



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Lutheran Church-
Missouri Synod*

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9:30am

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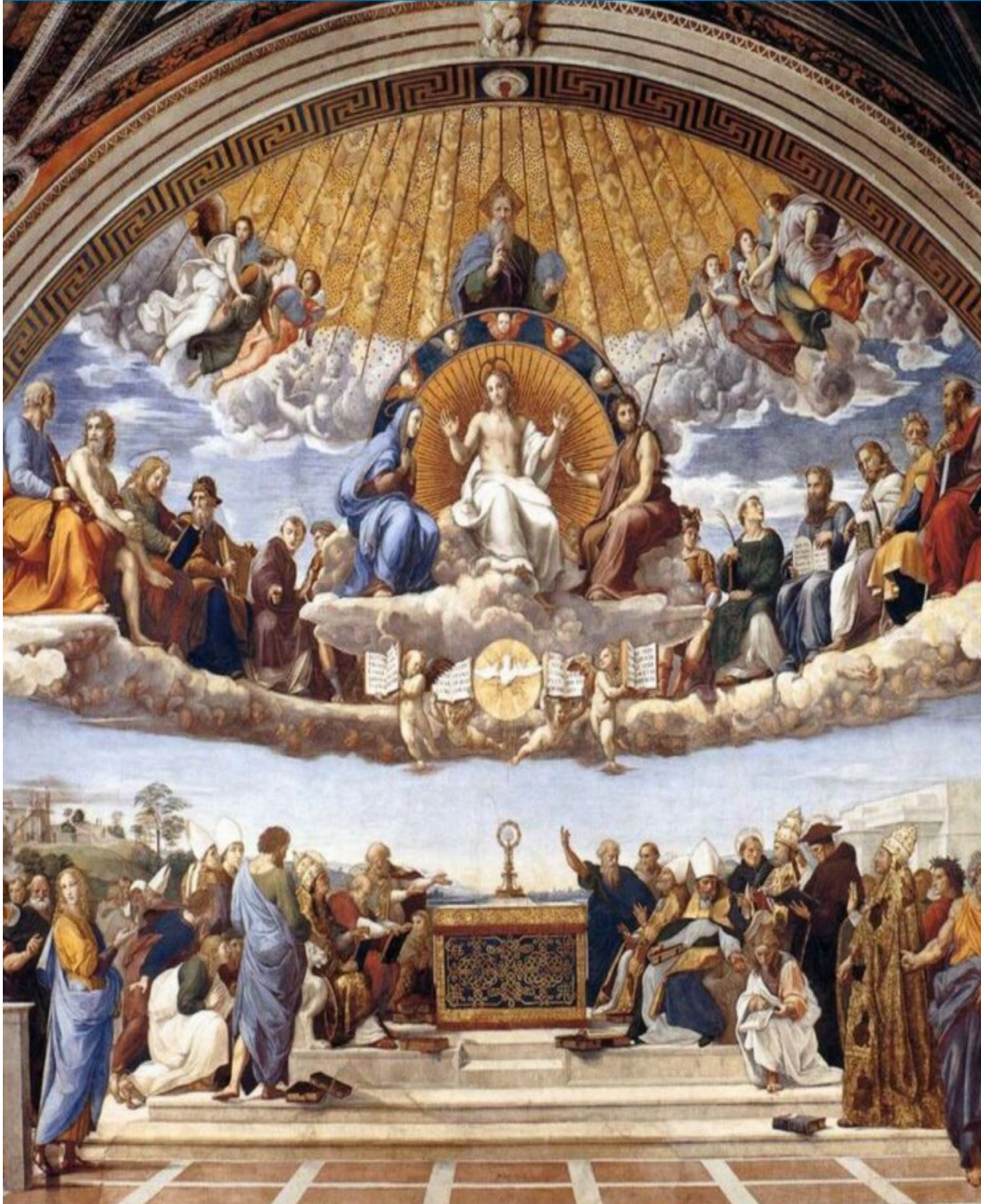
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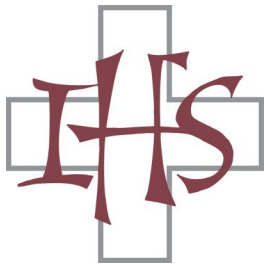
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*To those sanctified in Christ Jesus,
called to be saints together with all those who in every place call
upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
both their Lord and ours.*

(1 Corinthians 1:2b)



FOR OUR VISITORS....



