

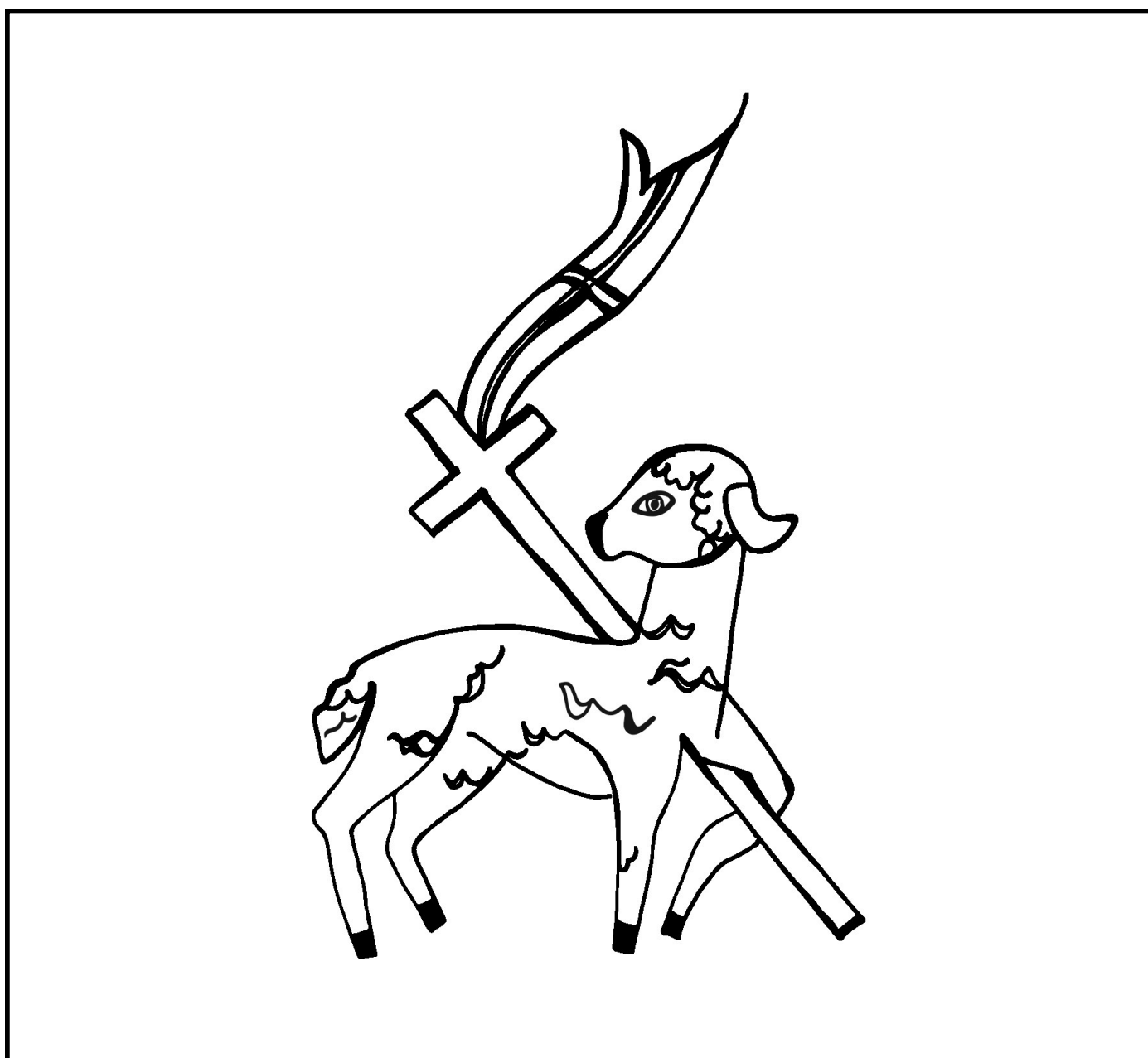
MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026

THE GATHERING

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP



We welcome you to The Gathering this morning

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Our Mission:

*Glorifying God through our worship, our witness, our service,
and our support*

Our Vision:

To build and strengthen the body of Christ

Holy Communion

To help you feel more comfortable please know that all baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament and have already received Holy Communion in your home church, are welcome to come to the altar and receive Holy Communion.

