

The Mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Messiah is to proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ by daily witness through prayer, service, and thanksgiving.

**Welcome to Worship
December 3, 2023
2nd Sunday of Advent
Celebrating our 69th Anniversary**



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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymns:

The King Shall Come

LBW 33

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Please Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we continue to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**
Amen

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Please Stand If you are able

P Peace of the Lord be with you always

C And also with you.

Peace

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

PRAYERS

Each petition ends:

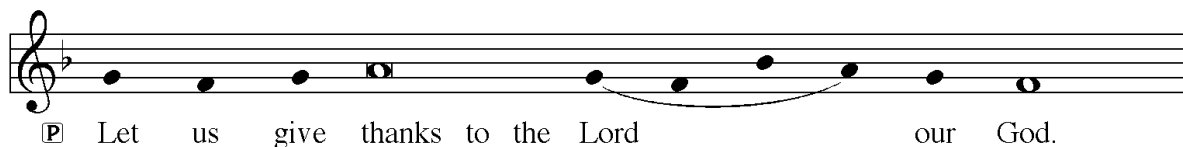
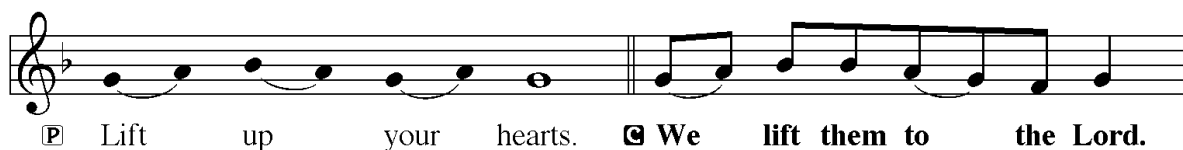
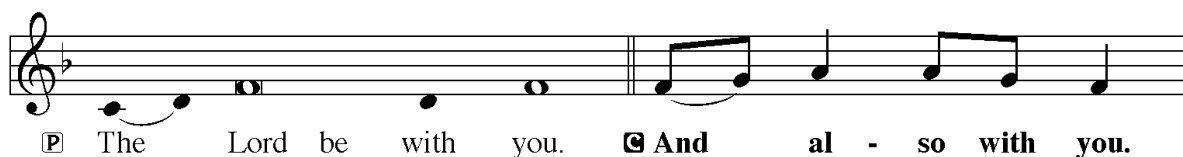
A God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

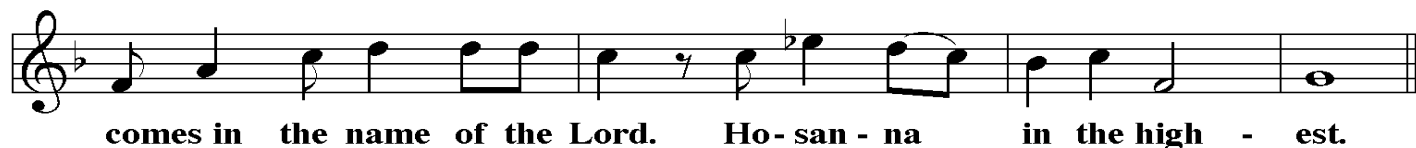
P In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 68)



P It is indeed right and salutary...*Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or season, concluding, "we praise your name and join their unending hymn":*



P 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.

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.

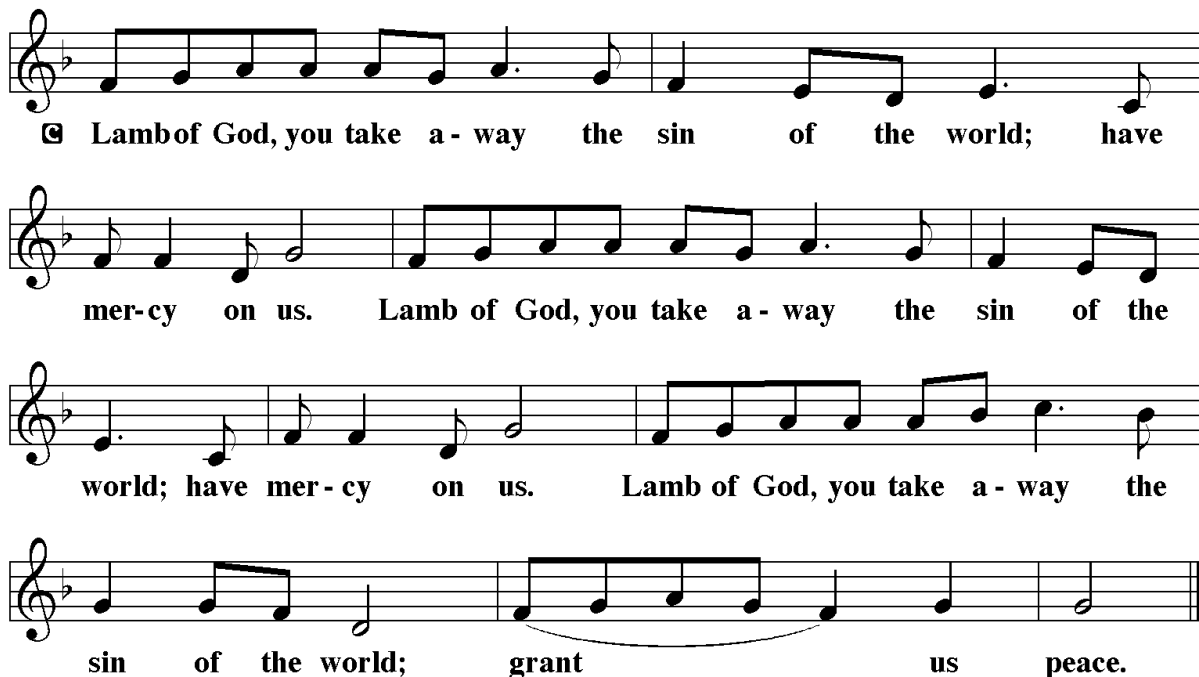
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