Welcome! We encourage you to follow along with either the printed service, or with the hymnal. The page numbers for the hymnal are posted at the front of the sanctuary and on the next page. We realize it can take a while for newcomers to become familiar with our liturgy, so please feel free to ask someone near you for assistance—he or she would be happy to help.

We love children in our church! But if your little one gets fussy you may use the **cry room** that is located at the north end of the hallway behind the sanctuary on your right. You are able to see and hear the worship service from there. We also have **"Quiet Bags"** available for children to use during the service. Please ask an usher or elder if you need assistance. The Quiet Bags are returned after the service.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in our services today. In this supper, our Lord Jesus Christ graciously feeds the humble sinner with His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Scripture clearly teaches that anyone who eats and drinks the body and blood of Christ without discerning that body and blood receives a judgment rather than a blessing from God (1 Cor. 11:29). Therefore, out of a Christian concern for souls, we require a thorough instruction in the teachings of the Lutheran Church before participating in this Sacrament. Participation at the altar is also a testimony of unity of faith with all others who partake (1 Cor. 10:17). Since unity at the altar presupposes unity in doctrine and confession (Acts 2:42), we kindly request that **only those who are in confessional fellowship** with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod participate. This includes active members in good standing of all sister Missouri-Synod congregations.



We recognize that **Closed Communion** is a sensitive issue for many and have a brochure to explain it more thoroughly. It is available in the narthex or from an usher. If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to speak with our pastor. However, **we welcome** both children and adults who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church to come to the altar during communion for a pastoral blessing. Please indicate the request for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.



Follow the QR code to visit our **"Virtual Guestbook"** and tell us about yourself and your visit with us.

Divine Service—Setting Three—LSB 184

Hymns:
401, 402, 688

Hymns During Distribution:
434, 400

Sermon Title:
"Behold, the Lamb of God"

Scripture:
John 1:29-42a

Prelude:
HERR CHRIST, DER EINIG GOTTES SOHN ("The Only Son
from Heaven")
-settings by Johann Pachelbel and Mark
Knickelbein

Postlude:
MIT FRIED UND FREUD ("In Peace and Joy I Now
Depart") – J. S. Bach, BWV 616



God Reveals His Glory in Christ and His Cross

"The LORD, the Redeemer of Israel," calls forth "his Holy One" (Is. 49:7), Jesus, the Christ, "from the womb" of His mother (Is. 49:1). The incarnate Son of God is revealed as the Savior, not only for Israel but also "as a light for the nations," whose salvation reaches "to the end of the earth" (Is. 49:6). John came "baptizing with water" (John 1:31) to reveal Jesus as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29), and who glorifies His God and Father by His atoning sacrifice upon the cross. When Jesus was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended "from heaven like a dove" and "remained on him" (John 1:32). By our Baptism, we are anointed by the same Spirit, adopted by God the Father, and "called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:9). Therefore, we "are not lacking in any gift," but we can trust Him who promises to sustain us to the end, "guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:7–8)

Serving in God's House Today

Organist: Miguel Ruiz		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Altar Guild: Debbie Goedecke Carol McGrath Sydelle Numsen Brenda Thowe	Head Elder:	Roland Towers	Dale Addink
	Head Usher:	Randy Burk	Marty Hobson
	Acolytes:	Sam Sifford	Jacob Lemmon
Counters: Laurie Ward Cathy Keto	Crucifer/ Altar Assistant	Cory O'Dell	Nathan Munoz

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given by Bob Knipp to the glory of God and in memory of his dear Christian friends, Doris Knief and Joyce Cross.

