

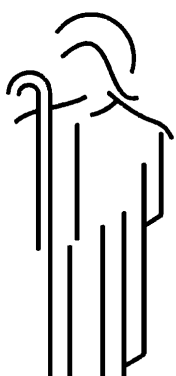
20th Sunday after Pentecost October 11, 2026

We welcome you to The Gathering Service



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

We invite all baptized Christians to join us at the Lords Supper.
Wait for the Usher to guide you.

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.

Bathrooms are located in two places. The downstairs restrooms can be reached by going through the double doors at the back of the sanctuary, then down the stairs to your left. Additional restrooms can be reached through the door next to the altar; proceed through the library, go around the corner, and use the second door on your left.

Worship Leaders Today

Assisting Minister	Ray Bennett
Lector/Reader	Jean Parker
Acolyte	TBD
Usher	Art Anderson
Audio/Video	Brian Rogala, Jr.
Counters	Candy Sprouse, Karen Pistner
Altar Guild	Ann Kent, Linda Jones, Linda Voigt

Worship Leaders October 18

Assisting Minister	Bella Alaniz
Lector/Reader	Bella Alaniz
Acolyte	Manny Alaniz
Usher	Brian Rogala
Audio/Video	Brian Rogala, Jr.
Counters	Mary Rush, Art Anderson
Altar Guild October	Ann Kent, Linda Jones, Linda Voigt

Opening Song

Chain Breaker

1. If you've been walking the same old road For miles and miles;
If you've been hearing the same old voice tell the same old lies;
If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside,
There's a better life. There's a better life.

Refrain: If you've got pain, he's a pain taker.
If you feel lost, he's a way maker.
If you need freedom or saving, he's a prison shaking Savior.
If you got chains, he's a chain breaker.

2. We've all searched for the light of day in the dead of night.
We've all found ourselves worn out from the same old fight.
We've all run to things we know just ain't right,
when there's a better life. There's a better life.

Bridge: If you believe it; if you receive it; if you can feel it;
Somebody testify. (x2, R)

Ending: Oh if you need freedom or saving,
He's a prison shaking Savior.
If you got chains, well he's a chain breaker.

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Opening Prayer

Song

Oceans

1. You call me out upon the waters,
the great unknown where feet may fail.
And there I find you in the mystery,
in oceans deep my faith will stand.

Refrain: And I will call upon your name
and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in your embrace
for I am yours and you are mine.

2. Your grace abounds in deepest waters,
your sov'reign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
you've never failed and you won't start now. (R)

Bridge: Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders,
Let me walk upon the waters wherever you would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
and my faith will be made stronger
in the presence of my Savior. (sing 2x)

Refrain: I will call upon your name, keep my eyes above the waves.
My soul will rest in your embrace.
I am yours and you are mine.

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Lesson

Ephesians 2:10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lesson

1 Peter 4:10-11

As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good
stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who utters
oracles of God; whoever renders service, as one who renders it by the
strength which God supplies; in order that in everything God may be
glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion for
ever and ever. Amen.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:42-45

And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those
who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and
their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so
among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your
servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.

For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

A The Gospel of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

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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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 *Holy Spirit* **Stand**

Refrain: Holy Spirit, you are welcome here;
come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;
your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
to be overcome by your presence, Lord. Your presence, Lord

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Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

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

C you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. 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.

Invitation to Communion

A Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Distribution Song

Walk By Faith

1. Will I believe you when you say your hand will guide my ev'ry way? Will I receive the words you say ev'ry moment of ev'ry day.

Refrain: Well, I will walk by faith, well, even when I cannot see, because this broken road prepares your will for me.

2. Help me to rid my endless fears.

You've been so faithful for all my years.

With one breath you made me new. Your grace covers all I do. *(R)*

Bridge: Well, I'm broken, but I still see your face.

Well, you've spoken, pouring your words of grace. *(R)*

Ending: Well, hallelujah, hallelu. Well, hallelujah, hallelu.

Post Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C Amen

Blessing

P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C Amen.

P The God of grace + 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, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*The Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for my
Messiah Church family by Jean Parker*

*The Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God in Celebration of our 45th
anniversary on October 10 by Steve & Linda Porada*

Announcements

Second Mile Giving is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. For **October** ***The Highmark Caring Place*** 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.

Bible Study: Tuesday afternoons 1:30 pm in the Study Lounge and Wednesday night 6:00 pm in the Study Lounge.

OWls: Tuesday, October 13, 1:30 pm. 2 Grumpy Brothers will be here to perform a show. Feel free to bring a friend. Come and relax and enjoy, the show. We will not have lunch together for this meeting.

Nominee’s for Church Council: We have (4) 2 year terms to fill. If you are interested in serving on Council, contact the office before **October 18**. Nominations will be taken at the Fall Congregational meeting as well

All Saint’s Remembrance: Fill out a form in the Narthex to have the names of loved ones who have passed to be remembered on All Saint’s Sunday, November 1 in the bulletin. Please return the forms by **October 25**.

Fall Congregational Meeting: Sunday, October 25, in Fellowship Hall. Lunch will start at 12:00pm; the meeting will begin at 12:30pm. Please sign up in the Narthex or by calling the Church Office. We will need a count for lunch.

Sound Bath: Sunday, October 25 at 4:00 pm Join us in Fellowship Hall for an uplifting meditative service. Bring comfortable chair or yoga mat if you like.

OWls: Sunday, November 15, 2:00-4:00 pm. Going to the play “Over the Tavern” at the Erie Playhouse. Cost is \$29.00 per person, payable to Robin Curtis by **Today**. Signup in the Narthex.

Wesleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

October 12 at 10:00 am to unload senior boxes.

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

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

This Week at the Church
(See Newsletter for More Detail)

**Office Hours :Monday Closed, Tuesday 10:00am-5:00pm,
Wednesday Closed, Thursday 10:00am-5:00pm,
Friday 10:00am-5:00pm**

Sunday 10/11	<i>20th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Lectionary Study
Monday	6:30PM	Guided Meditation
Tuesday	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
	1:30PM	OWLs
Wednesday	1:30PM	Bible Study
	6:00PM	Bible Study
Thursday	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	6:00PM	Church Council
	7:30PM	NA Group
Friday	7:30PM	AA
Saturday	12-3:00PM	Ladies Day
Sunday 10/18	<i>21th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Lectionary Study
	2-4:00PM	FootSteps Meeting

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