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.

P The gifts of God for the People of God.



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace." The word "grant" is underlined with a long horizontal line extending across the staff.

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mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

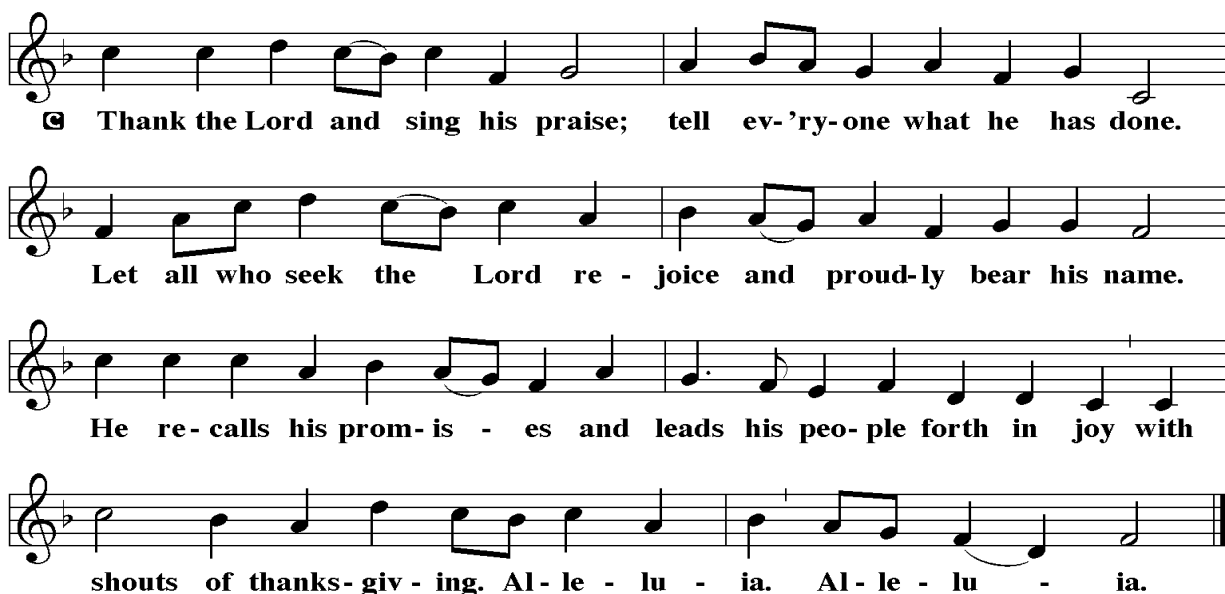
P All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

COMMUNION

The communion follows. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant: "The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ for you."

The communicant may say: "Amen."

Post-Communion Cantic



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C Amen

OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERING ANTHEM (LBW p. 66)

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
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And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P O Lord, we Give thee but thine own whate'er the gifts may be. For all that we have is thine alone, a trust of Lord from thee.

C Amen.

Gospel: John 14:9-14

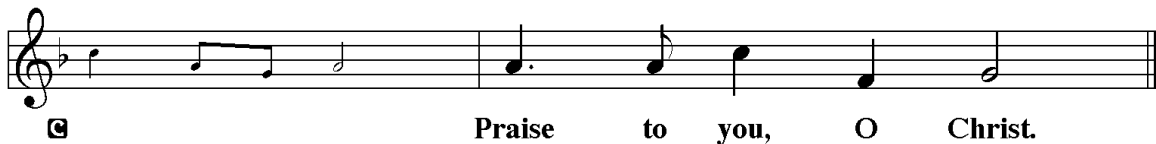
P The Holy Gospel according to John, 14th chapter, starting with verse 9.



⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us

the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated

Intro Video
Reading from “The Story” NIV Bible
Chapter 11 – From Shepherd to King

Children’s Sermon

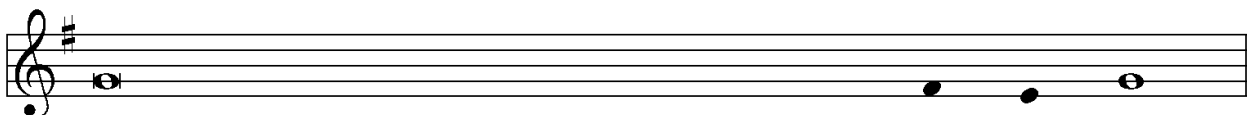
As the children come forward everyone sings “Jesus Loves Me.”

