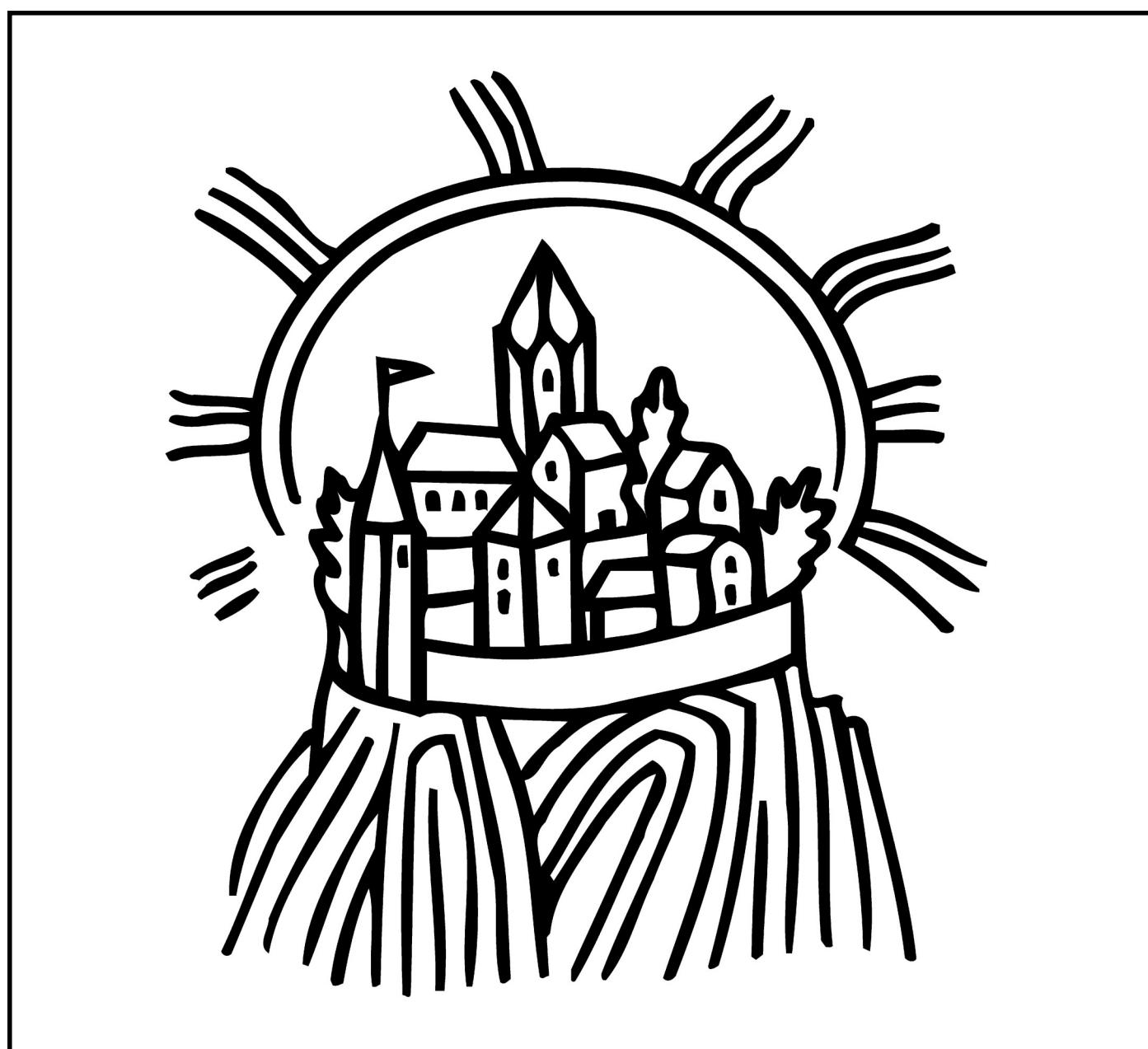


**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**5th Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 8, 2026**

**Traditional Service**



**We welcome you to The Traditional Service this morning**

**Our Staff**

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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:**

