

First Sunday in Lent



Messiah Lutheran Church
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TO OUR GUESTS: WELCOME!

May the God who led you here today refresh you with his grace and peace in Christ Jesus as you spend this hour with us. We're glad you're here.

Some helpful things to know

- ***Let us know that you were here.*** You'll find a visitor's card in the pew rack that you can fill out and either hand to an usher or drop in the offering plate.



- ***Restless children?*** Nursery care is available during the late Sunday morning services. We also have a room where parents can tend to little ones while watching and listening to the service. Ask an usher for directions.

- ***Large print bulletins and personal audio receivers*** are available at Sunday services for any who may find them helpful. Don't hesitate to ask an usher.

- ***May you commune at Messiah?*** Yes, if you're a baptized communicant elsewhere and are able to respond with joyful confidence when Christ invites you to meet him in the sacrament here. As he says of the bread, "This is my body," and of the cup, "This is my blood"; and of both he says, "given and shed for you."

- ***Our communion procedures:*** the sacrament is distributed at the head of the aisle. Come forward as the usher directs. For receiving the wine, two cups are available, one to drink from and a second to dip the host in. Follow your preference. If you choose not to commune but would like even so to receive a blessing, approach the pastor or assisting minister with your arms crossed. For a gluten-free host, quietly ask the pastor.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 10, 8:30 & 11 AM

*The congregation is invited to participate at the places marked with **bold** type*

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S GIFTS...

Music and Quiet

Asking God's Forgiveness (8:30 only)

Stand

In the name of the Father, and the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for self-examination.

Most merciful God

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the

Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Opening Hymn "Eternal Lord of Love, Behold your Church," #321

Baptism (11:00)

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.

Kyrie (8:30 only)



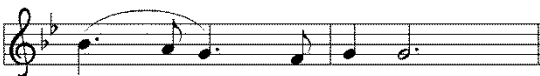
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



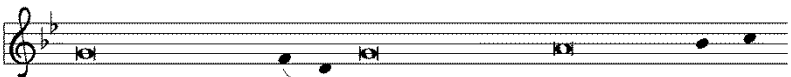
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

From the Book of Psalms

91:1-2, 9-16

Cantor/ Choir sings refrain; All sing refrain

God will give the an - gels charge o - ver you, to
 8 guard you in all your ways.

Cantor/Choir sings verses in regular print; All sing verses in bold print

**You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
 who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—**

¹You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
 who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—

²**you will say to the LORD, “My refuge | and my stronghold,
my God in whom I | put my trust.” Refrain**

⁹Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,

¹⁰**no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone. Refrain**

From a New Testament letter

Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b}“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

From one of the four Gospels

Luke 4:1-13

Gospel Acclamation

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image,”#811

On my heart imprint your image,
Blessed Jesus, king of grace,
That life’s troubles nor its pleasures
Ever may your work erase.
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope’s foundation,
All my glory and salvation!

The Holy Gospel is recorded in the 4th chapter of St. Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

God's Word for Today

Pastor Burce

Stand

Hymn for Today

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," #504

Confessing our Faith (8:30 only)

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 power of 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

Offering our Prayers

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy. . .
. . . Hear our prayer.

Sharing Christ's peace

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

Greet those around you with these or similar words

Sit

Gathering Our Gifts

Stand

The Gifts Are Presented

“Create in Me a Clean Heart,” #186

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Let us pray. Merciful God,
**our bodies and souls and all our talents, together with these offerings
we bring before you. For you have bought us to be your own, that we
may live for you. Amen.**

CHRIST, OUR FOOD AND DRINK

Preparing our hearts

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

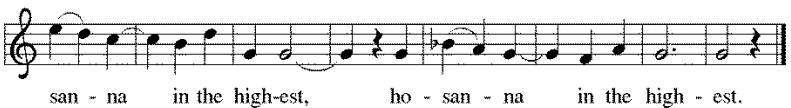
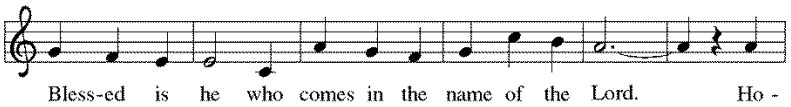
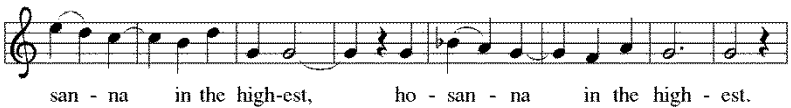
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . .we praise your name and
join their unending hymn:



