

# *Welcome to Messiah Lutheran*

## *+ Second Sunday in Lent +*



### **Promises, Promises**

The story of God's relationship with God's people is a story of promises fulfilled. We hear about God's covenant with Sarah and Abraham in today's Genesis reading and about its fulfillment in the New Testament texts. As Paul reminds us in Romans, we are the multitude of nations that were promised to Abraham; we are his descendants in faith. "Kings of peoples" (Gen. 17:16) descended from Sarah's offspring; Jesus Christ, the King of kings, is Lord of all through his death and resurrection.

From generation to generation, God is steadfast. No matter how many ages pass or how often we turn away, God remains faithful. This is the great hope of our faith—no matter how often we stray or how great our sin, God persists in loving us. Jesus Christ binds us to God through our baptism into his death. In worship—especially through confession, affirmation of baptism, and communion—we continually remember the lengths to which God goes to keep covenant with us. The promise of salvation extends even into the future, as the psalmist reminds us: Our children and our children's children will proclaim God's salvation to generations yet unborn.

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*The purpose of Moe Lutheran Church is to nurture spiritual unity,  
with the help of our Lord, through worship, teaching, service, and sharing.*

***February 28, 2021***

***10:30 a.m.***

*~ We Gather for Worship ~*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

***“Who You Say I Am” - Special Music by Praise Band***

**(Vs 1)** Who am I that the highest King

Would welcome me

I was lost but He brought me in

Oh His love for me

Oh His love for me

**(Chorus 1)** Who the Son sets free

Oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God

Yes I am

**(Vs2)** Free at last

He has ransomed me

His grace runs deep

While I was a slave to sin

Jesus died for me

Yes He died for me

**(Chorus 2)** In my Father's house

There's a place for me

I'm a child of God

Yes I am

**(Bridge x 2)** I am chosen not forsaken

I am who You say I am

You are for me not against me

I am who You say I am

**(Chorus 1) (Chorus 2)**

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## 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.**

### OPENING SONG: "The Heart of Worship"

**(Vs1)** When the music fades all is stripped away

And I simply come

Longing just to bring something that's of worth

That will bless Your heart

**(Pre-Chorus)** I'll bring You more than a song

For a song in itself is not what You have required

You search much deeper within

Through the way things appear

You're looking into my heart

**(Chorus)** I'm coming back to the heart of worship  
And it's all about You all about You Jesus  
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it  
When it's all about You all about You Jesus

**(Vs2)** King of endless worth no one could express  
How much You deserve  
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours  
Ev'ry single breath **(Pre-Chorus) (Chorus)**

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### **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.**

**L:** Let us pray: **O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, 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 17:1-7, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

<sup>15</sup>God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you

a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

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

### **PSALM 22:23-31**

<sup>23</sup> You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

<sup>24</sup> **For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;  
he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.**

<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

<sup>26</sup> **The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.  
May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord;  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.

<sup>28</sup> **For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
and he rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup> To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.

<sup>30</sup> **Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord,**

<sup>31</sup> and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.

### **\*GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38**

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

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

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those

who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **SERMON SONG: “I Will Follow”**

**V1.** All Your ways are good  
All Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my sight  
High above my life  
I will trust in You alone  
In You alone.

#### **(Chorus)**

Where You go, I'll go, Where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move. I will follow you  
Whom you love, I'll love. How You serve, I'll serve  
If this life I lose. I will follow You  
Yeah. I will follow you. Yeah.

**V2.** Light into the world  
Light into my life  
I will live for You alone  
You're the One I seek  
Knowing I will find  
All I need in You alone  
In You alone **(Chorus)**

#### **(Bridge)**

In You there's life everlasting  
In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy unending joy  
And I will follow.**(Chorus)**

**(Interlude)** Yeah. I will follow you. Yeah. I will follow you.

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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.

