

## *Messiah Lutheran Church*

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Wesleyville, PA 16510

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

### **Welcome Visitors!**

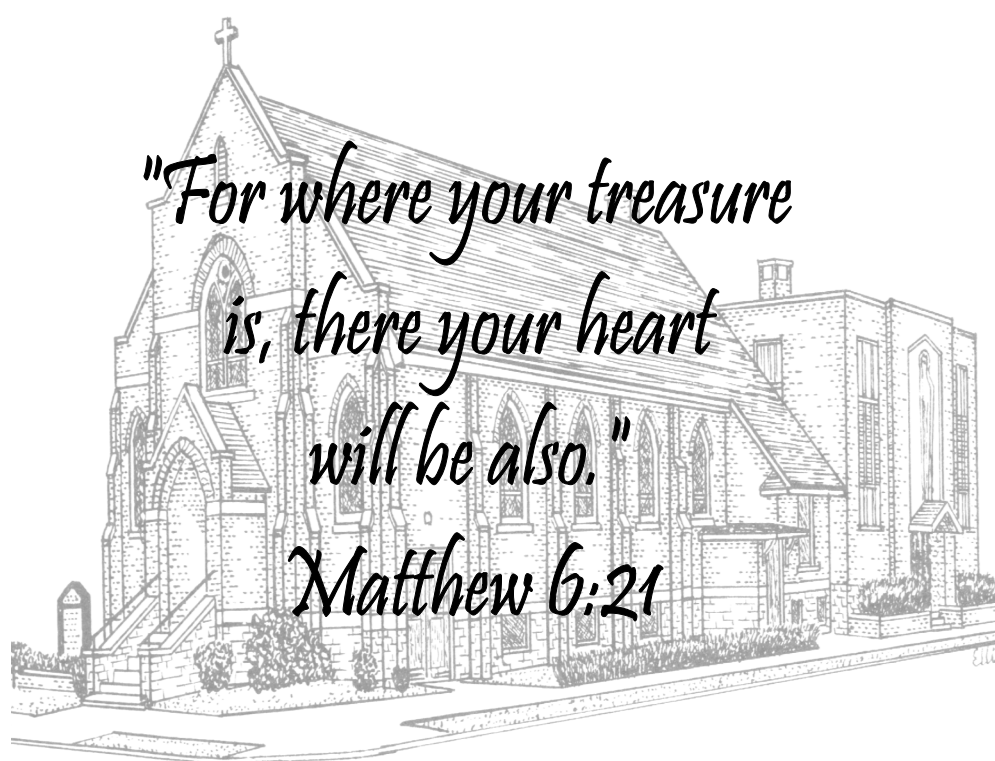
We are truly blessed that you are worshiping with us today! We have a special gift for you in the Narthex. Please pick one up before you leave.

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 the  
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
January 29, 2023  
8:30am 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 **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.

**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: Today, at **12:15pm** in Fellowship Hall or on Zoom. A lite lunch will be provided.

**C**ricut 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.

**M**ardi 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.

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

**L**enten 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.

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

**W**esleyville 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.

**N**ewsletters are available in the Narthex and online.

*We welcome Pr. Allie Leitzel as our presider today*

*We welcome Neal Durchman 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>February 5</b>
<b>Asst. Min.</b>	Tammy Johnson	Savanna Conner
<b>Lector</b>	Tammy Johnson	Barbara Martucci
<b>Usher</b>	Steve Porada	Ron Martucci
<b>Sound System</b>	Savanna Conner	Tammy Johnson
<b>Video</b>	Savanna Conner	Tammy Johnson
<b>Counters</b>	Laurie Hecht, Linda Jones	Ron Martucci, Linda Jones
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ann Kent, Linda Voigt, Blaine Waters	
<b>Altar Guild February</b>	Sandy Hough, Candy Sprouse, Bonnie Magee, Mary Rush	

## Welcome/Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness [stand/kneel]

**P** We are gathered in the name of the Father, and ✠ of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin. Holy One, source of our renewal,

**C** we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we maybe reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. 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.

**C** Amen.

### Gathering Hymn *Shall We Gather at the River*



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

## 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.

**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.  
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** Let us pray. Extravagant God,  
**G** 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.

*Sermon*

*Reflection Time*

*Hymn of the Day*

*Be Thou My Vision*



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,  
 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

### *Creed*

- P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- 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 power of 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** Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.....Merciful God,
- C** **hear our prayer**
- P** O God, we bring you our needs and hopes, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.
- C** **Amen.**

### *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.

*Instrumental music while the Altar is being prepared*



## Offering

### Offertory Hymn

### One Bread, One Body

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of  
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y  
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
one in the Lord of all.

Refrain

### Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

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

### 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

**C** 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*

**P** Let us pray with confidence as Jesus taught us:

**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** Come taste the joy of God!

*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]  
*Communion Music* Instrumental

**Table Blessing**

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

**G** Amen.

**Post-Communion Canticle**

**G** Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
 Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,  
 and lead us forth in joy with shouts  
 of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

**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.

**Benediction**

**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.

*Sending Hymn What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*



- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.

*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**

<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
<b>Mon.</b>	6:00PM	Meditation Group
	7:30PM	NA Group
<b>Tues.</b>	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
<b>Wed.</b>	11:00AM	Worship Committee
	1:00PM	Bound Together
<b>Thu.</b>	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	12:00Noon	CYFM
<b>Fri.</b>	7:30PM	AA
<b>Sun. 2/5</b>	<b><i>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</i></b>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Servant Outreach/PHM
	9:45AM	Call Committee-CR