

**Let the light of Christ shine on all people!**

That the light of Christ may shine on all people far and near, and that we may see their diversity as a reflection of God's artistry, let us pray:

**Let the light of Christ shine on all people!**

That God's people may hear the poor when they cry, have pity on the weak, and open their hearts and hands to the needy, let us pray:

**Let the light of Christ shine on all people!**

That all who look to the light of Christ for guidance may discover the goodness of the Lord in people and be filled with faith and love, let us pray:

**Let the light of Christ shine on all people!**



That in our Christian communities we may learn to share the treasures of our resources and our hearts, let us pray:

**Let the light of Christ shine on all people!**

Lord our God, we rejoice that you have come near to us in Jesus, your Son. Let him be the light of our lives, now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*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.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

*We Are Sent to Serve*

**\*SENDING HYMN: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" - ELW 545**

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,  
trav'ling through this wilderness.
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration  
for your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
to your truth may we be found.

**\*DISMISSAL**

**L:** Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## Week at a Glance

### Sunday, January 24

10:00am Sunday School  
 10:30am In Person Service  
 10:30am FB Live/Radio  
11:15am Annual Meeting in Sanctuary & on FM Radio in the Parking Lot  
 1:00pm Youth Praise Band Practice  
 7:00pm Virtual Zoom 7<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade YG

### Monday, January 25

1pm – 4pm Quilting  
 1:05pm 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Grab & Go Free Lunch

### Tuesday January 26

10am – 4pm Quilting

### Wednesday, January 27

5:30pm: Confirmation “TO GO BOX”  
 Suppers  
 6:00pm: 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Classes  
 7:00pm: 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Moessiah R.O.C.K.

### Sunday January 31

10:00am Sunday School  
 10:30am In Person Service  
 10:30am FB Live/Radio  
 1:00pm Youth Praise Band Practice  
 7:00pm Virtual Zoom 7<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade YG

### Monday, February 01

Quilting 1pm – 4pm

### Tuesday February 02

Quilting 1pm – 4pm

### Wednesday, February 03

3:30 pm: 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade YG  
 5:30 pm: Confirmation “TO GO BOX”  
 Suppers  
 6:00pm: 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Classes  
 7:00 pm: 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Moessiah R.O.C.K.

## Staying connected

*Thank you for worshipping with us  
 in person, via radio, or on Facebook Live!*

**Messiah radio broadcast:** Tune in on Wild 102 radio at 10:30am. *Today’s broadcast is sponsored by Messiah Lutheran Church.* [Roseauonline.com](http://Roseauonline.com). If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast, the cost of a radio broadcast is \$85. Please write “Radio Fund” on your check or envelope, and who it is in honor of/loving memory of.

**FaceBook Live:** Go to Messiah’s Facebook page to watch livestream video of worship at 10:30am.

**Breeze App:** If you listen to the radio broadcast of our worship service, please Check In to today’s worship via the Breeze app on your phone.

**TODAY – Sunday, January 24, 2021- Annual Meeting @ 11:15am.** *The Annual meeting will be held in the Sanctuary or on FM radio in the parking lot as an alternative to attending in person.* Please attend if you are able. Thank you!

**Pastor Dave’s Installation:** On Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, the NW Minnesota Synod Bishop, Rev. Bill Tesch, will be joining us to formalize Pastor Dave’s call to serve at Messiah. A service of installation for Pastor Dave will take place as a part of our 10:30 AM service. We invite you to mark your calendar and attend in-person, on Facebook Live, or via radio broadcast! Bishop Tesch will also be installing Deacon Joanne at Moe’s 9:15 AM service.

**NEW! Prayer Request Forms:** We are revamping how we add names to the congregational prayers during worship. To be mindful of privacy concerns, we now ask the person requesting prayer to sign a permission form. Forms are available in the narthex and in the church office. This process allows us to print people's names in the bulletin and uplift them in public prayer during worship. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Dave or Deacon Joanne.

**Giving Envelopes for 2021 & Year End 2020 Contribution Statements**

All church members will find the giving envelopes have been placed in their church mailbox for pick up at the Sunday Service or at any time during office hours.

**Year End Contribution Statements** have been sent via email. If you did not receive yours, the statement is now in your church mailbox. Please provide the church office with your email address if you would like to receive it this way.

**Messiah Quilting:** *Please join us!* Mondays from 1-4pm and Tuesdays from 10am-4pm, January-March (we will be following Minnesota State Covid-19 guidelines).

**Thank You to All Who Continue to Support the Ministry of Messiah Through Your Gifts and Offerings.** You may mail your offerings to the church, sign up for an automatic debit through your bank or give a gift through the Breeze app. We appreciate your efforts to continue the work of Messiah in these uncertain times!

**Worship on 1/17/2021 – Attendance: 52 Offering: \$1387  
Weekly Direct Debit: \$590**

***Worship Servers for Sunday,  
January 24:***

Reader: Barb Erickson

Communion: No Communion

Sound Booth: Marty Trangsrud

Counters: Jon & Bonnie Hagen

Council Rep: Shelly LaPlante

Greeter: Aimee Wilson

Usher: Shelly LaPlante

***Worship Servers for Sunday,  
January 31:***

Reader: Dave Grafstrom

Communion: No Communion

Sound Booth: Bob/Andrew Tuttle

Counters: Dave/Sharon Grafstrom

Council Rep: Bonnie Delmore

Greeter: Bonnie Delmore

Usher: Sharon Grafstrom

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