### OFFERING MOMENT

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** *"Above All" by Elaine Wulff*

*Gifts are brought forward to the altar at close of special music.*

### OFFERING PRAYER:

Almighty God, draw our hearts to you! Guide our minds, fill our imaginations, and control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use these gifts to your glory and for the well being of your people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### PRAYERS

#### 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 ~*

### **CLOSING SONG: "Blessed Be Your Name"**

**(Verse 1)** Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

(Verse 2) Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

**(Pre-Chorus)** Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

**(Chorus)** Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

**(Verse 3)** Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

**(Verse 4)** Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name. **(Pre-Chorus) (Chorus)**

**(Bridge x 2)** You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name **(Chorus)**



## Announcements

**The Swongers will be out of town Friday, March 5 – Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.** If you have a pastoral emergency while they are away, please call Pastor Mary Gilthvedt at 218-689-2641. On Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, our very own Synodically Authorized Minister, Jay Ostgaard, will be leading worship and giving the message. Thank you to Jay and Pastor Mary!

**Summer Bible Camp season is fast approaching!** Pathways Bible Camps are planning a memorable season with Covid safe guidelines in place. Camp brochures will soon be available in the narthex, but feel free to check out their website at <https://pathwaysbiblecamps.org/>. Registration is already open for both Camp Emmaus and Camp Minne-We-Kan. Can't decide which camp to choose? Here is a brief description of each! ***Camp Emmaus is located just outside of Menahga, MN.*** With over 340 wooded acres, Emmaus offers solitude and lots of space to explore. A network of nearly 10 miles of trails takes the adventurous to every corner of camp. Emmaus surrounds beautiful Lake Morgan. ***Camp Minne-Wa-Kan encompasses 23 acres with a half-mile sandy shoreline on Lake Andrusia, Cass Lake, MN.*** Minne-Wa-Kan is surrounded by beautiful tall trees and waterfront activities feature plenty of canoes, kayaks, and the swim beach.

**Worship during Holy Week:** To fully experience the glorious joy of Easter, we must first journey through the sorrow found at the cross and tomb! You are invited to attend the following Holy Week worship services: ***Maundy Thursday, 6:30 PM at Messiah Lutheran featuring the celebration Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar. Good Friday, 6:30 PM at Moe Lutheran featuring extinguishing candles to create an ever darkening of the sanctuary space as we read the scripture passages of our Lord's Passion.***

**“The Cup of our Life” for Lent:** *Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM for Lenten worship at Messiah each week!*

**“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*, through March (we will be following Minnesota State Covid-19 guidelines).

### *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 10:30 am or via [Roseauonline.com](http://Roseauonline.com).

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

**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.

## *Week at a Glance*

### Sunday, February 28

10:00am Sunday School  
10:30am In Person Worship 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, March 01

1pm – 4pm: Quilting

### Tuesday, March 02

10am – 4pm Quilting

### Wednesday, March 03

No Youth Groups or Confirmation Class due To Spring Break.  
6:30pm: Messiah Lent Worship Service

### Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – March 8<sup>th</sup>:

Pastor Dave & Deacon Joanne out of office. (See Announcements).

### Sunday, March 07

No Sunday School (Spring Break)  
10:30am In Person Worship Service  
10:30am FB Live/Radio  
No Youth Praise Band Practice  
7:00pm Virtual Zoom 7<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade YG

### Monday, March 08

1pm – 4pm: Quilting

### Tuesday, March 09

10am – 4pm Quilting

### Wednesday, March 10

3:30pm – 4:30pm: 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade YG  
5:30pm: Confirmation “TO GO BOX” Suppers  
6:00pm: 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Classes.  
6:30pm: Messiah Lent Worship Service  
7:15pm – 8:20pm: 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade R.O.C.K. @ Moe

### 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

### Worship Servers for Sunday, March: 07

Reader: Marsha Hagen

Communion: No Communion

Sound Booth: Marty Trangsrud

Counters: Duane & Barb Erickson

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