Introit *Psalm 19:1–4a, b; antiphon: v. 14*



Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,*
O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.
The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*
and the sky above proclaims his | handi work.
Day to day | pours out speech,*
and night to night reveals | knowledge.
There is no speech, nor | are there words,*
whose voice | is not heard.

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end | of the world.*
In them he has set a tent | for the sun.
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his |
chamber,*
and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.
Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit
to the | end of them,*
and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of
my heart be acceptable | in your sight,*
O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Sung by the Cantor
Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Today is Life Sunday 2026, and it is also the beginning of our annual Baby Bottle Campaign. The purpose is to help PH4U continue to provide their free services for expectant mothers. You may donate funds by taking home a baby bottle from the basket in the narthex and returning it with cash, coins, or checks (made payable to Pregnancy Help 4U) by February 15th. PH4U is grateful for your support.



THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 01/18 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE
- 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE
- 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE

MONDAY 01/19 - 9:30AM - BRAILLE WORKSHOP

TUESDAY 01/20 - 9:30AM - JOY GROUP BIBLE STUDY
- 7:00PM CONFIRMATION III

WEDNESDAY 01/21

THURSDAY 01/22 - 5:30PM - CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

FRIDAY 01/23

SATURDAY 01/24

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: January 18-31

18: Ezek. 40:1-4; 43:1-12 <i>Ezek. 40:5-42:20;</i> 43:13-27 Rom. 8:18-39	21: Joel 1:1-20 Rom. 10:1-21	25: Zech. 1:1-21 Rom. 14:1-23	29: Zech 8:1-23 2 Tim. 1:1-18
19: Ezek. 44:1-16, 23-29 Rom. 9:1-18	22: Joel 2:1-17 Rom. 11:1-24	26: Zech. 2:1-3:10 Rom. 15:1-13	30: Zech. 9:1-17 2 Tim. 2:1-26
20: Ezek. 47:1-14, 21-23 Rom. 9:19-33	23: Joel 2:18-32 Rom. 11:25-12:13	27: Zech. 4:1-5:11 Rom. 15:14-33	31: Zech. 10:1-11:3 2 Tim. 3:1-17
	24: Joel 3:1-21 Rom. 12:14-13:14	28: Zech. 6:1-7:14 Rom. 16:17-27	

Catechesis for the week of January 19

Scripture: Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

What is baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water includ-
ed in God's command and combined with God's word.

What is this word?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew:
Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing
them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19

HYMNS

515 1, 2 "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"
601 "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"
398 1, 4 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

READINGS

Mon: No School

Tue: Jonathan Keeps His Promise to David –
1 Samuel 20:24-42

Wed: David Flees from Saul – 1 Samuel 21:1-22:2

Thu: David hides in the Wilderness – 1 Samuel 23:14-
29

Fri: OT Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Sat: Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Sun: Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-25

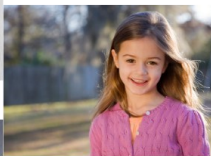
LIFE SUNDAY


January 18, 2026

“Fearfully and Wonderfully Made” is Lutherans For Life’s theme for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, which is based on Psalm 139:13-14: **“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.”**

This Word of God reveals the care and intention that God takes in the creation of each and every human being. It teaches us that from the very first moments of our conception, God’s hands are upon us, carefully and lovingly crafting each one of us through our fathers and mothers. And while each person is created by God with their own unique characteristics and personalities, the care that God takes in creating each person shows us that every person, from the moment of fertilization on, is precious to God regardless of their age, size, condition, or ability.

This morning, as we observe "Life Sunday," we understand that our lives are precious in His sight from conception until He calls us home. We also sadly note that in this country alone, over 64 million lives have been taken via abortion since it was legalized on January 22nd, 1973, by the Roe v. Wade decision. We pray that the Lord of Life will turn hearts toward Him in repentance and bring an end to this barbaric practice. We also rejoice in the forgiveness of Christ, whose blood covers all sins for those who trust in Him, even the sin of abortion.





