

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026

Traditional Service



We welcome you to The Traditional Service 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:

- 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;
- If the communicant prefers the consecrated grape juice, they shall receive that from the Pastor.
- 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 18
Asst. Min.	Brad Bresee	Savana Conner
Lector	Laurie Hecht	Laurie Hecht
Acolyte	—	—
Usher	TBD	TBD
Sound System	TBD	TBD
Video	Brad Bresee	Savana Conner
Counters	Linda Jones	Laurie Hecht
Altar Guild	Ann Kent, Linda Jones, Linda Voigt	

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness *[stand/kneel as able]*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C Amen.

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely *(silence)* Mighty God, lover of justice,

C you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

P The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in + Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.


C Amen.

Gathering Hymn The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill. with thee. dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

Greeting

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

Kyrie



P Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
P Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
P Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

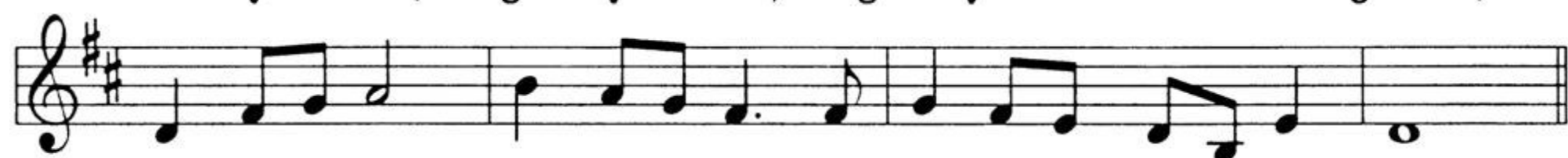
Glory to God



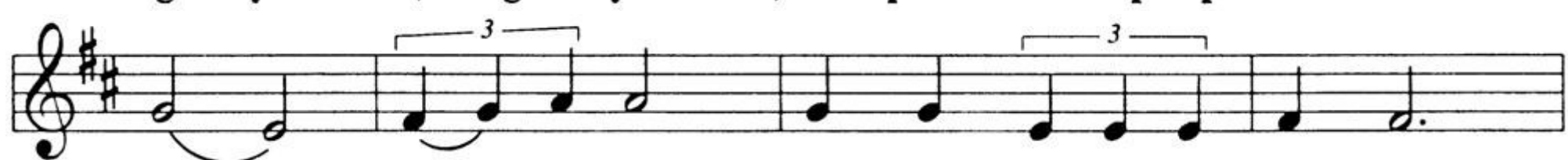
C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
 Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
 wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



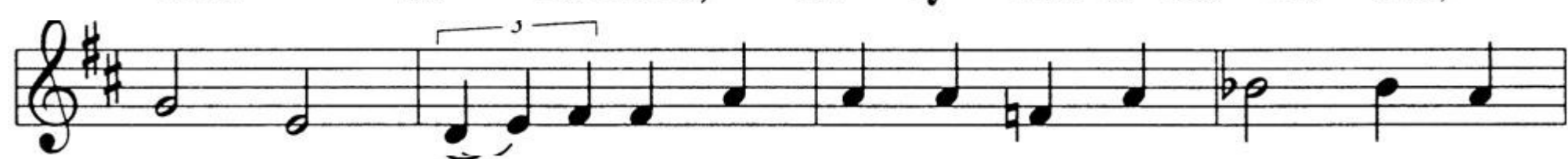
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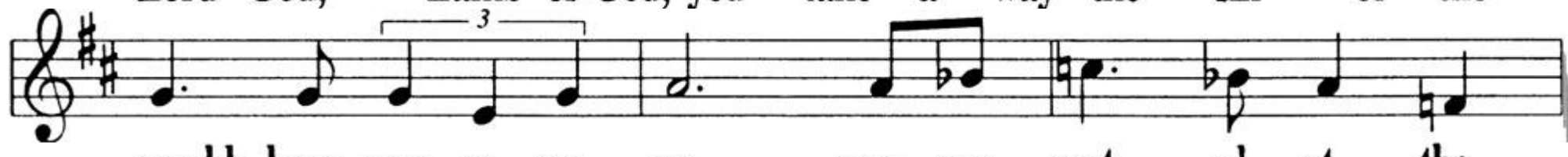
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Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