To receive the sacrament:

1. Communicant should receive the consecrated host from the Pastor and then proceed to the Assisting Minister who will be standing near the sanctuary pillar on whichever side of the church is being communed to receive a prefilled communion cup;
2. If the communicant prefers the consecrated grape juice, they shall receive that from the Pastor.
3. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will bring Holy Communion to you.

Assisting at Worship:		
	Today	January 25
Asst. Min.	Brian Rogala Jr.	Brian Rogala Jr.
Lector	Tammy Johnson	Cyndi Allen
Acolyte	Bella Alaniz	Josh Bartlett
Usher	Art Anderson	Brian Rogala
Sound System	Rich Alaniz	Rich Alaniz
Video	Manny Alaniz	Manny Alaniz
Counters	Mary Rush, Art Anderson	Tim Smock, Candy Sprouse
Altar Guild	Ann Kent, Linda Jones, Linda Voigt	

Opening Song

House Of The Lord

1. We worship the God who was. We worship the God who is.
We worship the God who evermore will be.
He opened the prison doors. He parted the raging sea.
My God, he holds the victory, yeah.
- Refrain:* There's joy in the house of the Lord.
There's joy in the house of the Lord today.
And we won't be quiet. We shout out your praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place. And we won't be quiet.
We shout out your praise.
2. We sing to the God who heals. We sing to the God who saves.
We sing to the God who always makes a way.
'Cause he hung up on that cross. Then he rose up from that grave.
My God's still rolling stones away. (R)

Bridge: ('Cause) We were the beggars. Now we're royalty.
We were the prisoners. Now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by his grace.
Let the house of the Lord sing praise. (x2, Refrain)

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Opening Prayer

Song

Great Are You Lord

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.
And great are you, Lord.

Refrain: It's your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise,
we pour out our praise. It's your breath in our lungs,
so we pour out our praise to you only.(V, R)

Bridge: And all the earth will shout your praise.
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
great are you, Lord! (x3, Rx2)

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Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength - he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson**John 1:29-42**

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” which translated means Teacher, “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” which is translated Anointed. He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” which is translated Peter.

A The Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Song

Graves into Gardens

1. I searched the world, but it couldn’t fill me.
Man’s empty praise and treasures that fade are never enough.
Then you came along and put me back together.
And every desire is now satisfied here in your love.
- Refrain:* Oh there’s nothing better than you.
There’s nothing better than you.
Lord, there’s nothing, nothing is better than you.
2. I’m not afraid to show you my weakness.
My failures and flaws, Lord you’ve seen them all;
and you still call me friend.
‘Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley.
There’s not a place your mercy and grace won’t find me again. (R)

Bridge: You turn mourning to dancing. You give beauty for ashes.
You turn shame into glory. You’re the only one who can. (2x)
You turn graves into gardens. You turn bones into armies.
You turn seas into highways. You’re the only one who can. (2x)
You’re the only one who can. (R)

Prayers of the People

Peace

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us offer to one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Song of Offering

Breathe

Stand

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe:
your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread:
your very word spoken to me.

Refrain: And I, I'm desperate for you. And I, I'm lost without you.

Ending: This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe.

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Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

A Let us pray. *(brief pause)* God of majesty,

C no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving for the Great Meal

P Lift up your hearts and give thanks to the Lord our God.

C We gladly lift up our hearts and give God our praise and thanksgiving.

Consecration

The 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.

Distribution Song

Build My Life

1. Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing.
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe. We live for you.
2. Jesus the name above ev'ry other name.
Jesus the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe. We live for you.
We live for you.

Refrain: Holy there is no one like you, there is none beside you.
Open up my eyes in wonder
and show me who you are and fill me,
with your heart and lead me in your love to those around
me. (V2, R)

Bridge: I will build my life upon your love; it is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in you alone, and I will not be shaken.
(2x, R)

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Post Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. (*brief pause*) Radiant God,
C we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Blessing

P May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise + bless you now and forever.
C Amen.

Song

Old Church Choir

1. There's revival and it's spreading like a wildfire in my heart.
A Sunday morning hallelujah, and it's lasting all week long.
Can you hear it? Can you feel it? It's the rhythm of a gospel song.
Oh, once you choose it, you can't lose it.

Pre-Refrain: (Oh 'cause) There ain't nothing,
there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.

