

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 9, 2025
Traditional Service



We welcome you to The Traditional Service 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	Brad Bresee
Lector	Laurie Hecht	Laurie Hecht
Usher	TBD	TBD
Sound System	TDB	TDB
Video	Brad Bresee	Brad Bresee
Counters	Linda Jones	Laurie Hecht
Altar Guild	Karen Pistner, Linda Jones	

We welcome Matt Lowther as our musicians today.

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness [stand/kneel as able]

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, and our wellspring of life

C Amen.

P Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin (*silence*) Merciful God,

C you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

P God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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.

Glory to God

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 The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us Pray: Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

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.

G **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.

Ⓐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Creed

- P** Let us confess our faith with the word of the Apostles' Creed:
- 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 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** With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.....God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer**
- P** We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
- C** **Amen.**

Peace

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Instrumental music while the Altar is being prepared

Offertory Hymn I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light [stand]

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

- A** Let us pray together. *(brief pause)* God of grace,
- C** 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.

The Great Thanksgiving

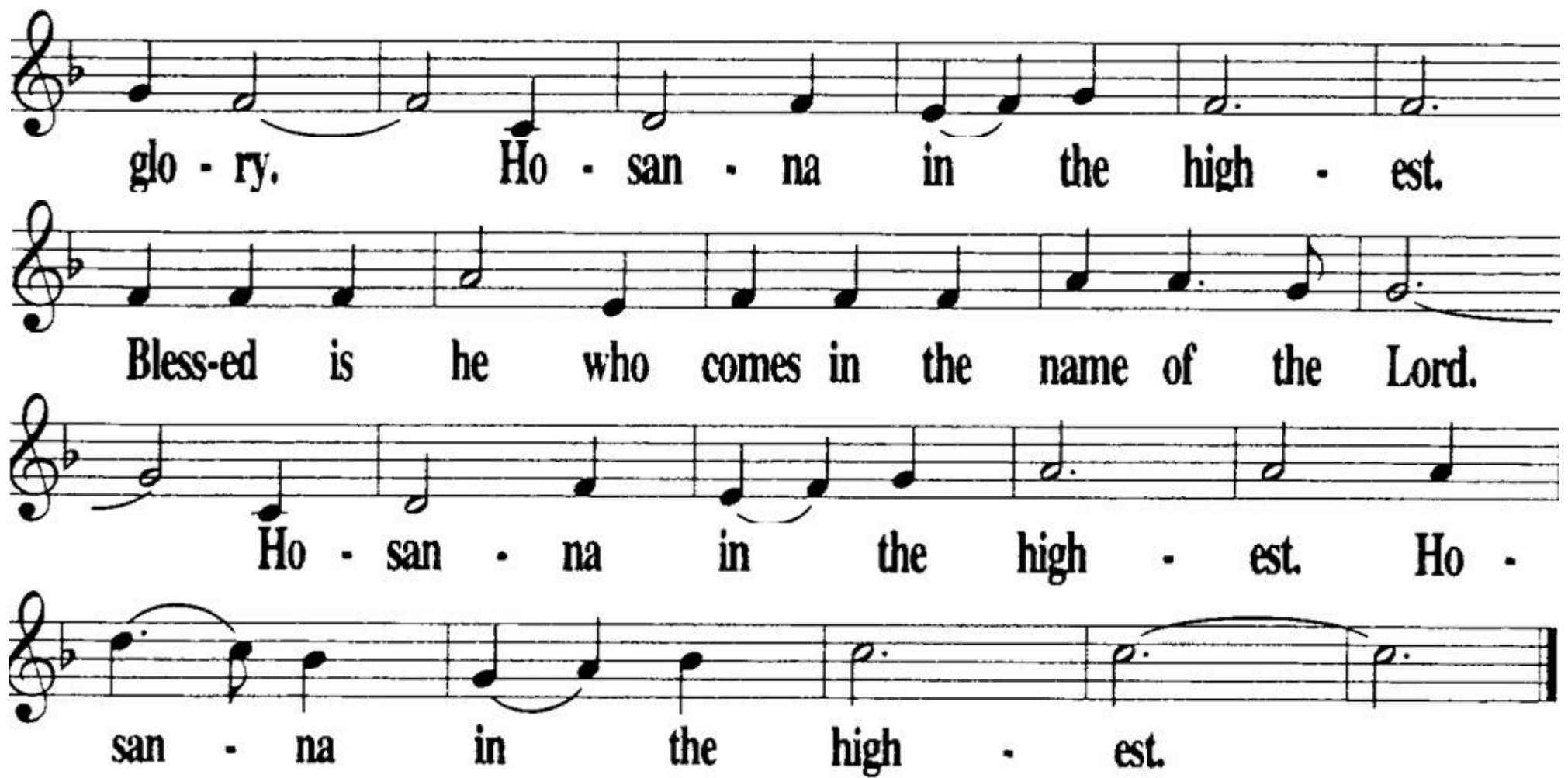
- P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

