

Welcome to Messiah Lutheran

+ First Sunday in Lent +

The Power of Water



Water is an integral part of the created order. Water sustains and fosters life; too little or too much water can end it. A glance at the news headlines points out the destructive power of water's presence or absence: In the United States alone, 2011 saw severe droughts afflict several parts of the country. On the opposite end of the spectrum, floods ravaged the Plains states in the spring and summer, displacing from their homes

many people who live near rivers and streams. For those dwelling on or near the Eastern Seaboard, hurricane season is a tense time every year. Yet we need water as much or more than we need food, shelter, or the other “staples” of human life. Since ancient times we have established our communities near sources of water. We cannot survive long without it.

The tension between the saving and destructive powers of water fills today's lectionary readings. The waters of the flood overwhelmed the world in the days of Noah, yet 1 Peter reminds us that God delivered Noah and his family from death. The Holy Spirit descends on Jesus only after his baptism by John, yet the Spirit immediately drives Jesus into the desert—a place defined by its lack of water. Through water and the word, in baptism our old, sinful self is put to death, and we are reborn as children of God. But the current that flows through these paradoxes is this: in death and life, in flood and drought, God remains faithful. As the psalmist reminds us, God's mercy and steadfast love “are from everlasting.”

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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.*

February 21, 2021

10:30 a.m.

~ We Gather for Worship ~

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry and draws us close in Jesus Christ.
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,

C: pour out your mercy over us.

Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

Rebuild what we have ruined

and mend what we have torn.

Wash us in your cleansing flood.

Make us alive in the Spirit

to follow in the way of Jesus,

as healers and restorers of the world you so love.

Amen.

L: Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

by the saving love of Jesus Christ,

the wisdom and power of God,

your sins are ☩ forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" – ELW 324

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.

*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.

***KYRIE:** *During the season of Lent, the Canticle of Praise is omitted, and we add the Kyrie. The word "Kyrie comes from the Greek word meaning "Lord." When we hear the words "Kyrie eleison" it means "Lord, have mercy." This is an appropriate response as we reflect on our Lord's mercy and grace poured out for us on the cross!*

Tune: Lord Jesus Think on Me



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray: **Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

~ We Hear God's Word ~

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

PSALM 25:1-10

¹To you, O Lord,

I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day
long.

⁶**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of
your goodness, O Lord.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 3:18-2

⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

*GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

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

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

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY - “O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”

Tune: Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days
you prayed and kept the fast;
inspire repentance for our sin,
and free us from our past.
- 2 You strove with Satan, and you won;
your faithfulness endured;
lend us your nerve, your skill and trust
in God's eternal word.

SERMON

- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed
and fixed your mind above;
so teach us to deny ourselves
that we may know God's love.
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord,
and all our earthly days,
that when the final Easter dawns,
we join in heaven's praise.

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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.

***PRAYERS:** *Each petition will end with...*

L: Receive our prayers ... C: In You we put our trust.

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!*

OFFERTORY: *Sing as gifts are brought forward to the altar.*

We give thee but thine own. What 'ere that gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone, a trust oh Lord from thee.

OFFERING PRAYER:

Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life. with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

~ 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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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 BLESSING and PRAYER:**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace. *Let us pray:* God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

***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**

You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
Amen.

~ We Are Sent to Serve ~

***SENDING HYMN: “Now We Join in Celebration” - ELW 462**

- 1 Now we join in celebration
at our Savior's invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber,
clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence,
putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us,
with his very life to feed us.

- 3 Lord, we share in this communion
as one fam'ly of God's children,
reconciled through you, our brother,
one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others,
serving all, both friends and strangers,
seeking justice, love, and mercy
till you come in final glory.

***DISMISSAL**

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

Announcements

Thank you from the Swongers! The outpouring of love and celebration last Sunday at the Installation service was heartwarming! You all made us feel so special and the “cupcakes to go” were delicious! Thank you!

