

MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A faithful, serving community, joyfully sharing Christ's love.



Holy Trinity Songs and Scripture

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Sunday Worship 10:00 am

The congregation is invited to worship in any way that is comfortable and meaningful such as standing, sitting, kneeling, coloring, etc. You may join in worship by speaking the responses in bold type.

SILENT MEDITATION DURING PRELUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity* ELW #412

¹Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun—
the interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
The universe of space and time did not arise by chance,
but as the Three, in love and hope, made room within their dance.

Refrain: Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.

²Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem;
then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem.
The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone;
when fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.

Refrain

³Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame
set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name.
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move! *Refrain*

GREETING

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your
glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-
in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity,
and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy
and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING:

A reading from Proverbs 8:22-31

Wisdom's Part in Creation: Wisdom writes of her role and place within the story of Creation. Wisdom, also known as the Holy Spirit, was present at the beginning and has been sustaining and giving life to creation ever since.

²² “The LORD created me as the beginning the first of The LORD’s acts of long ago.²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth,²⁶ when The LORD had not yet made earth and fields or the world’s first bits of soil ²⁷ When The LORD established the heavens, I was there; when The LORD drew a circle on the face of the deep,²⁸ when The LORD made firm the skies above, when The LORD established the fountains of the deep,²⁹ when The LORD assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress The LORD’s command, when The LORD marked out the foundations of the earth,³⁰ then I was beside The LORD, like a little child and I was daily The LORD’s delight, playing before The LORD always,³¹ playing in The LORD’s inhabited world and delighting in the human race.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

LUTHER’S EXPLANATION OF THE CREED:

A reading from Martin Luther’s Small Catechism: The First Article: On Creation

I believe in God, the Father almighty, CREATOR of heaven and earth.

What is this? Answer: I believe that God has created me together with all that exists. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties. In addition, God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields and livestock, and all property – along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God protects me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all. For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey. This is most certainly true.

¹The song of a wren, the flight of a hawk
a baby's first bond with her mother
first flowers of spring arise and sing
The world is filled with wonder

Chorus:

Come and see what God has done
The earth is alive; thanks to the sun
Every plant that grows
every river that flows
what a miracle gift of creation

²Ponder the vastness of the night sky
The distance you see is amazing
The light travels over thousands of years
before you see it stargazing (Chorus)

³Look at a seed it knows what to do
New life will spring forth from its falling
And we as people of the Divine
can listen as we know our calling (Chorus)

⁴People of Faith, Grace beckons you home
to Eden in all of its splendor
Do you hear the call?
Renew the earth
With care now garden and tend her (Chorus)

PSALM: Psalm 8 shall be read responsively.

¹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the
mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress
against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor
you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands:
you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

LUTHER'S EXPLANATION OF THE CREED:

A reading from Martin Luther's Small Catechism: The Second Article: On Redemption

And [I believe] in Jesus Christ, his 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, seated at the right hand of God, the almighty Father; from where he will come to judge the living and the dead.

What is this? Answer:

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in eternity, and also a true human being, born of the Virgin Mary, is my LORD. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned human being. He has purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

HYMN*How Great Is Our God*

Chris Tomlin

The splendor of a King,
 clothed in majesty
 Let all the Earth rejoice
 All the Earth rejoice

He wraps himself in light
 And darkness tries to hide
 And trembles at His voice
 Trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me
 How great is our God,
 and all will see
 How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands
 And time is in His hands
 Beginning and the end
 Beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One
 Father Spirit Son,
 the Lion and the Lamb
 The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, sing with me
 How great is our God,
 and all will see
 How great, how great is our God

Name above all names
 Worthy of our praise
 My heart will sing,
 how great is our God

You're the name above all names
 You are worthy of our praise
 And my heart will sing
 How great is our God

How great is our God, sing with me
 How great is our God,
 and all will see
 How great, how great is our God
 (3x)

SECOND READING: A reading from: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[Paul writes:] ¹¹Finally, [siblings], farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.**LUTHER'S EXPLANATION OF THE CREED:**

A reading from Martin Luther's Small Catechism: **The Third Article:
 On Being Made Holy**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, one holy Christian church, the community of saints, forgiveness of sins, resurrection of the flesh, and eternal life. Amen.

What is this? Answer: I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my LORD or come to him,

but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with gifts, and made me holy and kept me true in faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins- mine and those of all believers. On the Last Day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

HYMN

Loving Spirit

WOV #683

¹Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.

²Like a mother you enfold me, hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh and bone.

³Like a father you protect me, teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder, let me see the world from high.

⁴Friend and lover, in your closeness
I am known and held and blessed:
in your promise is my comfort, in your presence I may rest.

⁵Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be—
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.

THIRD READING: A reading from Ephesians 4:2-6

² With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: ⁴ there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Chorus:

I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it,
Truly I believe it, truly I believe it.

I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it,
Truly I believe it, truly I believe it.

I believe in God the Almighty Lord Creator,
Mighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator.
I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people,
Savior of the people, Savior of the people. 2x

And I do believe in the Power of the Spirit,
Power of the Spirit, Power of the Spirit. 2x, Chorus

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silence will be left in the prayer petitions for you to add your prayers out loud or silently.

God, who sees and knows all things, who hears our prayers and listens to our cries, we lift these prayers to you, out loud and silently in our hearts.