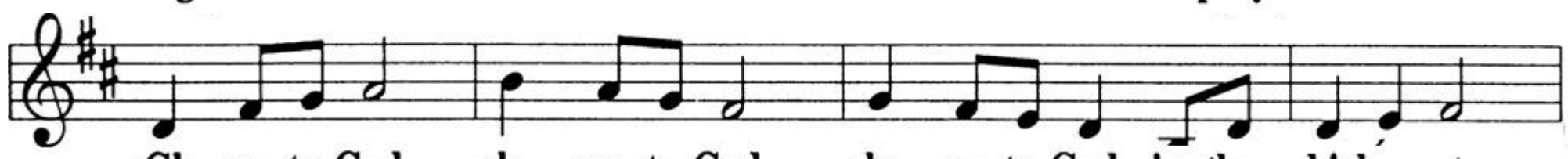
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



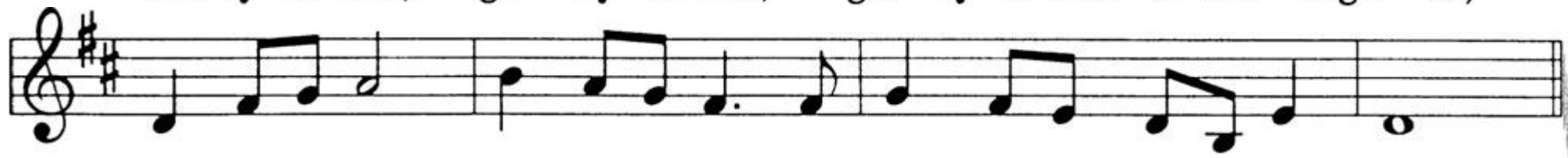
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



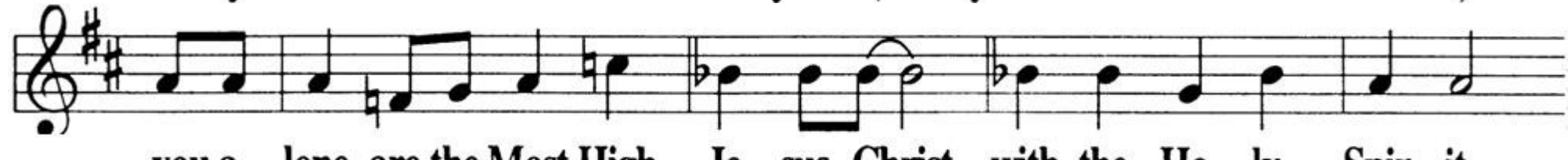
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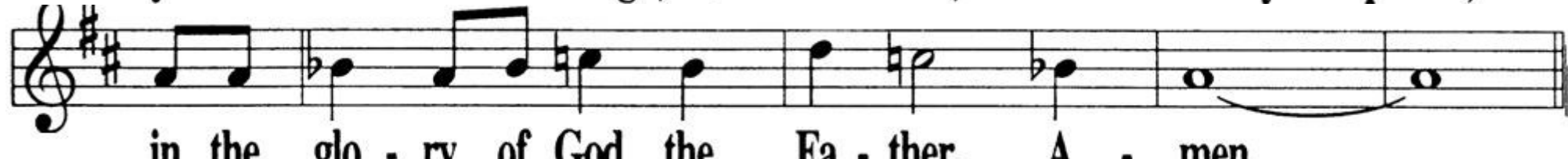
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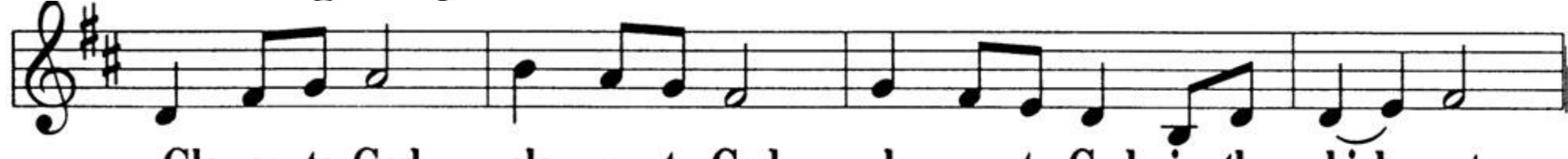
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