Prayer of Consecration

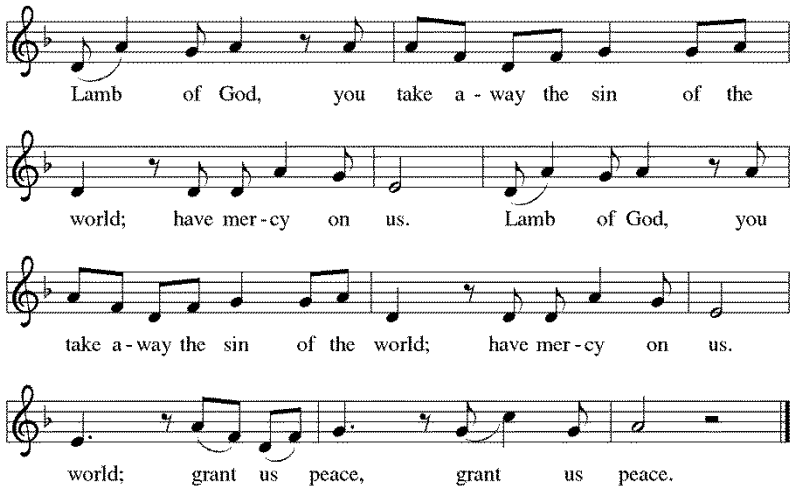
Holy, mighty and merciful Lord. . .now and forever. **Amen.**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Sit.

To learn how we distribute communion, see the inside front cover.

Communion Hymns



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.
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

#461

“By Your Hand You Feed Your People”

#469

Stand

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his

body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

Amen.

ON OUR WAY

A Final Word and Promise

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Amen.

A Hymn

“Abide with Me”

#629

A Mission

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music as we leave

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Psalm 91:11

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SERVING TODAY

Preaching Minister – Pr. Burce

Presiding Minister – Pr. Bridger

Assisting Ministers – Tim Rosenberger (8:30); Mike Allan (11:00)

Lectors – Jared Waugaman (8:30); Rachel Roeder (11:00)

Communion Assistants – Alan Parrott, Christa Turnbull, Lee Vysoky (8:30);
Rachel Roeder, Nancie Smith, Bob Zalac (11:00)

Acolytes – Bryce Neumann, Gavin Waugaman (8:30);
Kaitlyn Carlin, Adam Digney (11:00)

Cantors – Trudy Gustke (8:30); Rev. Richard Gahl (11:00)

Organist – Connie Triplett

Deacons – Matt Berghaus, Steve Turnbull (8:30);
Amy Hunger, Mark Hunger (11:00)

Greeters— Frank & Karen Beodray (8:30)

Ushers – Ken Novack, Greg Paton, Gregory Prohaska,
Greg Prohaska (8:30); Jenna Cvijovic, Tom Cvijovic, Larry Flanagan,
Carolyn Flanagan (11:00)

Altar Guild – Marilyn Edwards, Maria Geier

Nursery – Jennifer Helmink, Haley Tome (11:00)

Trustee – Carl Herhuth

IN OUR PRAYERS

- ❖ Christian people everywhere as they struggle to trust God
- ❖ The people of Venezuela, and wherever else food and other basic needs are in short supply
- ❖ The need for integrity in our national conversation
- ❖ All who suffer and mourn after this week's tornadoes in Alabama
- ❖ For our growth this Lent in the habits of faith, hope and love
- ❖ The ill: Bill Bound, John Helmink, Ellen Hinsch, Priscilla Hinsch
- ❖ In mourning: the families of Jane Hahn and Doris Werblak

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In loving memory of Susan Westcott by friends

THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS

March. 10—HARRIET TUBMAN, d. 1913, and SOJOURNER TRUTH, d. 1883, African American Christians who escaped slavery and helped others do the same.

March. 12—GREGORY THE GREAT, d. 604, the pope and bishop of Rome who shaped European history by sending missionaries to preach to the Anglo-Saxon invaders of Britain.

GOD'S WORD FOR NEXT WEEK

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Phil. 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35

We encourage you to read the lessons as part of your preparation for divine services.

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Associate Pastor – Seth Bridger

Youth Director – Peggy Schauer

Interim Pastoral Assistant – Ruth Mortensen

Music Director – Connie Triplett

Messiah School Principal – Helen Casselberry

Administrator – Darlene Waugh

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To the glory of God, through the strength of the Spirit.