I praise you, for I am
**Fearfully
and
Wonderfully
Made.**



Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Matthew 10:29-31

Jesus speaks these comforting words to us to remind us that we have nothing to fear, not even death itself. God, in His divine omniscience, knows all the details of our lives. And, because He loves us, He uses that omniscience to guard us and keep us safely in His kingdom. After all, if God guards and keeps even the sparrows, how much more will He keep you, who are of more value than the sparrows?!

But this comforting word from Jesus also raises the question, why are you of more value than the sparrows? The answer to that question is the foundation for our understanding of the sanctity of all human life. We are all of more value than the sparrows because we have each been “**fearfully and wonderfully made**” (Psalm 139:14) in the image of God.

Unlike the rest of creation—like the sparrows—which God spoke into existence and upholds with His mighty Word, mankind was wonderfully “**made and fashioned**” by the hands of God (Psalm 119:73) from the “**dust of the ground**” (Genesis 2:7).

Even now, God continues to show great care in making each human being, “**knitting**” every one of us together in our mother’s womb (Psalm 139:13). Therefore, from the moment of conception when God knits us together until the moment of our death, at every stage and in every condition in between, each person is precious to God. We are each so precious that God was willing to send His only-begotten Son to bear the “**sin of the world**” (John 1:29) and invite us all into His eternal kingdom.

As we are each valuable in the eyes of God, we can receive every single neighbor as a gift from the Lord regardless of their size, abilities, impairments, or age. Likewise, as we have been called and redeemed by Christ, we act as precious gifts—loving, defending, and protecting each one of them.



For we are all **Fearfully and Wonderfully Made.**



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Swaddling Clothes is a ministry of Messiah Lutheran Church, whose mission is to protect precious little ones who don't have a voice and to offer support to their parents.

Swaddling Clothes is constantly growing. In the past year, they have helped families from as far away as Egypt, Ukraine and Afghanistan. But by far, their greatest ministry is helping families living right here in Tarrant and Denton counties. Just this week, they helped a Mom who fled Florida and an abusive husband with nothing but her adorable 4-month-old sons. Another Mom reached out this week with a surprise pregnancy, considering abortion or adoption. After arranging for her to meet with PH4U, she has chosen to love and be a mother to her baby.

These women, and many more, need our help – not just the help of Swaddling Clothes or PH4U, but the help of the church. They need prayers, and they also need donations. Swaddling Clothes sees this scenario repeatedly. There is always a need for newborn to 5t clothing, baby shampoo and wash, wipes, diapers, and much more. Your help in providing these items is immeasurable, and purchased items may be placed in the crib in the narthex.

Also, we ask that you consider donating your time, as well. We need volunteers to help wash baby clothes, to clean and organize donated items received each week, to assist on weekly "shopping days", and to provide support during times of illness or vacation for our regular volunteers.

Swaddling Clothes offers a true and heartfelt thank you to all of who continue to bless their ministry with monetary and other special donations. We are truly blessed.



Additionally, you can contribute by donating gift cards, cash, or checks. If you choose to donate online, please use our giving program, Vanco, and be sure to specify "Swaddling Clothes" in the notes section for both online donations and checks.



Pregnancy Help 4 U is a non-profit medical clinic in Fort Worth. We assist with baby essentials (diapers, wipes & baby clothes) and help people find other resources they may need.

We help by providing:

ANSWERS ~ Pregnancy Tests

We provide free, hospital-grade pregnancy tests

FACTS ~ Sonograms

We provide free ultrasounds for women who have had a positive pregnancy test at our center.

SUPPORT ~ Parenting Classes

We provide free education about infant care and parenting skills.

HELP ~ Resources

We assist with baby essentials (diapers, wipes & baby clothes) and help you find other resources you may need. We also work with Swaddling Clothes in Keller, for other much needed items.

All services are free and confidential. We are here to serve moms and dads with real care and real support.

