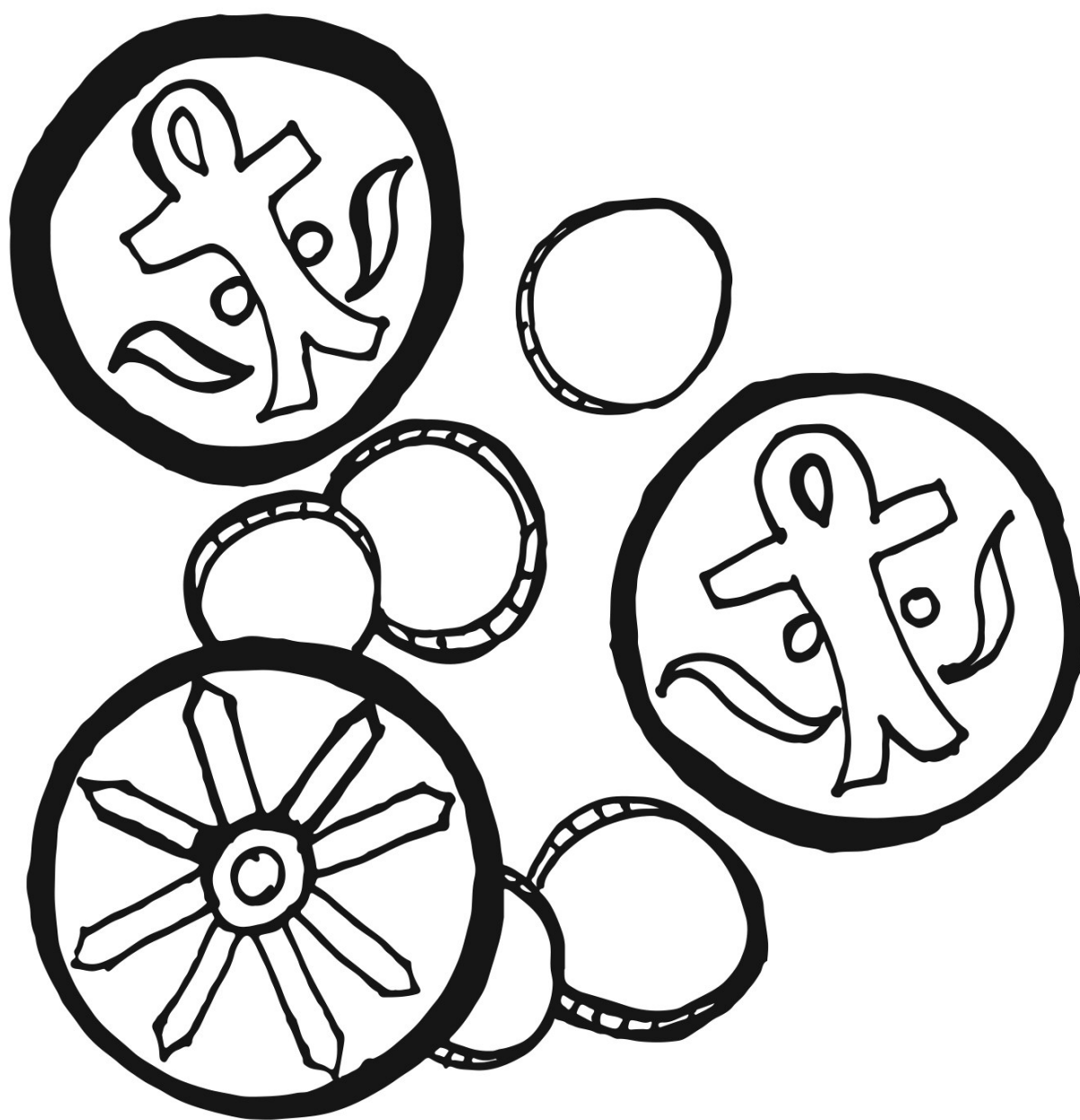


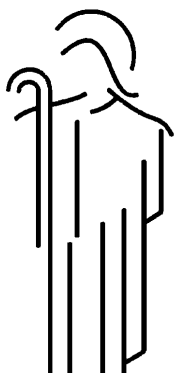
21st Sunday after Pentecost October 18, 2026

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

Worship Leaders October 25

Assisting Minister	Brad Bresee
Lector/Reader	Pam Bresee
Acolyte	TBD
Usher	Arnold Conner
Audio/Video	Rich Alaniz
Counters	Tim Smock, Candy Sprouse
Altar Guild October	Ann Kent, Linda Jones, Linda Voigt

Opening Song

Here I Am Lord

1. “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night. I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”

Refrain: Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord,
if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.”

2. “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?” (R)
3. “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? ” (R)

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Opening Prayer

Song

He Is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name.
Jesus is Lord, forever his truth shall reign;
heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.
He is exalted the King is exalted on high.

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Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

A The Word of the Lord.

✠ Thanks be to God.

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samar'ia and to the end of the earth."

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson**Matthew 28:18-20**

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

A The Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE**Song*****On Eagles' Wings***

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain: "And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand"

2. Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge with faithfulness your shield. (R)
3. For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear
you up lest you dash your foot against a stone. (R)

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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 Abba Father

Refrain: Abba, Abba, father. You are the potter, we are the clay,
 the work of your hands.

1. Mold us, mold us and fashion us into the image of Jesus, your son, of Jesus, your son. *(R)*
2. Father, may we be one in you. May we be one in you as he is in you, and you are in him. *(R)*
3. Glory, glory and praise to you. Glory and praise to you forever, Amen, forever, Amen. *(R)*

Ending Abba!

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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

They'll Know We Are Christians

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.
2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. (R)
3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. (R)
4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. (R)

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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*

*One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Memory of Shirley
Winslow by Debi Tarasovich*

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!

In light of the recent tragedy on Perry Street, it is important to support the Highmark Caring Place. The death of a loved one is devastating! The impact can be overwhelming and the children and family often need support. The Highmark Caring Place can provide that support through its various programs.

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 **Today**.

Nominations will be taken at the Fall Congregational meeting as well

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, November 1 at 4:00 pm Join us in Fellowship Hall for an uplifting meditative service. Bring comfortable chair or yoga mat if you like.

Wesleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

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 10/18

21th Sunday after Pentecost

	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Lectionary Study
	2-4:00PM	FootSteps Meeting
Monday	6:30PM	Guided Meditation
Tuesday	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
Wednesday	1:30PM	Bible Study
	6:00PM	Bible Study
Thursday	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	7:30PM	NA Group
Friday	7:30PM	AA
Saturday	12-3:00PM	Ladies Day

Sunday 10/25

Reformation Sunday

8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
9:45AM	Lectionary Study
12:00Noon	Lunch-Fall Congregational Meeting
4:00PM	Sound Bath

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