

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

All Saints Day, November 1, 2026

Pastor Ben Cherland

Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church

Please take a moment to fill out a square on the Messiah Connects form located on the clip board at the end of your row so that we may make a connection with you.

GATHERING

WELCOME

Please rise in body or spirit.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *ELW 414 Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Please be seated.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Pastor Ben will play through once. Congregation joins to sing Verses 1-3.

426 Sing with All the Saints in Glory



Text: William J. Irons, 1812–1883, alt.
Music: William Bradley Roberts, b. 1947
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING
Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from
every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne
and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They
cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four
living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
12 singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white,
and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who
knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great
ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the
Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22
Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD; for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

1 I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
2 **I will glory in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.
4 **I sought the LORD, who answered me**
and delivered me from all my terrors.
5 Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me**
and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.
8 **Taste and see that the LORD is good;**
happy are they who take refuge in God!
9 Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
10 **The lions are in want and suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
22 O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING:
1 John 3:1-3
A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

[1] See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God,
and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not
know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been
revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we
will see him as he is. [3] And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as
he is pure.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit for the reading of the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Verse 1

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word 517



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his
disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be
filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs
is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds
of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is
great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before
you."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

***Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word,* Verses 2 and 3** *(see page 7).*

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please rise in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY ***ELW 422 For All the Saints***

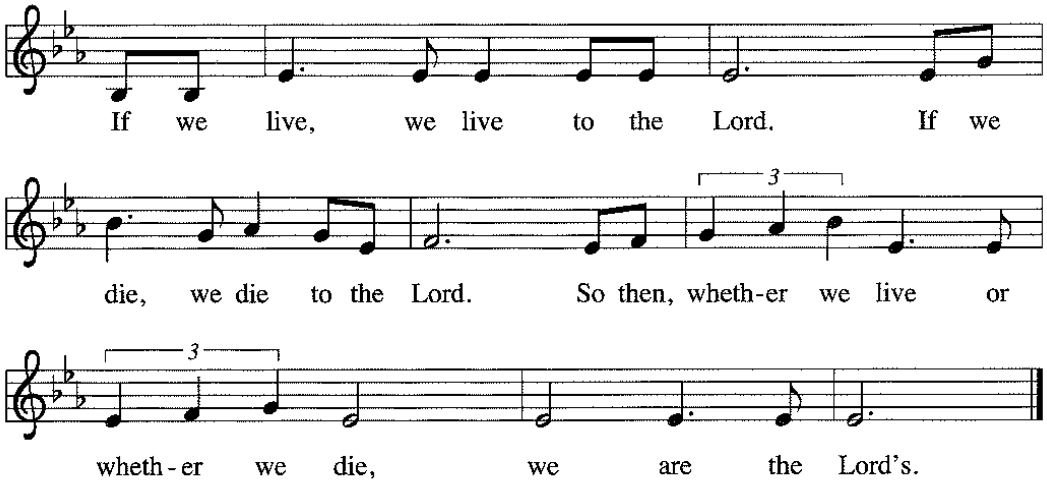
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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from 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.

CANDLELIGHTING IN REMEMBRANCE

Congregation sings Refrain, Pastor Ben sings verses

If We Live, We Live to the Lord **1025**



Text: Rolf Vegdahl, b. 1955, based on Romans 14:8, Psalm 103
Music: Rolf Vegdahl
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IF WE LIVE
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Verses for a cantor/choir based on Psalm 103 are available in the Accompaniment Edition.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

Please be seated

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please be seated.