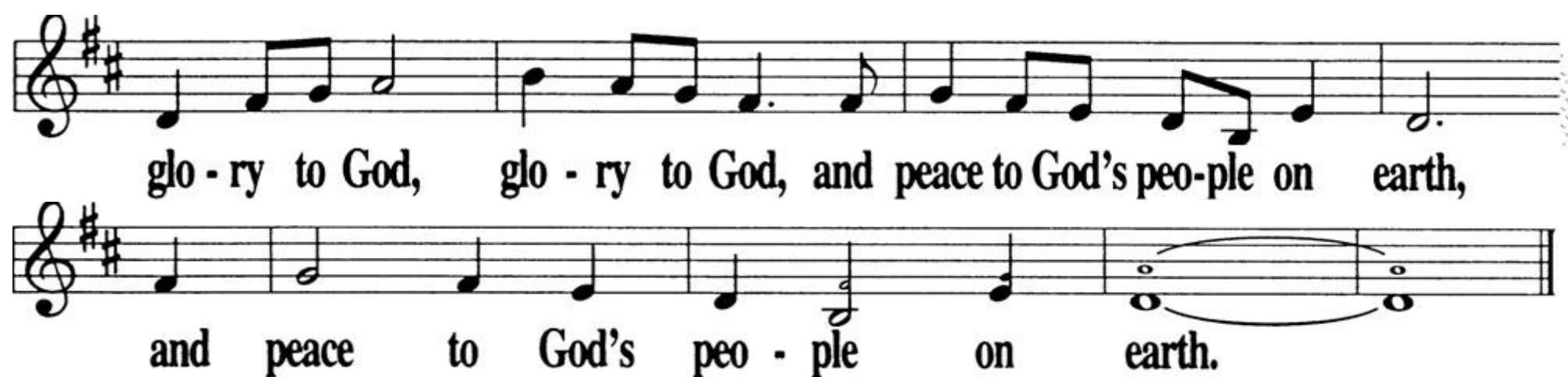
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us Pray: O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Please be seated.

Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”


A The Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE


Hymn of the Day

Wade in the Water




wade in the wa - ter, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the wa - ter.

Leader




All




1 See that host all dressed in white,
2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
4 If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

Leader



the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.
wa - ter. looks like the band that . . Mo - ses led.
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com-ing on me.
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All



God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Refrain

Apostles’ Creed

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles’ Creed:

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

A As God’s beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God’s loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C Amen.

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

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

Instrumental music while the Altar is being prepared

Offertory Hymn Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful [stand]



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we

of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,

and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav - en 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. Ho -

san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

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 Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

Lamb of God

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;



Distribution of Communion [sit]

Communion Music *Instrumental*

Post Communion Blessing

A The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

C Amen.

