



Messiah Lutheran Church



Messiah Lutheran Church, ELCA

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Welcome to Messiah Lutheran

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

Epiphany of our Lord

January 3, 2021

10:30 a.m.

We Gather for Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L Blessed be God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
whose forgiveness is sure
and whose steadfast love endures forever.

C **Amen.**

L Together let us honestly and humbly confess
that we have not lived as God desires.
Silence is kept for reflection.

L Loving and forgiving God,
C **we confess that we are held captive by sin.**
In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray.
We have not welcomed the stranger;
we have not loved our neighbor;
we have not been Christ to one another.
Restore us, O God.
Wake us up and turn us from our sin.
Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.

L People of God, hear this glad news:
by God's endless grace
your sins are forgiven, and you are free—
free from all that holds you back
and free to live in the peaceable realm of God.
May you be strengthened in God's love,
† comforted by Christ's peace,
and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN: “Bright and Glorious is the Sky” - ELW 301**

(Verses 1, 2, 3, 5)

- 1 Bright and glorious is the sky,
radiant are the heavens high
where the golden stars are shining.
All their rays to earth inclining
beckon us to heav'n above,
beckon us to heav'n above.
- 2 On that holy Christmas night
through the darkness beamed a light;
all the stars above were paling.
all their luster slowly failing
as the wondrous star drew nigh,
as the wondrous star drew nigh..
- 3 Sages from the East afar,
when they saw this wondrous star,
went to find the king of nations
and to offer their oblations
to the child, the newborn king,
to the child, the newborn king.
- 5 Guided by the star, they found
him whose praise the ages sound.
We too have a star to guide us,
which forever will provide us
with the light to find our Lord,
with the light to find our Lord.

***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: **God's light has come to reveal the path in this New Year.**
- 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 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.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heaven above;
On the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

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: Let us pray together: **Everlasting God, you brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations, through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (*Please stay seated*)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

- ¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
- ² For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
- ³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- ⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,

and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
 your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
 because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
 the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
 the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
 all those from Sheba shall come.
 They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

PSALM 72:1-7

¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
 and your righteousness to a king's son.
² **May he judge your people with righteousness,
 and your poor with justice.**
³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
 and the hills, in righteousness.
⁴ **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
 give deliverance to the needy,
 and crush the oppressor.**
⁵ May he live^[a] while the sun endures,
 and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
⁶ **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
 like showers that water the earth.**
⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish
 and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to Go**

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



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12**

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

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

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY - “As with Gladness Men of Old” - ELW 302

(Verses 1, 2)

- 1 As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led by thee.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - “As with Gladness Men of Old” - ELW 302

(Verses 3, 4)

- 3 As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.
- 4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

We Respond as God's People

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his
kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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!*

OFFERTORY HYMN: *“Go Tell it on the Mountain” - ELW 290*

Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

Verse

Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

OFFERING PRAYER:

Living God, in your Son, you have given the world a radiant Light shining brightly in the darkness! Like the magi, lead us onward in Light that we may share your warmth and grace with all people. Let our lives be an offering of love in this New Year. We pray through Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

PRAYERS: *Each petition ends with:* Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

The Epiphany marks the revelation of the infant-king to the whole world. We turn now to God our Father in love and faithfulness and ask him in his mercy to hear the voice of his people gathered here together in prayer.

We pray for the church that we may be a light shining into the darkness and faithfully proclaiming the Christmas message so that all may come to experience the love and mercy of the Lord.

We pray for those who lead and govern the nations of this world. May your Holy Spirit, like the star that guided the Wise Men, guide them to be wise in their judgements and honest in all that they do, so that injustice, fear, hatred and oppression may give way to peace and harmony

We pray for a strengthening in our own faith as we start a new year. May we, like Mary, treasure and ponder daily the gospel message and be active in our daily lives as witnesses to your promise of hope and love for all.

We pray that as today we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord, like the Wise Men, may we eagerly continue our personal faith journeys and recognize that the true path to salvation lies in following the ways of the Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

We pray for those who serve God through their work with others, for all who care for the sick, the dying and the bereaved; for those who work for justice and peace; for those who give support to the lonely and troubled; that they, and those whom they serve, may continue to experience your love and compassion.

We pray for those in need of your healing compassion, naming them before you now...

Heavenly Father, you called us out of darkness into the wonderful light of Christ your Son, the light for the whole world. We ask you to hear our prayers and make manifest your Kingdom on earth, through 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

SENDING HYMN: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” - ELW 815

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

- 2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

***DISMISSAL**

- L Go in peace. Share the good news.
C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 03

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30am In Person Service
10:30am FB Live/Radio
7:00pm Virtual Zoom 7- 12 Grade YG

Sunday January 10

10:00am Sunday School
10:30am In Person Service
10:30am FB Live/Radio
7:00pm Virtual Zoom 7- 12 Grade YG

Monday, January 04

6:00pm Messiah Youth Committee Meeting
through Zoom.

Wednesday, January 06

3:30 pm: 4-6 Grade Moessiah Hang Time
Youth Group (DONE AT 4:30 PM)
5:30 pm: Confirmation “TO GO BOX”
Suppers
6:00pm: 7th, 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation
Classes
7:00 pm: 7-12 Grade Moessiah R.O.C.K.
8:15 pm: Student Leaders Check-In
Meeting

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.

If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast i.e., in honor of, or in loving memory of someone, please sign up on the bulletin board, or email/call the office. The cost of a radio broadcast is \$85. Please write "Radio Fund" on your check or envelope, and who it is in honor of etc.

- **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. If you have Breeze related questions or would like to create an account, contact the church office.

Worship Servers for Sunday, January 03:

Reader: Gloria Skrutvold

Communion: No Communion

Sound Booth: Marty Trangsrud/Sam Grafstrom

Counters: Stu & Beth McFarlane

Council Rep: Marty Monsrud

Greeters: Curtis & Gloria Skrutvold

Usher: Gary & Vickie Wilson

Worship Servers for Sunday, January 10:

Reader: Jessica Howard

Communion: No Communion

Sound Booth: Bob/Andrew Tuttle

Counters: Micky Slater

Council Rep: Jodie Janzen

Greeters: Marsha/Warren Hagen

Usher: Jodie Janzen

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

Holy Communion: Our Lord is tangibly with us as we break bread and drink of the cup, remembering his loving sacrifice for us. We are grateful! The Sacrament of Holy Communion will next be shared in worship on Sunday, January 17th at the 10:30 AM service.

Giving Envelopes for 2021

All church members will find these have been placed in their church mailbox for pick up at the Sunday Service or at anytime during office hours, Tues – Thurs, 8:30am – 4:30pm. Year End Contribution Statements will also be in your church mailbox, the second week of January.

Annual Report Reminder

Committees, Groups, and Individuals, please submit any information for the Annual Report by Thursday, January 14, 2021.

The Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 24th. This yearly meeting is about *looking back* to review the previous year of mission and ministry, and about *looking forward* at the goals and priorities for ministry we will pursue in the coming year. It is an important gathering of our faith family as we continue to grow in our relationship with God and in the mission we share. Please plan to come if you are able to attend. Thank you!

Messiah Quilting: *Please join us* for quilting at Messiah which starts Monday, January 4th (We will be following Minnesota State Covid-19 guidelines). We quilt **Mondays from 1-4pm** and **Tuesdays from 10am-4pm**, January-March. Bring a bag of lunch if you wish!

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 12/27/2020 –

Attendance: 36, Offering: \$1820.70, Direct Debit: \$565

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OFFICE CLOSED
New Year's Day

Organist: Joyce Hulst

Custodian: Yhone Magnusson