

Welcome to Messiah Lutheran

Second Sunday in Epiphany

“Follow Me”

We live in a culture of invitation. Television invites us to join complicated story arcs so that we feel connected to the characters. Commercials invite us to see their product as a new movement and invite us to join it. We are invited to join groups on Facebook and invited into chat rooms and blog responses. The number of social networks is exploding as we are invited into ever expanding ways to connect.



Invitation is an essential part of our walk of faith, but here we frequently see ourselves not as the invited but rather the one who is supposed to be doing the inviting. We can misuse invitation, maybe using the phrase “invite Jesus into your heart,” which often results in the misunderstanding that we are carrying a little bit of Jesus wherever we go. But today’s gospel (John 1:43-51) emphasizes not invitation as our call to others to join the walk of faith but rather Jesus’ invitation to us to follow him. Jesus’ invitation is not that we carry him with us but rather that we follow where he would lead. When Christ invites Philip to “follow me,” may we hear that invitation in our own ears.

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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 17, 2021

10:30 a.m.

We Gather for Worship

PRELUDE

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: “*Beautiful Savior*” - ELW 838

- 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

*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: Arise! Shine!
- C: **The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**
- L: Arise! Shine!
- C: **God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.**
- L: Arise! Shine!
- C: **Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness
of God's dawn.**
- L: Blessed is He who comes as king, who comes in the name of the Lord!
- C: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth!**

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *ELW Holy Communion Setting 10, page 204*

(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: **Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (*Please stay seated*)

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18 *The congregation will use the boldface response*

¹LORD, you have searched me out;

O LORD, you have known me.

²**You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

³You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

⁵You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

- ¹⁵My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them
were written in your book;
my days were fashioned before they came to be.**
- ¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!
- ¹⁸**If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

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



***GOSPEL: John 1:43-51**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the 1st chapter.

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

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY - “*Here Am I, Lord*” - ELW 574

- 1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

- 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

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SERMON

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.**

***PRAYERS:**

For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the Church lives out its calling every day, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God

For our incoming President and Vice President, that they may lead our nation with great wisdom and discernment in these difficult times, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the people of the United States, to engage in a spirit of cooperation, tranquility, and respect for one another as good stewards of the gifts God has given us, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For police officers and firefighters, for peacekeepers and military personnel, that you will keep them in safety so they may provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those in our community who lack proper food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, for those who are imprisoned or homebound, for those we name before you in our hearts ... that God bring consolation and healing to all in need, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

OFFERING MOMENT: *In gratitude we share these gifts to further the work of God's kingdom! In gratitude we receive the gifts of bread and wine, signs of our Lord's gracious presence in our midst!*

We Celebrate our Lord's Presence

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

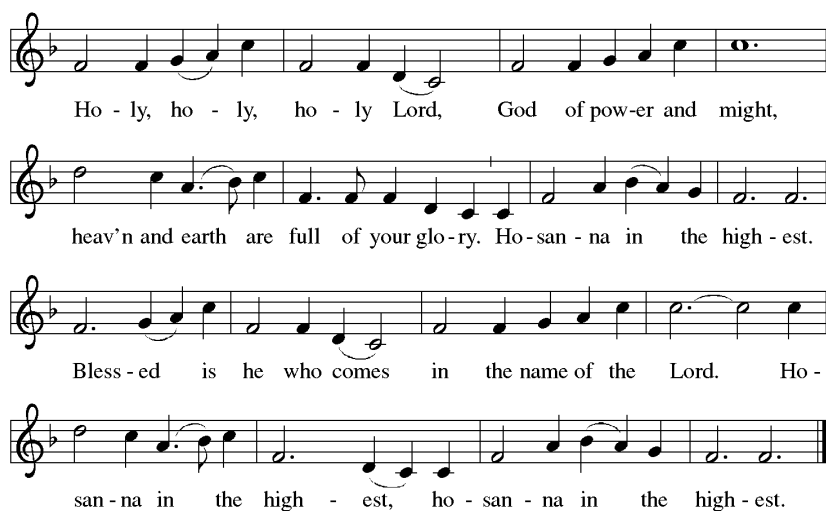
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
 that we should at all times and in all places
 give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
 through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
 in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
 and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
 And so, with all the choirs of angels,
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
 Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
 Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
 Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
 Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
 Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
 Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
 the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

The body of Christ given for you ... *eat of the bread*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

The blood of Christ shed for you ... *drink of the cup*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.**

We Are Sent to Serve

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING HYMN: “On Our Way Rejoicing” - ELW 537**

- 1 On our way rejoicing
gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered;
vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful,
can our hope destroy?

Refrain

On our way rejoicing;
as we forward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!

- 2 Unto God the Father
joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior
thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit
bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing
now and evermore. *Refrain*

***DISMISSAL**

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Weeks at a Glance

Sunday, January 17

10:00am Sunday School
 10:30am **In Person** Service (w/communion)
 10:30am FB Live/Radio
 7:00pm Virtual Zoom 7th- 12th Grade YG

Monday, January 18

1pm – 4pm Quilting

Tuesday January 19

1pm – 4pm Quilting

Wednesday, January 20

3:30pm-4:30pm: 4th-6th Grade YG
 5:30pm: Confirmation “TO GO BOX”
 Suppers
 6:00pm: 7th, 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation
 Classes
 7:00pm: 7th-12th Grade Moessiah R.O.C.K.

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
 7:00pm Virtual Zoom 7th- 12th Grade YG

Monday, January 25

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

Tuesday January 26

Quilting 1pm – 4pm

Wednesday, January 27

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

Staying connected

Thank you for worshiping 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. 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.

Prayers

For Healing: Joile Hulst, Steve Haslerud, Marian Nelson, Ardell Snare, Karmen Preteau, Brad Schuster, Dean Johnson, Helen Gehrke, Marion Solom, Debby Waage, Bud Lang, Joe Elick, Deanne Johnson, Michael Weiss, Joan Haugen, Ardell Magnusson.

For Military: Josh & Hannah Magnusson, Justin Bleau, Zach Robinson, Casey & Melissa Loken, Cole Hamaan

The Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 24th @ 11:15am. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary or on FM radio in the parking lot as an alternative to attending in person.

Please plan to come if you are able. Thank you!

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 1/10/2021 – Attendance: 72, Offering: \$660,
Weekly Direct Debit: \$565**

***Worship Servers for Sunday,
January 17:***

Reader: Carol Guy

Communion: Barb Erickson/ Bonnie Delmore/Caroline Majer

Sound Booth: Paul Grafstrom/ Jon Hosoluk

Counters: Duane & Barb Erickson

Council Rep: Keith Okeson

Greeters: Carol Guy

Usher: Keith Okeson

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

Reader: Aimee Wilson

Communion: No Communion

Sound Booth: Marty Trangsrud

Counters: Jon & Bonnie Hagen

Council Rep: Shelly LaPlante

Greeters: Aimee Wilson

Usher: Shelly LaPlante

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