“The Cup of our Life” for Lent: This upcoming week our theme will be **“The Open Cup.”** *Join us at 6:30 PM for Lenten worship at Messiah each week!*

Lenten Home “Devo” Kit: As our Lenten gift to you, every household is invited to take a “Devo” Kit to use as a devotional toolbox within your home throughout Lent. Kits are available in the narthex. Get yours today!

“The Marks of Love” available as daily Lenten devotional. Our Devo Kits contain ten printed devotions to be used throughout the Lenten season. If you would like to access a daily version of “The Marks of Love,” it is available online through the Lutheran Hour Ministries at <https://www.lhm.org/lent/>. You can have the complete set delivered to your inbox or you can access them on your mobile device through the free app.

Lenten Offering Boxes help support “Backpack for Kids”:

The season of Lent has long been considered a time to deepen spiritual practices such as confession, fasting, prayer, and acts of love. In your Lenten Devo Kit, there’s a special offering box. Throughout Lent, each family can fill their offering boxes and return them at our Holy Week or Easter worship services! This offering will be designated toward helping the Backpack for Kids program. The backpack program is offered to Pre-K through 6th grade students who need supplemental nutrition on weekends and school breaks. Each school week, a bag is sent home with the student containing food items that the children can prepare and eat with minimal assistance. Example items include Easy Mac, cereal, granola bars, juice boxes, etc. All donations go through the Roseau Food Shelf. We are excited to help support this vital community service through our 2021 Lenten Offering Boxes!

Tin Cups Offering: Donations will go towards the **Messiah Youth’s College Care Packages** outreach project.

“Lord, Hear our Prayer”: If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, we would love to pray for you! You can be placed on the confidential prayer chain by reaching out to Messiah’s Prayer Chain Coordinator, Mary Olson (218-463-2364). To make a request for prayers during worship, fill out the prayer request form found on the table in the narthex and turn in to the church office. *If you have any questions, please feel free to ask either Mary, Deacon Joanne, or Pastor Dave.*

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

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 10:30 am or via Roseauonline.com.

Today's Radio Broadcast is in loving memory of Ardell Snare.



Given by Annette Hermansen & Family.

Also given by Joile & Joyce Hulst.

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.

Worship 2/14/2021 - Attendance:72; Offering: \$2383 Weekly Direct Debit: \$590

Week at a Glance

Sunday February 21

10:00am Sunday School today.
10:30am In Person Worship Service
W/Communion
10:30am FB Live/Radio
11:30pm Youth Praise Band Practice
7:00pm Virtual Zoom 7th- 12th Grade YG

Sunday, February 28

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

Monday, February 22

1pm – 4pm: Quilting
1:05pm 10-12th Grade Messiah/Moe & Friends
Grab & Go Free Lunch at Messiah

Monday, March 01

1pm – 4pm: Quilting

Tuesday, February 23

10:00am – 4:00pm Quilting

Tuesday, March 02

10:00am – 4:00pm Quilting

Wednesday, February 24

5:15pm: Bell Choir Practice
5:30 pm: Confirmation "TO GO BOX" Suppers
6:00pm: 7th, 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation
Classes.
6:30pm: Messiah Lent Worship Service
7:15 pm: 7th-12th Grade Moessiah R.O.C.K.
8:20pm: Student Leaders Meeting

Wednesday, March 03

3:30 pm: 4th-6th Grade YG
5:30 pm: Confirmation "TO GO BOX" Suppers
6:00pm: 7th, 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation
Classes.
6:30pm: Messiah Lent Worship Service
7:15 pm: 7th-12th Grade Moessiah R.O.C.K.

*Worship Servers for Sunday,
February : 21*

Reader: Aimee Wilson

Communion: Bonnie Hagen; Nancy Tveit

Sound Booth: Bob Tuttle; Andrew Tuttle

Counters: Jon & Bonnie Hagen

Council Rep: Bob Tuttle

Greeter/Usher: Bonnie Delmore

*Worship Servers for Sunday,
February : 28*

Reader: Carol Guy

Communion: No Communion

Sound Booth: Paul Grafstrom

Counters: Stu & Beth McFarlane

Council Rep: Shelly LaPlante

Greeter/Usher: Shelly LaPlante

***Please note any changes.
Thank you for serving!***

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