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

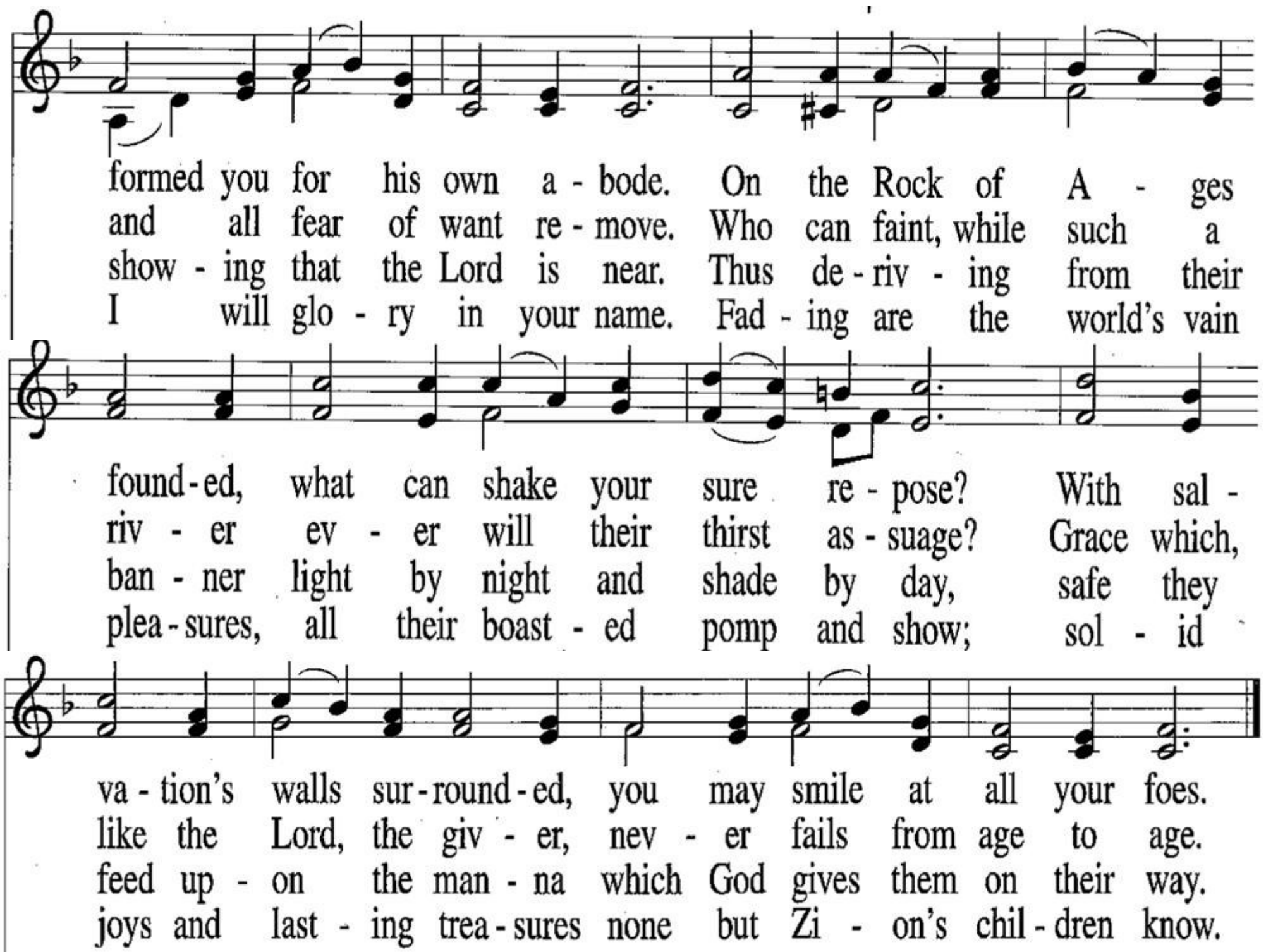
Blessing

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.

Sending Hymn *Glorious Things of You Are Spoken*

1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and
4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a
of our God! He whose word can - not be bro - ken
ter - nal love, well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters,
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring,
mem - ber am, let the world de - ride or pit - y,



formed you for his own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges
 and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, while such a
 show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their
 I will glo - ry in your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain
 found - ed, what can shake your sure re - pose? With sal -
 riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,
 ban - ner light by night and shade by day, safe they
 plea - sures, all their boast - ed pomp and show; sol - id
 va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, you may smile at all your foes.
 like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
 feed up - on the man - na which God gives them on their way.
 joys and last - ing trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C Thanks be to God.

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 6:30 pm** in the Study Lounge.

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!

Sound Bath: **Sunday, January 11 at 4:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall.

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.

Wesleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

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

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	(On hold)
Milestone Ministry	(On hold)
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	(ongoing)
Continue participation in Community National Night Out	(ongoing)
FELLOWSHIP	
Explore more group events	(ongoing)
Continue to grow OWLs ministry (spiritually and fellowship)	(ongoing)
Lutheran Walkers	(2025)

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**

Sun. 1/11	<i>Baptism of Our Lord</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	4:00PM	Sound Bath Service-FH
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. 1/18	<i>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion

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