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Masks must be worn at all times within the Messiah building

Worship for Sunday, February 6th, 2022
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, Year C
Service of Word and Prayer

In person services (livestreamed on the Messiah YouTube channel and posted on the Messiah website following the service) begin at 10:30am each Sunday. Holy Communion is suspended until at least the end of February. The wearing of masks at all times is mandatory. Covid vaccinations, social distancing, and hand sanitizing are encouraged. Please do not attend if you aren't feeling well, and make use of Covid testing if necessary.

Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns:

We pray for comfort and healing for all those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit; give them courage and hope in their time of need.

We would like to offer condolences to the family and friends of Donna Meyers who passed away on Saturday, January 29th. Donna was an active member of Messiah, having served recently on Church Council. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who mourn her passing.



† The Funeral Service for Donna Meyers will be this Friday, February 4th @ 1:00pm at Messiah Lutheran Church with lunch to follow. All are welcome to come. Please note that wearing a mask is mandatory in the church building, as are maintaining a physical distance, and use of hand sanitizer.

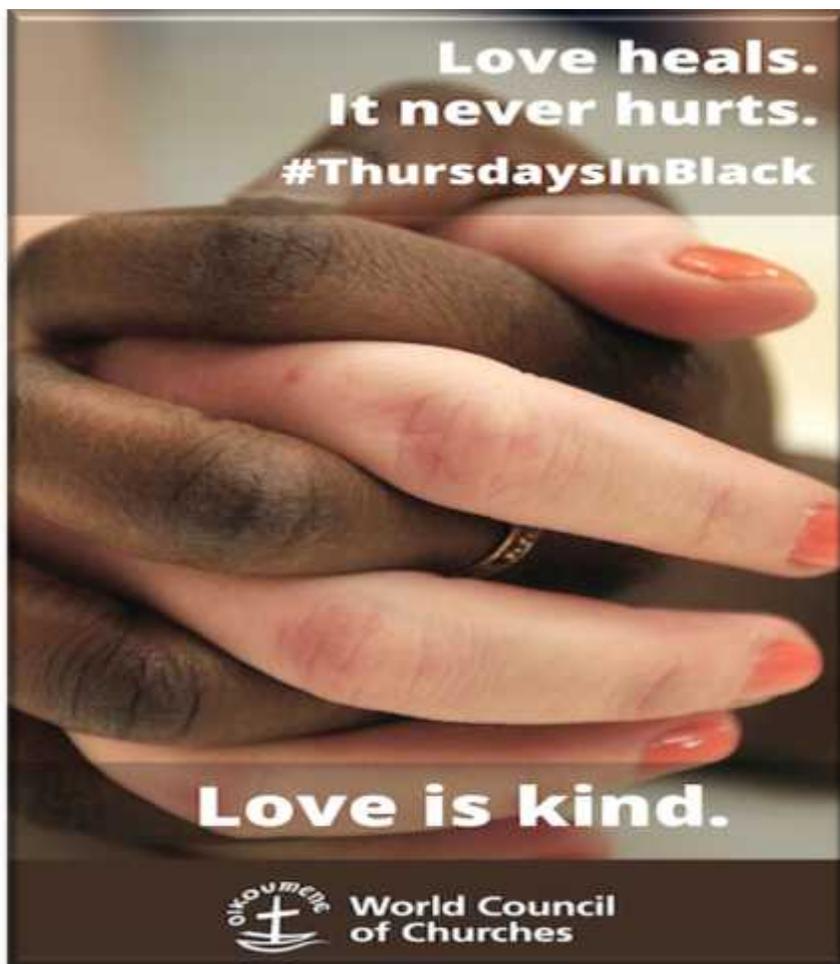
Today: Sunday School at 11:45 am, right after Worship Service on Zoom (call the Messiah office for the link). Resource packets can be picked up from the Messiah office during office hours or call to arrange alternate pickup.

Today: Confirmation Class at 7 pm on Zoom

Wednesday, February 9 at 7 pm – Lectionary Bible Study continues on Zoom only. All are welcome to join this study. For more information or to receive the Zoom link, please contact the Messiah office or Pastor Fran.

Worship Assistants

We are looking for Worship Assistants. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for the various assisting roles during Sunday morning worship. Please have a look and sign up to read, usher or operate power point. Thank you in advance for serving in this way!



The [World Council of Churches](#) (WCC) has made new images and messages available for you to use on Valentine's Day, February 14. These messages invite reflection and lift up awareness on gender-based violence. If you have been participating in the the WCC's #ThursdaysInBlack campaign or are committed to working to end gender-based violence, join us and many others on Valentine's Day, and lift up awareness by using these visual messages widely, within and outside of your networks.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: ELW#715 "Christ Be Our Light"

GREETING and OPENING DIALOGUE: WOV, p. 46

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth. (John 1)

SCRIPTURE SONG: ELW#413 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-13

Through a vision in the temple, the eighth-century prophet Isaiah is called by God to announce judgment against Israel. Aware of his sinfulness and shortcomings, Isaiah is initially hesitant. But when God calls, Isaiah responds, "Here am I; send me!"

A reading from Isaiah.

¹In 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. ²Seraphs 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. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And 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!" ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The 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." ⁸Then 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!" ⁹And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' ¹⁰Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed." ¹¹Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; ¹²until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. ¹³Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

³When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.

A reading from First Corinthians.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW#172 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" 2X

GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Luke in the fifth chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement leads these three fishermen to leave everything behind to become apostles.

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He 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. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So 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. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and 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." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "How Many Fish Are in Your Net?"

CHILDREN'S SONG: ELW#866 "We are Marching"

SERMON: "The Burden of Abundance"

Silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#817 "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION: WOV p. 49

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 1:13-14)

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit. (Jude 20)

Keep yourselves in the love of God; look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: (Jude 21).

Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new! (2 Corinthians 5:17).

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self examination.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. Amen

PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

(2 Corinthians 13:11)

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you.

We share a sign of that peace.

PRAYER

God blesses us through prayer.

OFFERING HYMN: ELW#574 "Here I am, Lord"

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together, merciful God, in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PRAYER RESPONSE: ELW #752 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; and so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made, praying God of grace and singing, Lord, listen to your children praying...

A brief silence.

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Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

We conclude our prayers by singing, Lord, listen to your children praying...2X

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever in the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Three-Fold Sung Amen.

SENDING SONG: ACS#991 "Go to the World"

DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God