MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 8, 2026
24th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome
Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church. We are glad you are worshipping with us today.

Guests
We would love to connect with you and share how our church is sharing God's love in our community and around the world. Please consider signing our guestbook and providing your email if you would like more information. There are information cards for you at the ushers table to help guide you through worship.

Children are welcome in worship!

Messiah Vision
We are an inclusive community following Jesus, worshiping God,
striving side by side, and mending the broken places in all creation.

Messiah Mission
Embrace: create a culture where everyone feels welcome
Engage: develop quality relationships with partners
in a changing community
Enhance: provide numerous ways to live into God's call
Explore: cultivate abundant opportunities to grow in faith

Messiah Verse
What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. *Micah 6:8*

PRELUDE **Katie Walda**
A time of quiet centering

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG ***Great Are You Lord*** **Leonard/Ingram**

CONFESSIONG AND FORGIVENESS
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.
Holy God,
we confess that we have not trusted your invitation to live among the Beloved community. We allow distractions to overcome care for the vulnerable. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, rather than embracing the courage and strength you provide. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may follow the Way of Jesus.
Amen.
God is merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Find rest in the forgiveness that our gracious God bestows.
Amen.

GREETING
May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love, mercy, and justice of God,
and wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray. O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

A READING FROM AMOS 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of our God! Why do you want such day? It is darkness, not light, as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of our God darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?
For our God says to the people, “I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON 6:17-20

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction, and concern for instruction is love of wisdom, and love of wisdom is the keeping of wise laws, and giving heed to wise laws is assurance of immortality, and immortality brings one near to God; so, the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ***Alleluia*** **ELW 170**

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 25:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples: "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Please, please open to us.' But the bridegroom replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON **Pastor Susan Kirlin-Hackett**

SONG OF THE DAY ***O That the Lord Would Guide*** **ELW 772**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
The Intercessor invites the assembly into prayer. After each petition:
God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

PEACE
May the peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS
You may use this QR code with your mobile device to give an offering to our church mission.

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERING PRAYER
God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
surrounded by evil and bordered by death we appeal to you,
our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge.
We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, the sacrifice of his life and death
and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints
his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine
and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son:
teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever.
Amen.

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 COMMUION
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.
Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION
All are welcome to communion. As the ushers direct you, please come forward to receive. The cups are filled with red wine and white grape juice. Gluten free option available. Those not receiving communion may come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION SONG I	***By Your Hand***	**ELW 469**
COMMUNION SONG II	***Beautiful Savior***	**ELW 838**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING
The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING FOR VETERANS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING BLESSING

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG ***Before You Lord We Bow*** **ELW 893**

DISMISSAL
Go out in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Assisting in Worship

Senior Pastor
Reverend Bridget Misare

Pastor
Reverend Susan Kirlin-Hackett

Preacher
Reverend Susan Kirlin-Hackett

Director of Music
Organ/Piano
Katie Walda

Vocalists
Alan Melrose
Kim Foss
Katie Anderson

Tech Support
Andy Alenski, Tia Monsen

Lector and Intercessor
Bill Messecar

Slide Maker
Heather Caffoe

Ushers
Robin Saxton
Bev Melrose

Greeter
Janene Nelson

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