God of Mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new. We thank you especially:

For the sustaining goodness of your creation

For the gifts of healing and forgiveness

For the gifts of relationships with others

For the communion of faith in your church

For what and whom else do we thank God out loud or silently?... God of Grace, **Hear our Prayer**

God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord. We pray especially:

For our bishops, Yehiel and Christa, and our missionary, Kristin

For those who govern nations of the world

For the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare

For all who work for peace and international harmony

For all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction

For the believers of Christ in every land

For those in need of healing and comfort

For what and whom else do we pray out loud or silently?..... God of Grace, **Hear our Prayer**

God of Grace, we cry out to you and pray for all those in need, knowing that prayer changes lives. For what else do we want to pray to God?..... God of Grace, **Hear our Prayer**

God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

OFFERING

Offering can be left in the plates at the back of the sanctuary or given online by using the QR code.



OFFERTORY

Change My Heart, O God

W&P 28

Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.
You are the potter, I am the clay;
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray: **Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer: one in three and three in one. Thank you for the ways you show up in our lives and for the gifts of time, talents, and treasures you give to each of us. Help us to use these gifts to care for your creation and show others your abundant compassion, grace, and love. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Holy God, our Maker, our Healer, our Teacher, your magnificent creation springs forth from your Word. All that has life and breath praises your name. For your Word that sustains the earth, we thank you, O God. **We thank you, O God.**

You sent us Jesus, your Word, to renew the world. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, preached your mercy and called us to faith. For your Word in our Lord Christ, we praise you, O God.

We praise you, O God.

Nourish us with the Spirit of your Word, that we may grow in grace, bearing the fruits of redemption, and sharing your strength and beauty with all the world. For your Word in our lives, we entreat you, O God.

We entreat you, O God.

Accept our thanksgiving and receive our prayer, for the sake of your living Word, Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

BLESSING The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon us now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

We Are Marching

ELW #866

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God. X2

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

We are dancing . . .

 We are praying . . .

 We are singing . . .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Global Mission Sunday, June 7, 2026 | 10:00 am Service

TODAY'S MINISTERS

LAY LEADER: Valerie Nicolosi

LAY READER: Sue Boyce

BAND MEMBERS: Jerri & Klaus
Angermueller, Nick DeRoda,
Nancy & Steve Krause, and Jack

USHER: Don Brown

GREETER: Sue Boyce

ALTAR GUILD: Marilyn Rubner &
Kristen Rios

FLOWER GUILD: Nancy Krause

VIDEO TECH: Nick DeRoda/ Don
Brown

COUNTERS: Eleanore Orman &
Cesar Rios

COORDINATING COUNCILOR:
Eleanore Orman

COFFEE HOUR: Nancy Krause

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

MONDAY: 6:00 pm Community Table at Ponds

TUESDAY: 7:30 pm AA Meeting

THURSDAY: 12:00 pm Bible Study
7:30 pm Band practice

SATURDAY: Property Work Day

SUNDAY: 10:00 am Worship

MAY BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH
Cross Roads Camp
& Retreat Center

JUNE BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH
The Trevor Project

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Serving Schedule Sign Up: Please see sign up in narthex for dates you can serve in July and August!

Book Club on Zoom at 7:00 pm, June 8th: “The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo” by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Special Program for Father’s Day: To honor the special men in your life, there will be a special bulletin insert on Father’s Day with a list of your loved ones. If you would like, you may donate \$1 per name (or whatever amount you wish) which will go to Pastor’s Discretionary Fund. Please mark check or envelope with notation “Father’s Day” to assist counters. Forms are on table in narthex and are due back June 14th.

Graduate Blessing: We will honor our graduates this year on June 28th during worship. Please give the first name of any graduates (pre-K on up, including any type of training) you would like honored to the office no later than June 21st on the sign up sheet in the narthex. You may also give the office a call with that information.

Sundaes on Sunday: On June 28th we will mark the end of Sunday School and another school year. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex with a listing of all the goodies you might like to bring. This event was a real hit last year for everyone!

THE POWER OF PRAYER Please keep in prayer the following people in our Messiah family: Jonny & Natalie, Kim, Len, Mike, Sue and Alex. **And the following friends and family:** All affected by seasonal illnesses; All those in the armed forces, especially those connected to our congregation including Evan and Joseph; Erika, Kristen’s sister; June, Lee’s mother; Keith, Karen & Clyde, Valerie’s brother & friends; Marilyn & Vincent, Lisa’s parents; Melinda & Paul, Eleanore’s sister & nephew; Miro, Vesna’s father; Ron & June, Karen’s parents; Alexa and Hank friends of Nancy; Gayle, friend of Joan & Eleanore; Janice, food pantry volunteer; Jennifer, friend of Sue & Eleanore; Joan, friend of Ron and Marilyn; John, Joan, Todd, Peggy, Jim, Kathy, Carol, Ron and Ellie and Marilyn’s friends; Kim, friend of Sue; Mark and Keith, Susanne’s friends; Michele H., Michele T., friends of Weintraub’s; Nancy, friend of Kim; Paula, friend of Nancy; Peggy & Christine, Alex’s aunts; Peter, Terri’s father; Julie, family friend of Nancy; Thomas, friend of Tony & Edie; The family & friends of Helen Elrod

*Please let us know if you have changes we should make to our prayer list