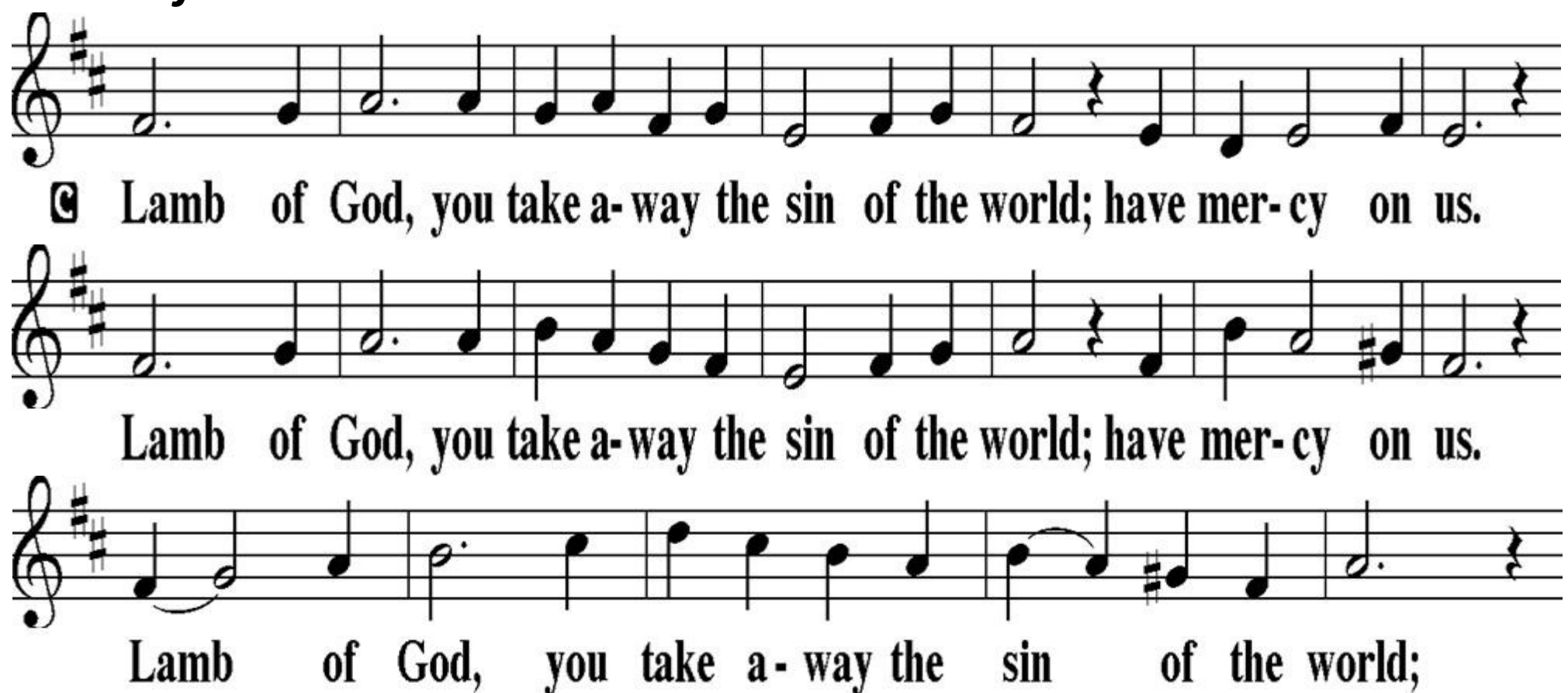
The Lord's Prayer

☩ 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

☩ The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Lamb of God



☩ 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

Post Communion Blessing

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

C Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. *(brief pause)* Nourishing God,

C at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

Blessing

P The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn

The Old Rugged Cross

1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross,
 2. O that old rug - ged cross, so de - spised by the world,
 3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
 4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,

The em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;
 Has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
 A won - drous beau - ty I see;
 Its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;

And I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
 For the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove
 For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died
 Then he'll call me some day to my home far a - way,

For a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 To bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 To par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 Where his glo - ry for ev - er I'll share.

So I'll cher - ish the cross, the old rug - ged cross, Till my

tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the cross, the

old rug - ged cross, And ex - change it some day for a crown.

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Live in hope.

G Thanks be to God.

*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. This week's study is How the Bible Came to Be.

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

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

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!

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