

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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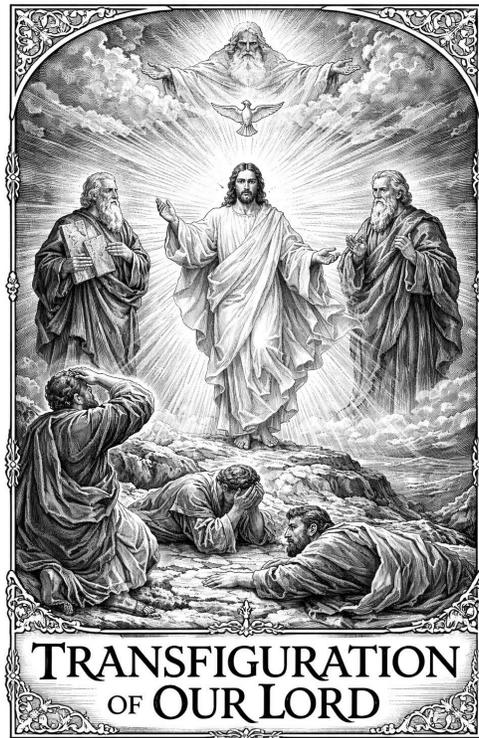
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*"We have found the Messiah"*

*John 1: 41b*

*Welcome*

**We are pleased to meet you and have you visit us today!**

**Please sign our Guest Book, located in the church entryway (Narthex), as well as the attendance sheet, which can be found in the red folder in each pew. Please let us know how we can assist you in any way.**

- **RESTROOMS** are located in the Narthex.

- **QUIET BAGS** are available in the Narthex for older children. We also offer a children’s bulletin for ages 3-6 and ages 7-12.
- **QUIET/CALMING ROOM** and a changing table are located near the Fellowship Hall (through the accordion doors behind the choir).
- **INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered to all baptized and prepared Christians who believe Christ is truly present with us in this meal. Trusting in the promises of his Word, “—given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” they intend to grow in faith by the power of the Holy Spirit working through this means of grace toward a more committed life with Jesus and His Church.*
- **RECEIVING COMMUNION** *Please extend your hand to receive the bread. Wine is offered from the Chalice or individual cups. Grape juice (center ring, lighter color) is offered for those who choose not to receive wine. After the Communion Assistant follows with the Chalice, place your empty cup on the communion rail rack. Children not yet prepared for the Sacrament may come forward for a blessing “that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ.”*
- **OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH**  
 Sundays at 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study in the **Pine Tree House**.  
 Sundays at 9:30 am: Sunday School: Grades 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> in the **Pine Tree House**.  
 Sundays at 9:15 am: Sunday School: Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> in the **Pine Tree House**.  
 Tuesdays at 10:00 am: Tuesdays with the Pastor Bible Study in the **Fellowship Hall**.  
 Tuesday 6:00 pm: Pastor’s Men’s Potluck Bible Study in the **Pine Tree House**.  
 Tuesday 6:00 pm: Women’s Potluck Bible Study in the **Fellowship Hall**.

**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD  
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING TWO**

*The Mission of Messiah Lutheran is to grow in our relationship with God through worship, education, and service, while sharing Christ’s peace and fellowship with all.*

**AS WE GATHER**

*“But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” Matthew 17:7*

God’s presence does not stand for the unclean, and so the disciples feared. But they didn’t realize that Jesus, God’s Son, whose presence was with them constantly, had changed their relationship with God. The same is true for us. We no longer need to be fearful of being in God’s presence because God has come to us in His Son, Jesus Christ, who made all people clean when he took their sins upon the cross.

**PRELUDE & PERSONAL DEVOTION (*Quiet Please*)**

**+CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION+**

*Stand*

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**INVOCATION**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

**EXHORTATION**

*LSB 151*

- 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.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.*

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

*LSB 151*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

**ABSOLUTION**

*LSB 151*

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

**SHARING PEACE:**

*Please extend the hand of fellowship to your neighbors with the words:  
"The peace of the Lord."*

**+SERVICE OF THE WORD+**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**435 COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN**

1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -  
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -  
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -

by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,  
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er

Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -  
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -

pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.  
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.  
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.; Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-87; Text and tune: Public domain

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** Amen.



THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 171



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Exodus 24:8-18*

<sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up,

<sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire

stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel.

<sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*2 Peter 1:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*LSB 173*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 17:1–9*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and

were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



## HYMN OF THE DAY

### 413 O WONDROUS TYPE! O VISION FAIR

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair  
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah high  
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray  
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high  
 △ 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son

Of glo - ry that the Church may share,  
 The in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;  
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day  
 By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,  
 And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,

Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,  
 And from the cloud the Ho - ly One  
 What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove  
 For which in joy - ful strains we raise  
 We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace

Where bright - er than the sun He glows!  
 Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.  
 Who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
 To see Thy glo - ry face to face.

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## SERMON

PASTOR STEPHEN WAREHAM

*Stand*

## NICENE CREED

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

I 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; 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.

I 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. I believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For holy fear as we hear the very words of Christ, who is both God and man, that we would see His salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all Christians, that they may faithfully confess their Lord's name and receive His Word and blessed Sacraments; and for our Lutheran Church, especially her secretary and the men nominated to serve as president and first vice-president, that they may have wisdom and discernment for the good of the Church, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For families, that parents would teach the faith to their children and that the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in all households; and for all expectant mothers, that they and their babies would be kept safe and healthy throughout their pregnancies, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who make, administer and judge our laws, that rightly fearing God, they would establish equity in this land, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all those in need of Christ's healing touch, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that they would receive His comfort in the midst of their fears and wholeness of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** (Special Petitions)

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who drink from the cup of the new covenant, that Christ's blood, shed for us, would make us worthy to recline with saints and angels in heaven, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For faith to reverently receive the Word of Christ, that we who have heard His voice would live our lives gladly according to His way, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember on this day the glorious manifestation of Your Son's divinity on the Mount of Transfiguration. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on Him and His innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness. By Your grace and mercy, strengthen us to remain faithful in all circumstances of trial, temptation and persecution. Preserve us to the end, that we may die a blessed death believing in Your beloved Son with whom You are well pleased; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

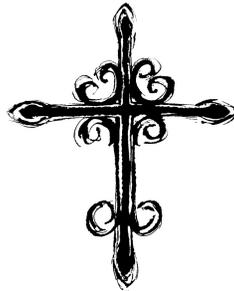
**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## OFFERING

If you'd like to give electronically with your offering, please see the back of the bulletin for details on donating through Zelle or Thrivent.

*Stand*



## OFFERTORY

### 955 LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and  
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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## †SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT†

### PREFACE

*LSB 177*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**PROPER PREFACE**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS**

*LSB 178*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r 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.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*LSB 178*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### LORD'S PRAYER

**C** *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.*

### PAX DOMINI

LSB 180

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

LSB 180

**C** 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  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Sit*

### DISTRIBUTION

#### 547 THE LAMB

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.  
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

*Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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### 550 LAMB OF GOD



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and  
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a  
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

*Refrain*



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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## 537 BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - er - more be Thine!

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*Stand*

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 182



Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

LSB 183

**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.

**C** Amen.



## The Transfiguration Of Our Lord

## CLOSING HYMN

FAREWELL TO “ALLELUIA!” (Tune - The Church’s One Foundation)

### Verse 1

Farewell to Alleluia, Exalted word of praise.  
Which now in faith we forfeit Throughout these forty days.  
While ashes of contrition Our true repentance prove,  
Till Easter’s alleluias the veil once more remove.

### Verse 2

Lord, sanctify the silence with which we contemplate  
Your boundless love for sinners, Your sacrifice so great.  
And grant us hope and patience that, when the fast is gone,  
New songs of “Alleluias!” May greet your Easter dawn!