Choir Anthem

Sermon

Please Stand if you are able

BENEDICTION



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



G A - men

Closing Hymn: Seek Ye First TFF 149

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
 C Thanks be to God.

God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again

God be with you 'til we meet again,
 By His counsels guide, uphold you,
 With His sheep securely fold you:
 God be with you 'til we meet again.

Organ Postlude *****

Visitors & Guests: We welcome you in the Name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ! Please introduce yourselves & sign our guestbook in the narthex.

Newsletter Articles: Do you have any news to put into the newsletter? Please let Pastor know or email any submissions to the office email at Office@messiahLewiston.Org. The monthly deadline for inclusion is the 25th.

Altar Flowers are now available for scheduling. The cost is \$49 for a single bouquet and \$64 for a double. There is a calendar on the bulletin board in the narthex where you may reserve a date or call the office.

Bible Study: Will be held every Wednesday at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Craft Group: On Friday, December 1st from 9am to 2pm our craft group will be held. If you have a craft, you enjoy doing and are looking for a great space to spread out and some great company please feel free to join us. All are welcome, men and woman.

Angel Tree: Please return all wrapped gifts by December 3

Benevolence: We are appealing to the congregation to assist us in meeting our Benevolence goals this year. Please consider giving something before the end of the year specially marked "benevolence" so that we can fulfill that part of our church budget. You can use your weekly envelopes, if you have them, and write "Benevolence Fund" on the envelope, or just use a plain envelope or one of the envelopes provided in the pews on Sunday and write "Benevolence Fund" on the outside. Thank you! Your Church Council

Flower Offering: Flowering Offering envelopes are now available. We ask that you please have them handed in by December 17. You can put them in the offering plate.

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 3

Angel Tree Gifts due

Sunday, December 10

2pm Lewiston Choraleers Concert

Friday, December 15

9am to 2pm Craft Group

Saturday, December 16	Christmas Baskets
Sunday, December 24	9:15am Sing A Long Service
Sunday, December 24	7pm Candle Light Service
Monday, December 25	Christmas Day/Office Closed
Monday, December 25	10am Christmas Service
Sunday, December 31	Potluck Tailgate after 2 nd Service

Weekly Chapter Readings

December 3	Chapter 11- From Shepherd to King
December 10	Chapter 12 – The Trails of a King
December 17	Chapter 13 – The King Who Had It All
December 24	Christmas Eve Service – Sing A Long
December 31	Chapter 14 – A Kingdom Torn in Two

DEACON SCHEDULE

If you can't help on the day assigned to you, please let Pastor or Darinda know.

DATE	ASSISTANT DEACON	COMMUNION DEACON
December 3, 2023	Darinda Hoffman	Candy Ingwersen
December 10, 2023	Robin Stevens	
December 17, 2023	Joan DeVantier	Sally Schoonmaker
December 24, 2023	Kathy Harold	
December 25, 2023	Kathy Harold	
December 31, 2023	Judy Condino	Sally Schoonmaker

The lector for the month of December is TBA.

Altar guild for the month of December is Darinda Hoffman.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

If you can't help on the day assigned to you, please let Pastor or Kim know.

Date	Acolyte	Acolyte
December 3, 2023	William Borget	Noah Balcom
December 10, 2023		
December 17, 2023		

Prayer requests may be given, in writing, or on a signup sheet in the narthex, you may also call the church office during the week.

Please let us know when names can be removed.

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Patricia D. Barber
Erin Deering
Aviya Di Stefano
Adela Gunkelman
Fred Horwath
Ray & Dottie Kline
Sydney Zimmerman
Beth MacSwan
Jon MacSwan
Michael Coffey

Donna Lascelle
Jared Lombardi
Heather May
Gianna Mazzei
Gretchen Morgan
Al Sandstrom
Marilyn Peltz
Jodi Nash
Arlene Sliz
Joyce Carr

Brian Ziemendorf
Jason Pitts
Katie Fabianski
Frederick Schmidt
Frank Getz
Ted Sadler
Mike Keicher
Elisa Gunkelman
Steven Heinz
Daniel Wade

Marion “Helwig” Wrobel
Chad Heath
Mary Beth Brault
Marisa Balcom
Ed Torba
Vince Simone
Christi Lynch
Daniel Acome
Brian Besaw
Vanessa Gulley

Those who are caregivers or those suffering from Alzheimer’s disease.

Those who serve our country:

Jim Bane
SSgt. Andrew Baxter
David Broderick
SSgt. Justin DeVantier
MSgt. Bill Ingwersen
2nd Lt. Mitchell Sembert
Specialist Anthony Tamul
Sgt. Hannah Mergi
Sgt. Tyler Colby



The King Shall Come



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone-some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen-dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick-ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

Seek Ye First

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Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D Em A⁷ D F#m

righteous - ness, and all these things shall be
you shall find; knock and the door shall be

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.