The PH4U Clinic is located at:

5407 Basswood Blvd, Suite 107

Fort Worth, TX 76137

(817) 753-6222

www.pregnancyhelp4u.orgClinic

Clinic Hours are: Mon: 10:30am – 5:30pm / Tue: 9:30am – 4:30pm / Wed: 9:30am – 4:30pm / Thu: 10:30am – 6:30pm / Fri: 9:30am – 1:30pm

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Please keep in your prayers...

We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer: Tim Speight, Rob Bentley, Randy Gay, Denny Knutson, Joan Beach, Linda Pancake, Rick Swender, Wayne Kirkland, Ken Blume, Carolyn Blume, Gaelina Strader, Sarah Jarrett, Mike Vandergriff, Rev. Ernie Bernet, Janie Peter, David Grissom.

...also those with other illnesses and trials: Jaana Phillips, Abby Carpenter, Tom Phillips, Rudi Milbitz, Peggy Wahlstedt, Janet Hazelhurst, Ron Klingbeil, Lief Stratmoen, Karen Shrum, Duane Gosch, Vikcky Krolczyk, Dennis Nietenhoefer, Matt Hinde, Lee Masoian, Alli Burk, Amy Lyon, the Lewis family, Bruce Lage, Jaden Chisholm, Chelsea Lage, Grant Smith, William Johnstone, Marlene Eaton, Kris Carter, Wes Liles, Mary Lowry, Patsy Smith, Shelby Renfro, Connie Worley Ramsey, Brooke Lage, The Lowry Family, Sandy McDougal, Jacob Brewer.

...and those who are unable to worship with us regularly: Carolyn Blume, Susan Copen, Don & Marilyn Curry, LaVina Goedecke, Ron and Barbara Busse, Ronald and Brenda Patterson, Marvin Wilken.

.....all of our college students in and out of state: Ashley Brewer, Jacob Brewer, Colby Carter, Seminarian David Christensen, Maranda Crutchfield, Dorian Crutchfield, Paul Hedman, Ethan Johnson, Cole O'Dell, Ryan O'Dell, Clara O'Neil, Daniella Osorio, Helena Phillips, Aidan Richmond, Davis Richmond, Mia Salgado, Max Tonniges, Charlie Umayam, Audrey Weber, Emily Weber, Morgan Chryst, Matthew Palmer.

We remember all those serving our country, particularly our members and loved ones in the military: Carly Schwarzenburg, Jesus Aranda, Hannah Kajer, Nicolas Towers, Tony Bourassa, Tyler Burk, David Cantrell, Cassie Gessling, Joseph Kajer, Seth Kirch, Andrew Latham, Andrew Lowry, Hannah Pinkston, Brandon Towers, Frank Wilde, Chaplain Peter J. Williams.

We also pray for...

- Our Braille ministry, that the Word will continue to reach the blind or visually impaired around the world.
- Messiah's educational ministry, especially our Academy, Preschool, Sunday School, and our Catechumens.
- Fellow Messiah members, married couples and children, young couples, singles, Pastor Chryst, and Pastor Christiansen.
- The voters, church council, and leaders of Messiah Church and School as they deliberate on the work the Lord has given His people to do.
- Our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world being persecuted for their faith.
- The spread of the Gospel around our nation and world and the work of our missionaries and relief workers.
- Rev. Dr. Michael Paul and his work in Taiwan.
- The Swaddling Clothes ministry and those who come seeking assistance.
- Those studying at seminary, including David Christensen (4th Year), Tanner Sawall (4th Year), Abram Egger (1st Year), and Vicar Peter Williams, as they prepare to serve in the Holy Ministry.
- Prayers for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.

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MLCA Hours: Mon-Fri, 7:30am—3:30pm.
Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm



January 25-29 is National Lutheran Schools Week. NLSW provides more than 1,800 preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in schools of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, including our own Messiah Lutheran Classical Academy and Preschool.



