



## *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  
Third Sunday after Epiphany  
January 22, 2023  
11:00am Service of  
Holy Communion*



### **Our Staff**

**Cindy Anderson**, Parish Administrator Email: [secretary@messiah-erie.org](mailto:secretary@messiah-erie.org)

**Bonnie Stearns**, Church Sexton

## *Announcements*

**S**econd 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 your envelope or the ones provided on the Narthex counter. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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

**A**nnual Meeting of the Congregation: Sunday, **January 29**, at **12:15pm** in Fellowship Hall or on Zoom. A lite lunch will be provided.

**2023 Sponsorships:** are now available for Altar Flowers (\$30.00 per vase/\$55 per pair) and Worship Aids (\$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!

*We welcome Pr. Thomas Glasoe 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:**

	<b>Today</b>	<b>January 29</b>
<b>Asst. Min.</b>	Kathy Kiehl	Brad Bresee
<b>Lector</b>	Cyndi Allen	Pam Bresee
<b>Acolyte</b>	JJ Conner	Kayla Bresee
<b>Usher</b>	Arnold Conner	Brian Rogala
<b>Sound System</b>	Tim Smock	Brian Rogala, Jr.
<b>Video</b>	Brian Rogala, Jr.	Gabriella Piccirilli
<b>Counters</b>	Mary Rush, Tim Smock	Art Anderson, Candy Sprouse
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ann Kent, Linda Voigt, Blaine Waters	

## *Welcome/Announcements*

### *Call to Worship*

- P** To those who sit in darkness, light has dawned.
- G** **To those who dwell in gloom and despair, God's glorious presence has appeared.**
- P** God is indeed our light and our salvation.
- G** **We will follow, unafraid, where God leads us.**
- P** Let us worship our God of light and promise.
- G** **Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.**

### *Praise Song*

#### *Good, Good Father*

1. I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like,  
but I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.  
You tell me that you're pleased, and that I'm never alone.

*Refrain:* You're a good, good Father; it's who you are,  
it's who you are, it's who you are. And I'm loved by you;  
it's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

2. I've seen many searching for answers far and wide,  
but I know we're all searching for answers only you provide.  
Because you know just what we need before we say a word. *(R,B)*

*Bridge:* You are perfect in all of your ways,  
you are perfect in all of your ways,  
you are perfect in all of your ways to us. *(2x)*

3. Love so undeniable, I can hardly speak.  
peace so unexplainable, I can hardly think,  
as you call me deeper still, as you call me deeper still,  
as you call me deeper still into love, love, love. *(Rx2)*

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### *Prayer of the Day*

- P** Let us pray. Loving God,
- G** **your son Jesus taught many things that helped people know how deeply you love humanity. Help us to live in your love, so that we might be beacons of light for others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus, Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

**A** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Message*  
*Reflection Time*

*Song of the Day*                      *Blessed Be Your Name*

1. Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,  
where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.
2. Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place,  
though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

*Pre-Refrain:* Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

*Refrain:* "Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
blessed be your glorious name."

3. Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
when the world's "all as it should be," blessed be your name.
4. Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering,  
though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.  
(*Pre-R, R then Bridge*)

*Bridge:* You give and take away, you give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say, "Lord blessed be  
your name." (*R*)

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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 come to God with open hearts and honest words, we will not be pushed away, but wrapped in God's loving and forgiving embrace. God our Light,
- G** **we confess the blindness that is not even aware of sinning; the pride that dares not admit that it is wrong; the selfishness that can see nothing but its own will; the righteousness that knows no fault; the callousness that has ceased to care; the defiance that does not regret its own sins; the evasion that always tries to make excuses; the coldness of heart that is too hardened to repent. God, we are sinners; be merciful to us. 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*

### *My Lighthouse*

1. In my wrestling, and in my doubts,  
in my failures, you won't walk out.  
Your great love will lead me through;  
you are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,  
you are the peace in my troubled sea.

2. In the silence, you won't let go.  
In the questions, your truth will hold.  
Your great love will lead me through;  
you are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,  
you are the peace in my troubled sea.

*Refrain:* My lighthouse, my lighthouse, shining in the darkness,  
I will follow you! Oh, my lighthouse, my lighthouse,  
I will trust the promise: you will carry me safe to shore,  
safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

3. I won't fear what tomorrow brings.  
With each morning, I'll rise and sing.  
My God's love will lead me through;  
you are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,  
you are the peace in my troubled sea.

*Bridge:* Fire before us, you're the brightest.

You will lead us through the storms. (hey)(3X)

## 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 Thanksgiving for God's many blessings by Robin Curtis*

*One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for my family by Shirley Damon*

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





## 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 15, 2023	\$4,190.00	\$50.00	\$4,240.00		\$4,044.64
YTD (3 weeks)	\$7,525.00	\$77.00	\$7,602.00	\$3,101.82	\$12,133.92

***Our Surplus through 3 week is \$4,500.18.***

***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**

<b>Sun. 1/22</b>	<b><i>Third Sunday after Epiphany</i></b>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
<b>Mon.</b>	6:00PM	Meditation Group
	7:30PM	NA Group
<b>Tues.</b>	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
<b>Thu.</b>	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
<b>Fri.</b>	7:30PM	AA
<b>Sun. 1/29</b>	<b><i>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</i></b>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	12:15PM	Lite Lunch
	12:45PM	Annual Congregational Meeting-In-person or on Zoom

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