	<b>Today</b>	<b>February 15</b>
<b>Asst. Min.</b>	Brad Bresee	Savana Conner
<b>Lector</b>	Laurie Hecht	Laurie Hecht
<b>Usher</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>Sound System</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>Video</b>	Brad Bresee	Savana Conner
<b>Counters</b>	Linda Jones	Laurie Hecht
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sandy Hough, Candy Sprouse, Mary Rush, Bonnie Magee	

## 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

### Rise, Shine, You People



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us. Tell how the

us, by death and sin sur-round-ed,  
wom-en, who by guilt are driv-en,  
world go out and tell the sto-ry  
Spir-it calls from ev'-ry na-tion  
with grace un-bound-ed.  
now are for-giv-en.  
of Je-sus' glo-ry.  
God's new cre-a-tion.

### ***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.

1  
2  
3  
4  
5

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 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.

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.

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;  
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,  
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### ***Prayer of the Day***

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us Pray: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen

*Please be seated.*

### ***Lesson***

***Isaiah 58:1-12***

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover

them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.” If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

**A The Word of the Lord.**

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Lesson**

**Matthew 5:13-20**

Jesus said:

“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 under foot.

“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 lampstand, 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.**

**C Thanks be to God.**

## MESSAGE

### Hymn of the Day

### This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

### 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      Create in Me A Clean Heart      [stand]*

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The first two staves are for a soprano or alto voice, and the last two are for a bass or tenor voice. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is in G clef, 4/4 time, and includes dynamic markings like  $p$  (piano) and  $fp$  (fortissimo).

**Offertory Hymn: Create in Me A Clean Heart**

**Latin lyrics:**

- Stave 1: Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
- Stave 2: new a right spir - it with - in me.
- Stave 3: Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your
- Stave 4: Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
- Stave 5: store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -

hold me with your free Spir - it.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me.

### ***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;  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

***Distribution of Communion***

*[sit]*

# *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*

# ***We Are Marching in the Light of God***

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march-ing in the  
2 danc - ing  
3 pray - ing

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,  
danc - ing  
pray - ing

3

We are marching, we are marching, 00...  
 danc-ing pray-ing danc-ing pray-ing  
 we are marching in the light of God.  
 danc-ing pray-ing

We are marching, we are marching, 00...  
 danc-ing pray-ing danc-ing pray-ing  
 we are marching in the light of God.  
 danc-ing pray-ing sing-ing

### ***Dismissal***

**A** Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*The Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of Isabel Jones by  
 Laurie Hecht*

*The Vigil Candle is given to the Glory of God and in Memory of Isabel Jones  
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## *Announcements*

**S**econd 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 the yellow envelopes found in the pews. 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.

**I**nform the office if you would like a copy of your 2025 Giving Statement.

**I**t'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!

**T**aize Service: **Sunday, February 15 at 4:00 pm** in the church. As part of our alternative worship experiences, join us for a meditative and singing liturgy at our Taizé worship. Taizé worship is a contemplative, music-driven form of Christian prayer that grew out of the Taizé Community, an ecumenical monastic community in Taizé, France. It emphasizes silence, simple repeated songs, and space for personal, interior prayer rather than preaching or long spoken sermons.

**M**ardi 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.

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

**W**esleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

February 9 at 10:00am to unload senior boxes.

February 16 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.

February 17 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

# MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

## 3-YEAR VISION

APPROVED - 2025 to 2027

### WORSHIP

Start?

#### Technology

Add Screens in sanctuary	(DONE)
Update website	(ongoing)
Obtain Hearing Assisted Devices	(DONE)

#### Music Ministry

Build out the Band	(2025)
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### 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)
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### 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**

<b>Sun. 2/8</b>	<b>5th Sunday after Epiphany</b>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
<b>Mon.</b>	6:30PM	Guided Meditation
<b>Tues.</b>	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
	12:00PM	OWLs
	1:00PM	Bible Study
<b>Wed</b>	6:30PM	Bible Study
<b>Thu.</b>	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	7:30PM	NA Group
<b>Fri.</b>	7:30PM	AA
<b>Sun. 2/15</b>	<b>6th Sunday after Epiphany</b>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	2:00-4:00PM	FootSteps Meeting
	4:00PM	Taize Service

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