SPRING PASTOR'S CLASS will begin Thursday, February 12th. Class meets from 6:00-8:00pm. This class is for those interested in becoming Lutherans and joining MLC, but is also open to current members of our church. Please let Pastor Chryst or the church office know if you would like to join this class.



The Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held January 25th immediately following the late service in the Fellowship Hall at 12pm. All voting members and members of Messiah are encouraged to attend. We will tend to regular quarterly business as well as the annual election of officers and board members. Please contact Chris Goodwin at cjgood123@gmail.com for questions.

TEXAS RALLY FOR LIFE Join Lutherans from around Texas this Saturday, January 24, 2026, for a Matins prayer service and Bible study from 9:00am to 11:00am at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Austin. Come early for coffee and fellowship, stay after for lunch, and join in the Texas Rally for Life march to our state capitol at 1:00pm. For more information, contact Pastor Ross Davis at ross.davis@stpaulaustin.org. Website: <https://www.texasrallyforlife.org/>



Today is Life Sunday, which is the beginning of **Life Week**. You may use this QR code to access daily devotions to celebrate Life Week. These devotions feature LCMS pastors, including Synod President, Rev. Matthew C. Harrison.



A Life Thought in the Church Year for January 18 (Epiphany 2): Life issues (abortion, suicide, sexual identity, physician-assisted suicide to name a few) can often be the result of a person trying to solve their own problems or fulfill their own needs instead of relying upon the Lord to help them. The appearance of our Lord as the sacrificial Lamb of God (John 1) reminds us that God is always faithful (Isaiah 49:7), even at the cost of His own blood. By faith in Christ, we can and should wait patiently for the Lord (Psalm 40:1) and make Him our trust (Psalm 40:4) in any and every situation, and we should invite our neighbors to do the same.



John 1:29 – “The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’” The Israelites of old offered a lamb to God at Passover so that death might pass over them and do no harm. Over those long centuries of sacrifice, did they understand that this was actually God's gift? That God would be the true Giver of the true Lamb? Truly, we can never out-give God, for all that we have is His.



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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: 99 10:45am: 134 Total: 223
Sunday School: 103 OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$24,267.84 (including online giving to Gen. Fund)
WEEKLY OFFERINGS NEEDED TO FUND THE CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: \$ 19,549.00
 You may use this QR code for your convenience if you would like to give to Messiah. It will direct you to our Vanco System for electronic giving.

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,
 and give attention, you peoples from afar.
 The LORD called me from the womb,
 from the body of my mother he named my name.
 He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
 he made me a polished arrow;
 in his quiver he hid me away.
 And he said to me, "You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
 But I said, "I have labored in vain;
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
 yet surely my right is with the LORD,
 and my recompense with my God."
 And now the LORD says,
 he who formed me from the womb to be his
 servant,
 to bring Jacob back to him;
 and that Israel might be gathered to him—
 for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
 and my God has become my strength—
 he says:
 "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
 I will make you as a light for the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the
 earth."
 Thus says the LORD,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
 to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,
 the servant of rulers:
 "Kings shall see and arise;
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;
 because of the LORD, who is faithful,
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of
 Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those
 sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints
 together with all those who in every place call upon
 the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord
 and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and
 the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because
 of the grace of God that was given you in Christ
 Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him
 in all speech and all knowledge—even as the
 testimony about Christ was confirmed among
 you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual
 gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus
 Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in
 the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by
 whom you were called into the fellowship of his
 Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:29-42a

The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward
 him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who
 takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom
 I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before
 me, because he was before me.' I myself did not
 know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing
 with water, that he might be revealed to Israel."
 And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend
 from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I
 myself did not know him, but he who sent me to
 baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you
 see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who
 baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and
 have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

The next day again John was standing with two of
 his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked
 by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two
 disciples heard him say this, and they followed
 Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and
 said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they
 said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher),
 "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come
 and you will see." So they came and saw where he
 was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for
 it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who
 heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew,
 Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own
 brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the
 Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to
 Jesus.