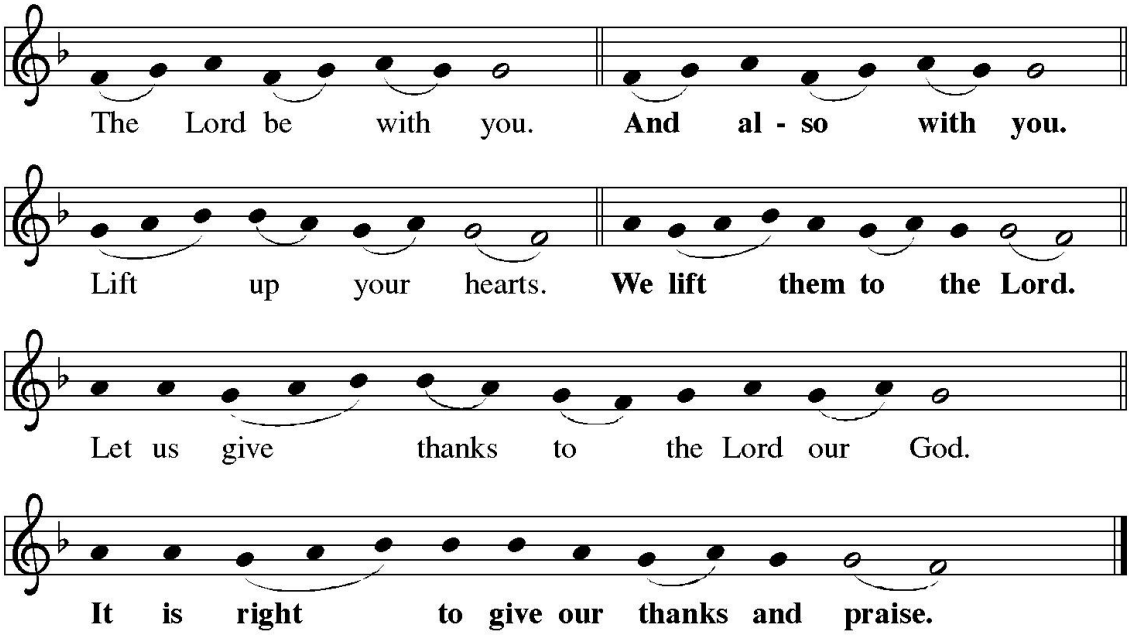
MEAL

OFFERING *ELW 689 Praise and Thanksgiving*

OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE *(Pastor)*

Verse 2

413 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
Music: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

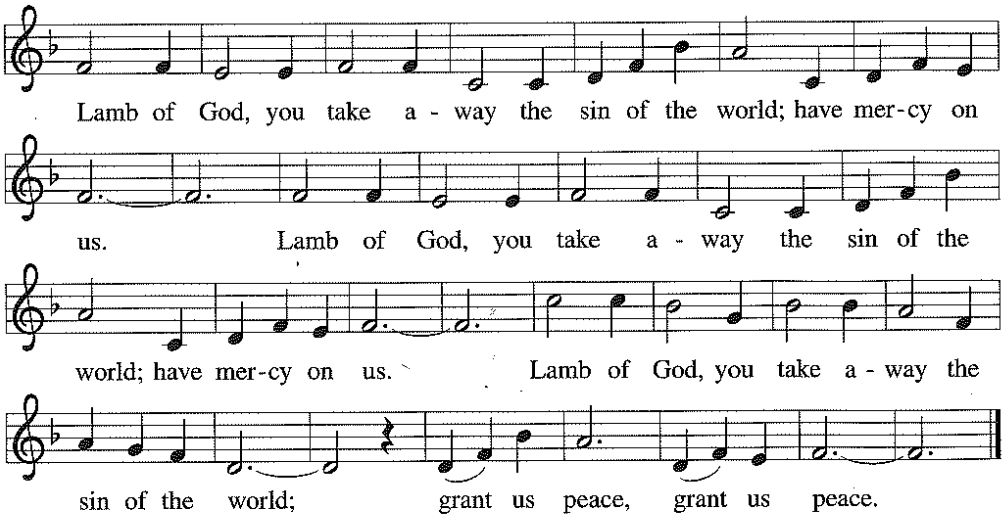
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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION



Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

Please rise in body or spirit.

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**
The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In 950



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we'll gather at the cemetery at 3:00 PM for a short blessing of the luminarias and go about placing them on graves. With these lights, we not only bless passers by, we speak the truth that the dead are not forgotten - neither by us nor by Jesus, the Light of the world.

This month we have three opportunities to get together outside of church. We're calling them Cottage Gatherings. Picture wine and cheese in a member's home, connecting with others outside of worship, and enjoying some talk about the direction of the church and things your council is looking toward. At these gatherings I'll also take some time to speak about my recent travels in Norway during sabbatical. Our first of these Cottage Gatherings will be at DJ Rosekelly's home (12 Andrew Lane - turn right just before the KOA on 212 and continue straight on to DJ's), Wednesday, Nov.4th at 6:00 PM. I hope to see you there.

Please write your prayer requests in the prayer request book in the gathering area. We ask that you re-submit requests at the first of each month if they are still desired or contact the church office at 406-446-2430 or email requests to redlodgemessiah@gmail.com with specific information and permission from the person you are adding.

The people of Messiah are praying for
Renee Boyer, Hannah Gonzales, Herb Hunt, Victoria Kittle, Dolly Koski, Rick and Sandy Koski, Jim Kyner, Mary Lair, Bob Pollock, Nick Roselius, Sadie Sceva, David Smiley, Guynema Terry, and Tanya, Mike and baby Roslyn
The unspoken prayer requests of our congregation.

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In an effort to make Messiah comfortable and welcoming for everyone, we ask that you refrain from using strong personal scents or perfumes. Thank you.

As a community of Christ's followers, we seek to grow, making a difference in the lives of others.
Live by faith . Share Christ's Love . Be a Voice for Hope

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