### Verse 3

When angels join the chorus, and white-robed saints above.  
As patriarchs, before us, proclaim their praise and love.  
For God, the Father, Spirit, and Christ, the One in Three.  
Our shouts of “Alleluia!” will sing eternally.

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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## SAINT DAYS, FEAST DAYS, & COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>: Philemon & Onesimus – Witnesses to Reconciliation in Christ

Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>: Phillip Melanchthon – Confessor

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 3:1 – 21; Romans 5:12 – 19; Matthew 4:1 – 11

*“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.” Hebrews 12:1*



**Serving THIS week (15<sup>th</sup>) (White) Serving NEXT week (22<sup>nd</sup>) (Violet)**

<b>OFFICIANT</b>	Pastor Wareham	<b>OFFICIANT</b>	Pastor Wareham
<b>LECTOR</b>	Lisa Hill	<b>LECTOR</b>	Lisa Hill
<b>COMM. ASST.</b>	Mike DiMarco	<b>COMM. ASST.</b>	Larry Lorden
<b>ALTAR CARE</b>	Carol Walters	<b>ALTAR CARE</b>	Cathy Deyo
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	PJ Hill	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Elena Pellicone
<b>GREETER</b>	Kelly Berg	<b>GREETER</b>	Karin Boles
<b>USHER 1</b>	Curt Fahsholz	<b>USHER 1</b>	Ken Eldridge
<b>USHER 2</b>	George Vincent	<b>USHER 2</b>	Curt Fahsholz
<b>ELDER</b>	Larry Lorden	<b>ELDER</b>	Charlie Francis
<b>ORGAN/PIANO</b>	Substitute	<b>ORGAN/PIANO</b>	Kay Vincent

**† THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH LUTHERAN †**

**TUES**      **10:00**      **Bible Study with Pastor**  
                  **6:00**      **Men’s Potluck Bible Study**  
                  **6:00**      ***NO LADIES POTLUCK BIBLE STUDY***

**WED**      **Noon**      **Lenten Midweek Service**  
                  **6:00**      **Lenten Meal**  
                  **7:00 PM** **Lenten Midweek Service**

**THURS**    **9 – 12**      **Quilter’s Group with Devotional**  
                  **5:30**      **Long-Range Planning Committee**

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT**

*“And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.”      Matthew 17:8*  
 Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.

**†ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS†**

**🔥💧 TURN UP THE HEAT! MESSIAH’S 1ST ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF 🔥💧**

Get ready, Messiah family! Join us for our **First Annual Chili Cookoff**—a night of fun, fellowship, and fiery flavors. Whether you’re entering your award-winning chili or just coming to taste and vote, there’s a bowl with your name on it!

**When:** Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 4 pm; Tasting at 4:30 and Dinner at 5!  
**Where:** Fellowship Hall

**Cost:** \$5 tickets include a meal and 5 voting tickets for the chili judging! **Additional tickets will be available for voting as well.**

If you'd like to enter your chili for the competition, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Bring your appetite, your competitive spirit, and your love for community. **Let's see whose chili reigns supreme!**

**LWML YARD SALE MAGIC & BAKE SALE BLISS**

Saturday, March 21st | 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Shop for treasures, enjoy homemade baked goods, and support a wonderful cause  
AND proceeds go to charity!

**BAKERS** — **we need you!** Our bake sale is always a favorite,  
and your homemade treats help make this event a success.

Donation Drop-Off: Bring yard sale donations to the church on Thursday, March 19th, from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM and Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9 AM – 6 PM.

Volunteers will be available to receive items.

**Please see our flyers for more information about restricted items and other guidelines.**

**Questions? Please call Nan Boyd at 229-834-4881.**

**All monies go to charity. Thank you for helping make this event a blessing to others!**

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE UPDATE**

Please note that Ladies' Bible Study will not meet during the Lenten season.

Our last meeting before Lent will be Tuesday, February 10, 2026. We will then resume on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., the week after Easter Sunday.

**We look forward to gathering again after this season of reflection. ♡**

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