

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Third Sunday After the Epiphany
January 21, 2023

AS WE GATHER

Ever had those days that felt like weeks or those weeks that felt like days? Those minutes that felt like hours, or the hours that felt like minutes? Time is a fickle thing on this earth, as we are bound by it yet our perspective of it is ever changing. Our Scripture Readings today all deal with time. As God deemed it time for Nineveh to have the opportunity to repent and know His grace, He came to Jonah a second time. In the Epistle, Paul reminds us time is short, and the physical world is passing away. In the Gospel, Jesus would begin His earthly ministry and call His disciples, echoing the words of John the Baptist, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand” (Mark 1:15). Though to the Lord a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like a day, we live each day knowing that all time is in His hands. Until He calls His people to glory, we rejoice for the time to gather where His Spirit is, be blessed by His Word of Law and Gospel, rejoice in mercy and forgiveness, and make use of the time given to be witnesses to others.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118:24

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

HYMN “O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

{LSB – 839 - 5 verses}

O Christ, our true and only light,
Let those afar now hear Your voice

Enlighten those who sit in night;
And in Your fold with us rejoice.

Fill with the radiance of Your grace
Enlighten those whose inmost minds

The souls now lost in error’s maze;
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.

O gently call those gone astray
Let ev’ry conscience sore oppressed

That they may find the saving way!
In You find peace and heav’nly rest.

Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Unite all those who walk apart;

Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,

That they with us may evermore
And endless praise to You be giv'n

Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

(please stand)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Hearing the Word of God, we are called to confess our sin, trusting in the one true God who is faithful and just and who will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

{Silence for meditation}

Pastor: Though Jonah was reluctant when the Lord spoke to him the first time, He spoke to Jonah a second time and told him, "go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you."

People: **As You, O Lord, have given us the message of the Gospel, we have been reluctant to go bring Your truth and grace to all people. For this we seek Your forgiveness.**

Pastor: Paul reminds the people of God, "The appointed time has grown very short . . . The present form of this world is passing away."

People: **As You, O Lord, have given us each day and hold all time in Your hands, we have not used our time wisely. For this we seek Your forgiveness.**

Pastor: In today's Gospel, Jesus called to Simon and Andrew, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." Immediately they dropped their nets and followed Him.

People: **As You, O Lord, have called us to follow You, we have instead sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. For this we seek Your forgiveness.**

Pastor: Even to the evil Ninevites, God showed His mercy upon their repentance. "When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the

disaster that He had said He would do to them, and He did not do it.” Jesus proclaimed to the people, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” Though we deserve His present and eternal punishment, God has relented by sending His Son to bear our sin and to be our Savior. Christ has taken our punishment on the cross, paid the price of our sins through His perfect life and sacrificial death, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT: *Antiphon, Psalm 113:3; Psalm 113:1-2, 4, 7-9*

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to the place where it rests,

People: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Pastor: Praise, O servants of the Lord,

People: **praise the name of the Lord.**

Pastor: Let the name of the Lord be praised,

People: **both now and forevermore.**

Pastor: The Lord is exalted over all the nations,

People: **his glory above the heavens.**

Pastor: He raises the poor from the dust,

People: **and lifts the needy from the ash heap;**

Pastor: he seats them with princes,

People: **with the princes of their people.**

Pastor: He settles the barren woman in her home

People: **as a happy mother of children.**

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets

People: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy,

People: Christ, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy,

People: Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen. *(please be seated)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: **Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

(Jonah goes to Nineveh.)

1 Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: 2 “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.” 3 Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. 4 Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” 5 The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (32-35)

(Faithful living with time given.)

29 What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; 30 those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; 31 those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

(please stand)

(Jesus calls the first disciples.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!” 16 As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 17 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” 18 At once they left their nets and followed him. 19 When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. 20 Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

(please be seated)

HYMN “Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake”

{LSB 688 - 5 – verses}

“Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake,
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
O bear the cross, whate’er betide,

“All in My way abiding;
Obey My call and guiding.
Take My example for your guide.

“I am the light, I light the way,
I bid you walk as in the day;
I am the way, and well I show

A godly life displaying;
I keep your feet from straying.
How you must sojourn here below.

“My heart abounds in lowliness,
And gracious words My lips express,
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,

My soul with love is glowing;
With meekness overflowing.
To God I yield, on Him I call.

“I teach you how to shun and flee
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free,
I am the refuge of the soul

What harms your soul’s salvation,
From sin and its temptation.
And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”

Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
And, firmly clinging to His Word,
For those who bear the battle's strain

And take the cross appointed
In suffering be undaunted.
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

MESSAGE: "Kingdom Living"

Mark 1:4-11

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs . . . Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer**

Pastor: Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for who we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

(please be seated)

OFFERING

If you are a **visitor** this morning, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ's church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. Please record your presence with us today.

