

Messiah Lutheran Church

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Thank you for worshiping with us today. We hope your experience is spiritually rewarding!

Welcome Visitors!

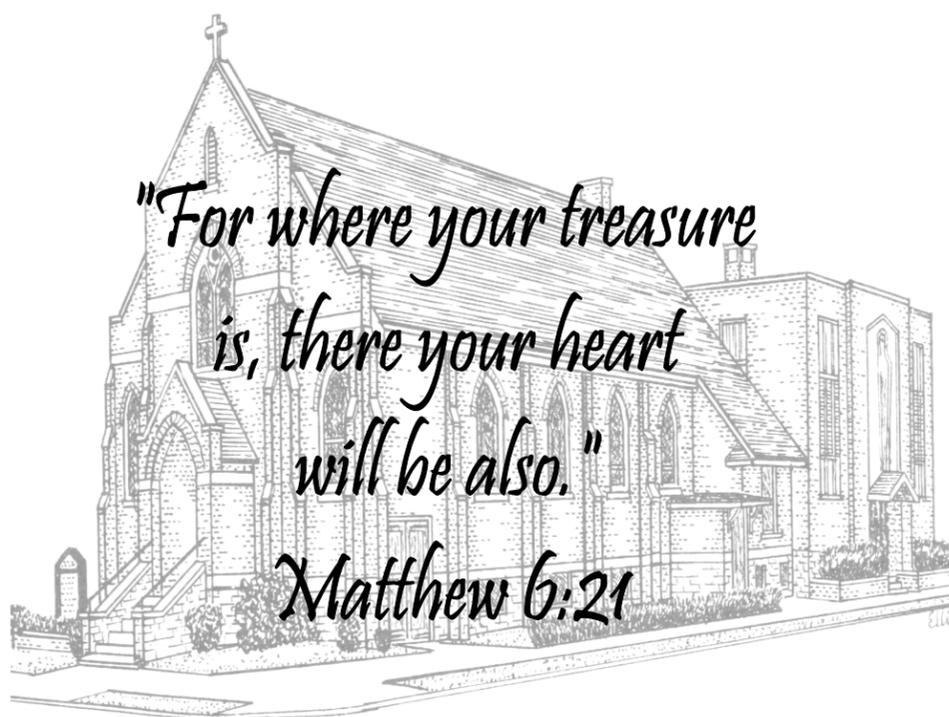
We are truly blessed that you are worshiping with us today! We have a special gift for you in the Narthex. Please pick one up before you leave.

You will find everything you need for worship in this Aid. Ushers are available near the entrance to assist you with any other need.

Please take a few moments to read the Announcements found on the inside cover of this Worship Aid.

Large Print Worship Aids are available from the ushers.

*Today we celebrate
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 29, 2023
11:00am Service of
Holy Communion*



Our Staff

Cindy Anderson, Parish Administrator Email: secretary@messiah-erie.org

Bonnie Stearns, Church Sexton

Announcements

Second Mile Giving is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. For February *Pastor's Discretionary Fund* is our Second Mile Giving beneficiary. Contributions may be made throughout the month by using your envelope or the ones provided on the Narthex counter. 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.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation: Today, at 12:15pm in Fellowship Hall or on Zoom. A lite lunch will be provided.

Cricut Class: Saturday, February 11 at 10am-1pm. Bring your Cricut, laptop, and everything you need to make a project and Briana will walk you through the process. Cost is \$5.00 if you don't have everything to make your project. Signup in the Narthex or by calling/emailing the office by February 9.

Mardi Gras!: Tuesday, February 21 at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Come for a taste of New Orleans at Messiah! Signup in the Narthex on the bulletin board.

Ash Wednesday Services: February 22, 12:00noon and 7:00pm at Messiah with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. Pastor Glasoe presiding.

Lenten Vespers and Soup Supper : Wednesdays in Lent beginning March 1 through March 29 at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Sign up in the Narthex! We need one or more people willing to lead the service, spoken parts as well as the singing parts.

Call Committee Meeting: Sunday, February 5 at 9:45am in the Conference Room.

Wesleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed for :

- February 7 at 5:00-6:00pm for Country Fair distribution.
- February 13 at 10:00am to unload senior boxes.
- February 20 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.
- February 21 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

Newsletters are available in the Narthex and online.

We welcome Pr. Allie Leitzel as our presider today

We welcome Michelle Flaherty as our musician today.

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. The Altar rail will not be used;
2. Ushers will dismiss people for Holy Communion starting in the back on the piano side of the church, one pew at a time;
3. 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;
4. If the communicant prefers the consecrated grape juice, they shall receive that from the Pastor.
5. Communion cups will be placed in the cup trays in every other or third hole to allow for individuals to touch only the cup they are taking;
6. 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 | February 5 |
|-----------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Asst. Min. | Brad Bresee | Brian Rogala, Jr. |
| Lector | Pam Bresee | Pam Bresee |
| Acolyte | Kayla Bresee | Nevaeh Peters |
| Usher | Brian Rogala | Brian Rogala |
| Sound System | Brian Rogala, Jr. | TBD |
| Video | Gabriella Piccirilli | Brad Bresee |
| Counters | Art Anderson, Candy Sprouse | Tim Smock, Mary Rush |
| Altar Guild | Ann Kent, Linda Voigt, Blaine Waters | |
| Altar Guild February | Sandy Hough, Candy Sprouse, Bonnie Magee, Mary Rush | |

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship

- P** The Lord is our light and our salvation!
- C** **Why should we be afraid?**
- P** The Lord is the stronghold of our life!
- C** **We are the blessing God created us to be.**
- P** Let us shout with joy to God!,
- C** **Let us sing and make music before our God.**

Praise Song

Who You Say I Am

1. Who am I that the highest king would welcome me.
I was lost but he brought me in. Oh, his love for me.
Oh, his love for me.