Refrain: I've got an old church choir singing in my soul.
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored.
there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.
No there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.

2. When the valleys that I wander
turn to mountains that I can't climb, oh, you are with me,
you never leave me. (*PR, R, B*)

Bridge: Clap your hands and stomp your feet
'til you find that gospel beat,
'cause he's all you'll ever need, all you'll ever need.
Clap your hands and stomp your feet
'til you find that gospel beat,
'cause he's all you'll ever need, all you'll ever need.
I've got an old church choir singing in my soul.
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful. (*R, E*)

Ending: Oh, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.

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Dismissal

A Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C Thanks be to God.

*The Vigil Candle is given to the Glory of God and in Memory of my father,
Oliver G. Shadle, Jr. by Laurie Hecht*

Announcements

Second Mile Giving is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. For **January** the **Inter-Church Ministries** is our Second Mile Giving beneficiary. Contributions may be made throughout the month by using the yellow envelopes found in the pews. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Wesleyville Food Pantry: Please consider a financial gift. Checks should be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church marking “Food Pantry” in the memo line.

Inform the office if you would like a copy of your 2025 Giving Statement.

It’s **All Greek to Me Bible Study:** Pastor Tom is leading a weekly Bible study on **Tuesdays at 1:00 pm & Wednesdays at 6:30 pm** in the Study Lounge. During Lent, Wednesday night will be held in Fellowship Hall after Vespers.

2026 Sponsorships: are now available for Altar Flowers (\$30.00 per vase/\$55 per pair), Vigil Candles (\$3.00 each) and Bulletins (\$7.00 each). Please make sure to fill out the paperwork below the charts and return it to the office with your payment once you sign up for them. Thank you!

Annual Meeting of the Congregation: **January 25 at 12:00noon** lunch, **12:30pm** meeting in Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided. Your 2025 Giving Statements will be made available upon request.

Mardi Gras Party: **Tuesday, February 17, at 5:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Come for a taste of New Orleans at Messiah! We will have a magic show with Magic De Jorge. Signup in the Narthex.

Ash Wednesday: **February 18, at Noon & 7:00 pm** with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

Wesleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

January 19 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.

January 20 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRELIMINARY 3-YEAR VISION
APPROVED - 2025 to 2027

WORSHIP	Start?
<u>Technology</u>	
Add Screens in sanctuary	(DONE)
Update website	(ongoing)
Obtain Hearing Assisted Devices	(DONE)
<u>Music Ministry</u>	
Build out the Band	(2025)
CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY	
Bubble Church	(ongoing)
School Day Off Camp	(Fall 2025)
Milestone Ministry	(Fall 2025)
PROPERTY	
Fix Front Electronic Sign	(DONE)
Repair/Purchase Boiler	(DONE)
Plumbing Upgrades/Restrooms	(2027)
Buy New Freezer	(DONE)
IN-REACH	
Recruit and Train More Volunteer	(2025)
Train in-home communion ministry	(2025)
EDUCATION	
Bible Study (Adult and Children) - have more options	(2025-2027)
OUTREACH	
Maintain Community Garden	(ongoing)
Continue Back to School Bash	(2025-2027)
Continue participation in Community National Night Out	(2025-2027)
FELLOWSHIP	
Explore more group events	(ongoing)
Continue to grow OWLs ministry (spiritually and fellowship)	(ongoing)
Lutheran Walkers	(2025)

<div>This Week at the Church</div> <div>(See Newsletter for More Detail)</div>		
<div>Office Hours :Monday Closed, Tuesday 10:00am-5:00pm,</div> <div>Wednesday Closed, Thursday 10:00am-5:00pm,</div> <div>Friday 10:00am-5:00pm</div>		
Sun. 1/18	<div>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</div> <div>8:30 and 11:00AM</div> <div>Service of Holy Communion</div>	
Mon.	6:30PM	Guided Meditation
Tues.	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
	1:00PM	Bible Study
Wed	6:30PM	Bible Study
Thu.	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	6:00PM	Church Council
	7:30PM	NA Group
Fri.	7:30PM	AA
Sun. 1/25	<div>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</div> <div>8:30 and 11:00AM</div> <div>Service of Holy Communion</div>	
	12:00Noon	Lunch
	12:30PM	Annual Congregation Meeting
	2:00PM	FootSteps Meeting