OFFERING SONG: "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

{LSB 781 vv. 1-2}

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

✘ SACRAMENT ✘

PREFACE

(please stand)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created, and out of perfect love sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. As You turned Your wrath away from the people of Nineveh through their repentance, You have turned Your wrath away from us through the cross of our Savior, Jesus Christ. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,

You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
You take the sin of the world away;
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(please be seated)

HYMN: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

{LSB 685 – 4 verses}

Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Through a world that would deceive us
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Faithful Lord, with me abide;

Follow His example pure,
And to sin our spirits lure.
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
I shall follow where You guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Though today we sow no laughter,
All discomforts that annoy
Jesus, here I share Your woe;

And with patience bear our cross.
Where He is, there is no loss.
We shall reap celestial joy;
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Help me there Your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus.
He will free us from destruction,
Let us mortify all passion
And the grave that shuts us in
Jesus, here with You I die,

Let us also live with Jesus.
That to life we may awaken.
We are Your own living members;
In Your presence constantly,
Jesus, let me faithful be,

Since by death He conquered death,
Give to us immortal breath.
That would lead us into sin;
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
There to live with You on high.

He has risen from the dead
Jesus, You are now our head.
Where You live, there we shall be
Living there with You forever.
Life eternal grant to me.

HYMN: “O God of God, O Light of Light”

{LSB 810 – 4 verses}

O God of God, O Light of Light,
To you in heaven’s glory bright
To Him who sits upon the throne,
Be all the glory He has won,

For deep in prophets’ sacred page,
Slowly in type, from age to age
Till through the deep Judean night
Sung once by firstborn sons of light,

That life of truth, those deeds of love,
These all are past, and now above
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates!
Lift up your heads, your King awaits.

Then raise to Christ a mighty song,
Sing, heav’nly host, your praise prolong,
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain!
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign,

O Prince of Peace and King of kings:
The song of praise forever rings.
The Lamb once slain but raised again,
All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.

And grand in poets’ wingèd word,
The nations saw their coming Lord;
Rang out the song, “Goodwill to men!”
It echoes now, “Goodwill!” Amen.

That death so steeped in hate and scorn -
He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.
So sang that host beyond our ken.
We lift them up. Amen, amen.

And shout His name, His mercies tell!
And all on earth, your anthem swell!
Forever let the song ascend!
All glory, pow’r! Amen, amen.

HYMN: “What Is the World to Me”

{LSB 730 – 4 verses}

What is the world to me
When You, and You alone,
You only, dearest Lord,
You are my peace, my rest.

With all its vaunted pleasure
Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
My soul’s delight shall be;
What is the world to me!

The world seeks to be praised
Yet never once reflects
But what I truly prize
My Jesus, He alone.

And honored by the mighty
That they are frail and flighty.
Above all things is He,
What is the world to me!

The world seeks after wealth
Yet never is content
I have a higher good,
My Jesus is my wealth.

And all that mammon offers
Though gold should fill its coffers.
Content with it I’ll be:
What is the world to me!

What is the world to me!
My life, my health, my wealth,
My joy, my crown, my all,
Once more, then, I declare:

My Jesus is my treasure,
My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My bliss eternally.
What is the world to me!

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

(please be seated)

HYMN “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

{LSB 733 - 6 verses}

O God, our help in ages past,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,

Our hope for years to come,
And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,

Thy saints have dwelt secure;
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood
From everlasting Thou art God,

Or earth received her frame,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Short as the watch that ends the night

Are like an evening gone,
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
We fly forgotten as a dream

Soon bears us all away;
Dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last

Our hope for years to come,
And our eternal home!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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MESSIAH PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

Linda Fults

Prayers for the Family of **Dianne Hendrix - Sister of Anthony Sansone** as they mourn the loss of Dianne on January 12th

Prayers for **Margaret Leachman's** family as they mourn the loss of her **Mother**

Karen Brosien requests prayers for her Father for healing after surgery, a brother in Northeast Texas, and the medical teams caring for her family members

Laura Sanders offers prayers of thanksgiving as she and granddaughter **Mynerva**, have completely recovered from the flu – and requests prayers for her Father, **Jack** who is now living with his youngest son trying to overcome claustrophobia to use the bipap at night

Debra Beard requests prayers for her Brother, Tod Dunlevy in Wisconsin as he recovers from injuries from an accident on Christmas Eve

David Rhoads thanksgiving for his recovery and return to work here at Messiah

Prayers for healing for **Ardyne Knappick** as she recovers from a fall

Prayers for healing for **Gloria Bloecher** who is recovering from a fall and heart attack

Leitko Family ask for prayers for **Katie Finny** recovering from complications in birthing a baby

Prayers for continued healing for **Gus Addington** following reconstructive surgery

Rutledge Family requests prayers for Sister-in-Law **Heather Mulledy** battling breast cancer

Mario & Eve Betancourt requests prayers for **Reese Richeson**, undergoing treatment for cancer

Donna Cifers requests prayers for her 89-year-old mother's health issues – **Margaret Chamness**

For Messiah's Call Committee and the Pastor God is preparing for us

Prayers for Justice & Peace in the Middle East

For family discord, reconciliation, and healing

Prayers for rescue for those in abusive relationships

Prayers for all those with physical, emotional, or other needs – your will be done

Prayers for all who are lost to hear and receive Jesus' Gospel message

We pray in Jesus's Holy Name, Amen.

JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Jan 7th -Maurice Doublett – in memory of his wife, Loyce

Jan 7th – Terry Chhabra – in honor of her daughter - Amanda Addington's birthday

Jan 14th - Larry & Pam Risley & Hayli Fernandez – in memory of daughter & mother, Amanda Schwirtlich

Jan. 21st - Kathlin Jauregui – in memory of sister Alonne and husband Dick

Jan. 28th - Tony & Kathy Giardinelli – thanksgiving for God's many blessings

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

WELCOME . . . *Whoever you are . . . Wherever you have come from . . . we are so glad you are here! Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!*

Messiah Lutheran Church celebrates the Lord's Supper as a visible expression of our unity in the faith and a confession of our Lord's death until He returns (1 Cor. 11:23-29). Those who desire to commune with us must: 1) be baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; 2) believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation; 3) believe that they receive, with the bread and the wine, the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sin (1 Cor. 10:16); 4) sincerely desire to amend their sinful way of life. Please announce your intention to receive the Lord's Supper to the pastor or one of our elders before communing.

Pastor's Bible Study in the BEGIN Book - Pastor continues *The Gospel According to John*.

Call Committee Update - The names of the two pastors being considered for a call to Messiah were announced in church last Sunday. They are Pastors Kurt Klaus and Stephen DeMik. An informational meeting was held after the 10:30 service at which time the Call Committee provided information on each of the pastors. Information sheets on each of these two men will be available in the Narthex today. Please pick one up if you did not do so last Sunday. The Friday newsletter contained some additional information as well. There will be a **Voter's meeting next Sun., Jan. 28th** to vote on which of these two men to call to Messiah. Please be there if you can.

Fellowship Committee - Any member of Messiah's Congregation who would like to join us is welcome to attend our meeting on Sunday, January 28th at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Room in the FLC. The Fellowship Committee is also asking for ideas that we MIGHT consider for events this year. Please email either Pam at: pjfields4554@gmail.com or Gracie at: graciefunk@outlook.com - Please reply before 1-28-24. -

Sanctity of Life Sunday is TODAY! - Every human life is a gift to the world. Whether born or unborn, young or old, healthy or sick, every person is made in the holy image of God. The Almighty Creator gives unique talents, beautiful dreams, and a great purpose to every person. On National Sanctity of Human Life Day, we celebrate the wonder of human existence and renew our resolve to build a culture of life where every person of every age is protected, valued, and cherished.

Key Round-up - It's time to round up any extra keys you may have. We are seeking keys to the church building and key fobs to the Family Life Center. If you were in a role where you needed a key to either of the buildings, and you're no longer in that position, we need the key back to give to the newly elected members and elders. Due to a security upgrade at the FLC we are not currently able to issue any new key fobs, so the key fobs are in very short supply. Keys can be dropped off with Maurine. Thanks for your help!

Upcoming Events -

January 20th - Adult Game Day in the Fellowship Room - Family Life Center



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Serving us Today – January 21, 2024

Elders:	Hal Eschenko & Maurice Doublett
Coffee:	Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek
Treats:	Kathlin Jauregui
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Kim & Maurine Maloy
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid’s Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Bob Shoaf
AV:	Ernie & Marilyn Mazurek
Reader:	Sharon Sattler
Ushers:	Larry Rottman – Eric Sagebiel – Hal Eschenko – Russ Leachman
Greeter:	David & Sue Sattler

Serving us Next Week – January 28, 2024

Elders:	Hal Eschenko & Maurice Doublett
Coffee:	Sharon Loren
Treats:	Open
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Kim & Maurine Maloy
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid’s Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Bob Shoaf
AV:	Roger & Kathryn Winkelmann
Reader:	Kathy Rottman
Ushers:	Larry Rottman – Eric Sagebiel – Hal Eschenko – Russ Leachman
Greeter:	Sue Theis & Kathy Rottman

Our Response to God Last Week
Worship Attendance: 95 | Sunday School: 27

2023 Contributions			
General Fund	\$520,172.31	Building Fund	\$80,742.00
Renovation Fund	\$520,154.79	Family Life Center	\$44,383.32