



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

All Saints Sunday

November 3, 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 10 |
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| Asst. Min. | Carol Ann Wolf | Brian Rogala, Jr. |
| Lector | Pam Bresee | Cyndi Allen |
| Acolyte | Manny Alaniz | Josh Bartlett |
| Usher | Art Anderson | Arnold Conner |
| Sound System | TBD | Tim Smock |
| Video | Brian Rogala, Jr. | JJ Conner |
| Counters | Art Anderson, Mary Rush | Candy Sprouse, Tim Smock |
| Altar Guild | Karen Pistner, Linda Jones | |

Opening Song

Less Like Me

1. Oh I have days I lose the fight.
Try my best but just don't get it right.
Where I talk a talk that I don't walk,
and miss the moments right before my eyes.

Pre-Refrain: Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped.
Somebody with a hand that I could have held.
When I just can't see past myself. Lord, help me be.

Refrain: A little more like mercy. A little more like grace.
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith.
A little more like patience. A little more like peace.
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.

2. Yeah there's no denying I have changed.
I've been saved from who I used to be.
But even at my best, I must confess,
I still need help to see the way you see. (*Pre-R, Bridge*)

Bridge: Oh to feed the beggar on the street.
Love to be your hands and feet.
Freely give what I receive, Lord, help me be.
I want to put you first above all else.
Love my neighbor as myself.
In the moments no one sees, Lord, help me be. (*R, Ending*)

Ending: A little more I'm living, everything I preach.
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.

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Opening Prayer

Song

How Great is Our God

1. The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty:
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

Refrain: How great is our God!

Sing with me: How great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God!

2. And age to age he stands, and time is in his hands;
beginning and the end, beginning and the end.

The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son,
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. (R)

Bridge: (2x) Name above all names. Worthy of all praise.

My heart will sing, how great is our God! (Rx2)

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Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

A The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

John 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

A The Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Song

Build My Life

1. Worthy of ev’ry song we could ever sing.
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.
Worthy of ev’ry breath we could ever breathe. We live for you.
2. Jesus the name above ev’ry other name.
Jesus the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of ev’ry breath we could ever breathe. We live for you.
We live for you.

Refrain: Holy there is no one like you, there is none beside you.
Open up my eyes in wonder
and show me who you are and fill me,
with your heart and lead me in your love to those around
me. (V2, R)

Bridge: I will build my life upon your love; it is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in you alone, and I will not be shaken.
(2x, 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

Good, Good Father

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.

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.

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Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

- A** Let us pray. *(brief pause)* Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
- C** **you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. 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.**

Distribution Song

O Come To the Altar

1. Are you hurting and broken within,
overwhelmed by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling.
Have you come to the end of yourself,
do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling.

Refrain: O come to the altar; the father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with
the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

2. Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.
Come today; there's no reason to wait. Jesus is calling.
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy;
from the ashes a new life is born. Jesus is calling. (R)

Bridge: Oh, what a Savior, isn't he wonderful;
sing alleluia, Christ is risen.
Bow down before him, for he is Lord of all;
sing alleluia, Christ is risen. (R x2)

3. Bear your cross as you wait for the crown;
tell the world of the treasure you've found.

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Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. (*brief pause*) Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

Blessing

P The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, ✠ bless you now and forever.

G Amen.

Song

A Mighty Fortress

1. A mighty fortress is our God. A sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.
2. No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.
3. Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.
4. God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

Dismissal

- A** Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
- G** **Thanks be to God.**

We pray for those named below and all the faithful departed

- ✝ Richard Alaniz Sr., Robin Ruiz, Donald F. Pamula, Raymond Tarbell, Isabelle Reitz by Rich and Briana Alaniz
- ✝ Clyde Bartlett, Arthur Anderson, Sr., Bob Bloom, Kevin Kala, Davida Pierce, Glenna & Emily Bartlett, Mark May, Alice Lynch, Sandy Kitchen, and Jon & Ardie Kayner by Art and Cindy Anderson
- ✝ Alice Lynch, Clyde Bartlett, Mark May, Kevin Kala, Glenna & Emily Bartlett, Bob Bloom, and Luella & Charles Robinson by Marylou Bartlett
- ✝ Florence & Edmund Crane, Susan & Charles Damon, Carl Begemann, Joyce Crane, Aunt Milly Bojarski, Eileen Custer, Tarzan Booth, Howie Hennell, Craig Cunningham, and George Elias by Shirley, Ron & Jeff Damon
- ✝ Kenneth Berlin by his family
- ✝ Bud Bresee by the Bresee family
- ✝ Craig Cunningham, Mary Elizabeth & Guy Jacobs by Ethelynne Cunningham
- ✝ Ron & Elayne Brooks by Madalyn Shatzer
- ✝ James Swoger, Ethel & Pete Rippens, Jean & Bill Hauser by Joyce & Dave Hauser
- ✝ Oliver G. Shadle Jr., Timothy Shadle, Grand Birdie Jones, Lamar Jones, Robert Hecht, Richard Hecht, and Dorothy Hecht by Laurie Hecht
- ✝ Sally & James Bryan, Joanne & James Bryan, and Dorothy Chamberlain by Bonnie Magee
- ✝ Joan Peck by Karen Pistner
- ✝ Bob Parker by Jean Parker
- ✝ Rich Ragen Sr., JoAnn Ragen, Donna Ragen, Barbara & Dave Huff, Edward & Irene Huff, and Darcie Huff by Debbie & Brian Rogala
- ✝ Katherine & Lynn Snyder, Louise & Bill Voigt, Shirley & Lynn Snyder, Jr., Evelyn & Jack Winslow and Rae Vorsheck McCaleb by Bill & Linda Voigt
- ✝ Mabel Butt, Douglas Butt, Thomas Butt, Betty Wolf, Norbert Wolf, Don Hathaway, Mitchel Stinson, Diane Pat, Walter Griesbach, and Pam Griesbach by Ernie & Carol Ann Wolf

- ✦ Bob Hough, Robert Hough, Sr., Eleanor Hough, Sharon Concilla, Audrey Buterbaugh, and Frannie Buterbaugh by Sandra Hough
- ✦ Shirley Winslow and Carter Egloff by Deb Tarasovich

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.

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!

Blood Drive at Erie Community Blood Bank: **November 18-23** M,TH,F: 8-5 W,T: 10-6 Sat: 9:30am-12:00; sign up at Fourhearts.org. Call the Blood Bank at 814-456-4206; Walk-ins are welcome

Life Time Recognition Nominations: forms are located in the Narthex. Turn in to the office by **December 1**.

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 are studying the First Christmas.

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.

The Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of my grandson

Liam's 13th birthday today by Karen Pistner

*One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Memory of Messiah
members who have gained their angel wings*

*The Vigil Candle is given to the Glory of God and God's many blessings by
Robin Curtis*

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**

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| Sun. 11/3 | <i>All Saints Sunday</i> | |
| | 8:30 and 11:00AM | Service of Holy Communion |
| | 9:45AM | Servant Outreach |
| Mon. | 8:30PM | NA Group |
| | 6:30PM | Meditation Group |
| Tues. | 10:00AM | Sewing Circle |
| | 6:15PM | Exercise Class |
| Wed. | 11:00AM | Worship Committee |
| | 1:00PM | Bound Together |
| | 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. 11/10 | <i>25th Sunday after Pentecost</i> | |
| | 8:30 and 11:00AM | Service of Holy Communion |
| | 9:45AM | Property Committee |