

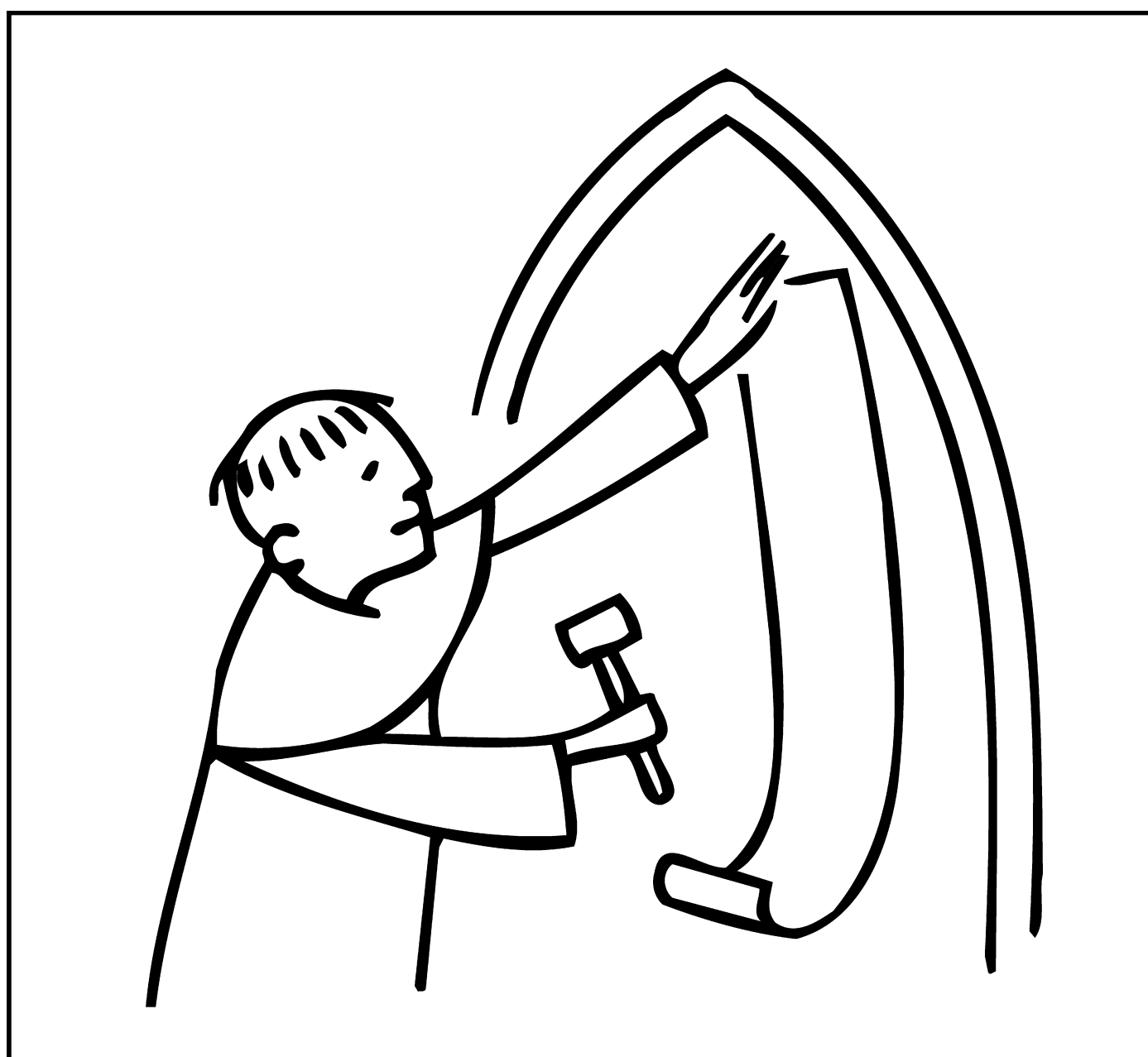
MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

October 27, 2024

THE GATHERING

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP



We welcome you to The Gathering 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:

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:

	Today	November 3
Asst. Min.	Butch Karnes	Carol Ann Wolf
Lector	Jean Parker	Pam Bresee
Acolyte	Manny Alaniz	Manny Alaniz
Usher	Arnold Conner	Art Anderson
Sound System	TBD	TBD
Video	Rich Alaniz	Brian Rogala, Jr.
Counters	Candy Sprouse, Mary Rush	Art Anderson, Mary Rush
Altar Guild	Robin Curtis, Sharon Orlando, Jean Parker	
Altar Guild November	Karen Pistner, Linda Jones	

We welcome Jodi Joyce and Cyndi Allen assisting our musician today.

We welcome Bishop Michael Lozano as our guest speaker

Opening Song

Chain Breaker

1. If you've been walking the same old road For miles and miles;
If you've been hearing the same old voice tell the same old lies;
If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside,
There's a better life. There's a better life.

Refrain: If you've got pain, he's a pain taker.

If you feel lost, he's a way maker.

