



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2025

THE GATHERING

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP



We welcome you to The Gathering 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:		
	Today	February 16
Asst. Min.	Butch Karnes	Brian Rogala, Jr.
Lector	Jean Parker	Bella Alaniz
Acolyte	Josh Bartlett	Bella Alaniz
Usher	Art Anderson	Brian Rogala
Sound System	Tim Smock	Rich Alaniz
Video	Brian Rogala, Jr.	Rich Alaniz
Counters	Tim Smock, Art Anderson	Candy Sprouse, Karen Pistner
Altar Guild	Karen Pistner, Linda Jones	

Opening Song

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Refrain: Open the eyes of my heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you. I want to see you. (2x)

1. To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy. (R)

Bridge: Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy,
holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

Opening Prayer

Song

10,000 Reasons

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes. (R)
2. You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (R)
3. And on that day, when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
still, my soul will sing your praise unending
ten thousand years, and then forevermore! (R then Ending)

Ending: Worship your holy name,
Lord, I'll worship your holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name, Lord, worship your holy name.
Lord, I'll worship your holy name.

Lesson

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also

were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

A The Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Song

Great Are You Lord

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.
And great are you, Lord.

Refrain: It's your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise,
we pour out our praise. It's your breath in our lungs,
so we pour out our praise to you only. (V, R)

Bridge: And all the earth will shout your praise.
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
great are you, Lord! (x3, Rx2)

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

Gratitude

I throw up my hands and praise you again and again, cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah.
And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a king except for a heart singing, “hallelujah, hallelujah.”

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

- A** Let us pray together. *(brief pause)* God of grace,
G your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. 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

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) 6

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Live in hope.

G Thanks be to God.

*The Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of my mother,
Laura Viardy, for her birthday on February 10 and in Celebration of my son
Brent's birthday on February 10 by Karen Pistner*

*One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Memory of my
parents by Lisa Booth*

*One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of my son,
Craig for his birthday by Jean Parker*

*The Vigil Candle is given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for my church
family by Robin Curtis*

Announcements

Second 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!

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

It's All Greek to Me Bible Study: Pastor Tom is leading a weekly Bible study on **Wednesdays at 6:30PM** Study Lounge.

OWLs: **Tuesday, February 11 at 11:30am.** Bring a dish to share. Discussing the movie Bonheoffer.

Card Shower: Bernice Fryer will be 104 years old on **February 19.** We would like to have as many members as we can show her our love by sending her birthday cards!

CPR Class: **Sunday, February 16 at 9:45am** in Fellowship Hall. Signup in the Narthex.

Mardi Gras Party: **Tuesday, March 4, at 5:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Come for a taste of New Orleans at Messiah! Signup in the Narthex.

Ash Wednesday: **March 5, at Noon & 7:00 pm** with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

Lenten Soup Supper & Vespers: **Wednesday, March 12, 19, 26, April 2 & 9, at 5:30 pm for supper, 6:00 pm Vespers** in Fellowship Hall. Sign up in the Narthex to bring a soup or see Cindy for more options!

Wesleyville Food Pantry **Volunteers Needed**

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

February 17 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.

February 18 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRELIMINARY 3-YEAR VISION
PROPOSED - 2025 to 2027**

WORSHIP

Start?

Technology

- Add Screens in sanctuary (2025)
- Update website (2025)
- Obtain Hearing Assisted Devices (2025)

Music Ministry

- Build out the Band (2025)

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

- Bubble Church (2025-2026)
- School Day Off Camp (2025)
- Milestone Ministry (Sept. 2025)

PROPERTY

- Fix Front Electronic Sign (ASAP)
- Repair/Purchase Boiler (DONE)
- Plumbing Upgrades/Restrooms (2027)
- Buy New Freezer (ASAP)

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)

OUTREACH

- Maintain Community Garden (2025-2027)
- Continue Back to School Bash (2025-2027)
- Continue participation in Community National Night Out (2025-2027)

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**

Sun. 2/9	<i>5th Sunday after Epiphany</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Property Committee
Mon.	6:30PM	Guided Meditation
Tues.	10:00PM	Sewing Circle
	11:30AM	OWLs Meeting
Wed.	6:30PM	It's All Greek to Me Bible Study-SL
Thu.	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	7:30PM	NA Group
Fri.	7:30PM	AA
Sun. 2/16	<i>6th Sunday after Epiphany</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	CPR Class
	2:00-4:00PM	FootSteps Meeting