Refrain 1: Who the son sets free, oh is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.

2. Free at last he has ransomed me, his grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me.
Yes he died for me. (*R1, R2*)

Refrain 2: In my Father's house, there's a place for me.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.

Bridge: I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who you say I am.
You are for me, not against me. I am who you say I am.
(*Repeat, Tag*)

Tag: I am who you say I am (*R1, R2 x2*)

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Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray. Extravagant God,
- C** **you have promised treasure in heaven that outweighs any we could envision or imagine on earth. Help us to be grateful for the amazing gifts you have already given to us. We pray these things in the name of Jesus, Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
- Amen.**

Lesson

Matthew 6:7-21

“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“Pray, then, in this way:

Our Father in heaven, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.

“For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

“And whenever you fast, do not look somber, like the hypocrites, for they mark their faces to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

A The Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Message

Reflection Time

Song of the Day

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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Peace

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

G And also with you.

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

Instrumental music while the Altar is being prepared

Song of Offering

Sanctuary

Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

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Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

A Let us pray. *(brief pause)* Loving Creator,

G as we bring this offering we acknowledge that the money we do not bring is yours as well. Help us to use it as may best further your purpose and benefit your kingdom on earth. Amen.

Call to Reconciliation

P If we want to truly live in God's presence, we must live as God's faithful people. Let us begin by confessing all the mistakes we have made, the wrongs we have done, and the people we have hurt. Dear God,

G we dishonor you every time we treat another with disrespect. We shatter your heart when we find it easier to break our word, then to take the risk to keep it. We fill your ears with the gossip, lies, and slander we speak about those around us. You are strong enough to forgive our foolishness; you are wise enough to overcome our weakness; you are loving enough to heal the hurt we cause to you and to others. And so you give us new hope and new life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

P Know our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father † and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. God's mercy makes us new.

G Amen.

Thanksgiving for the Great Meal

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

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

Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray with confidence as Jesus taught us:

G **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 Come taste the joy of God!

Distribution of Communion [sit]

Communion Music Instrumental

Post Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. (*brief pause*) Holy one, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from his table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

G Amen.

Prayers of the People

A Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.....Merciful God,

G hear our prayer

P O God, we bring you our needs and hopes, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

G Amen.

Blessing

P May God, who is faithful and just, bless us in the name of the Father, † the Son and the Holy Spirit today and always.

G Amen.

Closing Song

Way Maker

1. You are here, moving in our midst; I worship you, I worship you.
You are here, working in this place; I worship you, I worship you.

Refrain: (You are) Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper,
light in the darkness, my God, that is who you are. (*Repeat*)

2. You are here, touching ev'ry heart; I worship you, I worship you
You are here healing ev'ry heart I worship you I worship you. (*R*)

3. You are here, turning lives around; I worship you, I worship you.
You are here, mending ev'ry heart; I worship you,
yeah, I worship you, Lord. (*R, Tag*)

Tag: That is who you are. That is who you are.
That is who you are. That is who you are. (*Repeat*)

Bridge: Even when I don't see it, you're working.
Even when I don't feel it, you're working.
You never stop, you never stop working.
You never stop, you never stop working. (*Repeat, R, Tag*)

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Dismissal

A Go in peace and follow in the way of Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of Everly
Leuschen & Ashley Rogala's birthdays by Deb & Brian Rogala*

*One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of the birth
of my great granddaughter, Brynlee Kate Smith by Pam Bresee*

*The Vigil Candle is given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of Messiah
Lutheran Church by the Mikotowicz family*

Sunday School



"Who's this 'Art in Heaven' guy you keep talking about?"

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(See Matthew 6:19-21)

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I'VE BEEN STORING UP TREASURES IN HEAVEN MY WHOLE LIFE, AND I FIGURE IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO STORE UP A FINANCIAL ADVISOR AS WELL

Weekly Budgetary Outlook

| | <u>Regular Giving</u> | <u>Other Bdgtd. Inc.</u> | <u>Total Bdgtd. Income</u> | <u>Actual Expense</u> | <u>Weekly Avg. Bdgtd. Exp.</u> |
|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| January 22, 2023 | \$1,857.00 | \$34.00 | \$1,891.00 | | \$4,044.64 |
| YTD (4 weeks) | \$9,192.00 | \$66.00 | \$9,258.00 | \$3,442.91 | \$16,178.56 |

***Our Surplus through 4 week is \$5,815.09.
Thank you for your generous contributions!***

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**

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| Sun. 1/29 | <i>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</i> | |
| | 8:30 and 11:00AM | Service of Holy Communion |
| | 12:15PM | Lite Lunch |
| | 12:45PM | Annual Congregational Meeting-In-person or on Zoom |
| Mon. | 6:00PM | Meditation Group |
| | 7:30PM | NA Group |
| Tues. | 10:00AM | Sewing Circle |
| Wed. | 11:00AM | Worship Committee |
| | 1:00PM | Bound Together |
| Thu. | 10:00AM | Grateful Prayer Group-CC |
| | 12:00Noon | CYFM |
| Fri. | 7:30PM | AA |
| Sun. 2/5 | <i>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</i> | |
| | 8:30 and 11:00AM | Service of Holy Communion |
| | 9:45AM | Servant Outreach/PHM |
| | 9:45AM | Call Committee-CR |

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