If you need freedom or saving, he's a prison shaking Savior.

If you got chains, he's a chain breaker.

2. We've all searched for the light of day in the dead of night.
We've all found ourselves worn out from the same old fight.
We've all run to things we know just ain't right,
when there's a better life. There's a better life.

Bridge: If you believe it; if you receive it; if you can feel it;
Somebody testify. (x2, R)

Ending: Oh if you need freedom or saving,

He's a prison shaking Savior.

If you got chains, well he's a chain breaker

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Opening Prayer

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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Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

A The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

John 8:31-36

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

A The Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Song

Holy Spirit

1. There's nothing worth more that will ever come close.
No thing can compare; you're our living hope. Your presence.
2. I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,
where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone,
in your presence, Lord.

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.
(Repeat from Beginning)

Bridge: Let us become more aware of your presence
Let us experience the glory of your goodness (4X) (Lord)(R)

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Prayers of the People

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.

Song of Offering

Lord I Need You

1. Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without you, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

Ending: Lord, I need you, oh, I need you. Ev'ry hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness:
oh, God, how I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness:
oh, God, how I need you.

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Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

- A** Let us pray. *(brief pause)* Blessed are you, O God,
G source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

- 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.

Distribution Song

My Jesus

1. Are you past the point of weary? Is your burden weighing heavy?
Is it all too much to carry? Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.
Do you feel that empty feeling 'cause shame's done all its stealing,
and you're desperate for some healing?
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

Refrain: He makes a way where there ain't no way.

Rises up from an empty grave.

Ain't no sinner that he can't save.

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

His love is strong and his grace is free,

and the good news is I know that he

can do for you what he's done for me.

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

And let my Jesus change your life.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah, amen, amen. (amen)

2. Who can wipe away the tears
from broken dreams and wasted years,
and tell the past to disappear? Oh,
and let me tell you 'bout my Jesus,
And all the wrong turns that you would
go and undo if you could.
Who can work it all for your good?
Let me tell you about my Jesus. (R)
3. Who would take my cross to Calvary?
Who would care that much about me?
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus, oh (R x2)

Ending: Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
Let my Jesus change your life.

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Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. *(brief pause)* Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your
table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one
another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

Blessing

P God almighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give
you peace.

G Amen.

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) (Rx2)

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Sending

A Go in peace to follow Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*The Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of my grandson
Alex's 16th birthday on October 29. by Mary Rush
Both Vases of Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of
Reformation Sunday*

Announcements

Second Mile Giving is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. For **November** the *Christmas Needy 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!

Wesleyville Food Pantry: Please consider a financial gift. Checks should be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church marking "Food Pantry" in the memo line.

Fall Congregational Meeting: **Today in Fellowship Hall.** Lunch will start at 12:00pm; the meeting will begin at 12:30pm.

All Saint's Remembrance: Fill out a form in the Narthex to have the names of loved ones who have passed to be remembered on All Saint's Sunday, November 3 in the bulletin. Please return the forms by **Today**

Life-time Recognition Banquet: **Thursday, November 7 at 6:30pm at Ricardo's Restaurant.** Come celebrate the recognition of this year's honorees: *Rich & Briana Alaniz, Ethelynne Cunningham, Brian and Debbie Rogala, and Bonnie Stearns.* Tickets are **\$25.00** each and will be available through **Today**

Coats for Kids: Through **Today** Inter-Church Ministries is collecting donations of winter coats, hats, mittens and boots for youth of all ages to be dropped off in the Narthex. Cash donations of \$25/coat can be made payable to Messiah with Coats for Kids on the memo line.

Collection for the Veterans Miracle Center: **November 3-10** we are collecting Personal Care and Hygiene Items for this outreach. Items we are collecting include: bath sized bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, regular sized deodorant/antiperspirant.

Thanksgiving Prayer Service and Dinner: **Saturday, November 16, at 5:30pm** in Fellowship Hall. Attendance is limited so please sign up on the poster in the Narthex if you plan to attend! We need help with setup and clean up as well!

Exercise Class: in Fellowship Hall every **Tuesday at 6:15pm** starting for low impact "dance" style exercise. Let the office know if you are planning on joining the fun.

It's All Greek to Me Bible Study: Pastor Tom is leading a weekly Bible study on **Wednesdays at 6:30PM** Study Lounge. We will start the study with some of the women of the bible.

Wesleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

November 5 at 5:00-6:00pm for Country Fair distribution.

November 11 at 10:00am to unload senior boxes.

November 18 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.

November 19 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm 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**

Sun. 10/27	<i>Reformation Sunday</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	12:00Noon	Lunch
	12:30 PM	Fall Congregational Meeting
Mon.	8:30PM	NA Group
	6:30PM	Meditation Group
Tues.	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
	6:15PM	Exercise Class
Wed.	6:30PM	It's All Greek to Me Bible Study
Thu.	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	7:00PM	Evangelistic & Teaching Center-FH
Fri.	7:30PM	AA
Sun. 11/3	<i>All Saints Sunday</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Servant Outreach