

Serving us Today – January 1, 2023

Elders: Mike Lang & Hal Eschenko
Coffee: Sue Parker
Treats: Janis & Joyce Meier
Tellers: Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care: Ed & Gracie Funk
Message: Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid's Message: Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician: Joyce Young
AV: Tony Giardinelli
Reader: Kathy Rottman
Ushers: Tony Giardinelli – Allen Leitko – Anthony Sansone – David Theis
Greeters: Alana Kemmy
Nursery: Kathy Bibb & Penny Carter

Serving us Next Week – January 8, 2023

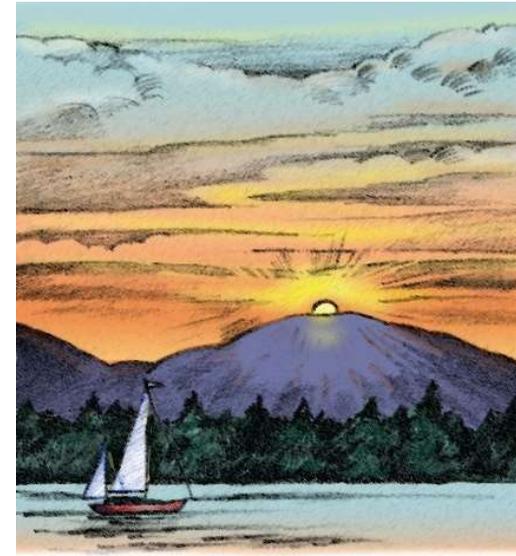
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Our Response to God Last Week

Worship Attendance: **82** | Sunday School: **34**

November 2022 Contributions:

General Fund: \$38,946.54 | Building Fund: \$3,395.00
Family Life Center: \$523.31



*“The LORD make his
face shine upon you ...
and give you peace.”*

Numbers 6:25-26, NIV

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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!

JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS



Jan 1 –

Jan 8 –

Jan 15 – Larry & Pam Risley – in memory of daughter Amanda's birthday

Jan 22 – Russ & Margaret Leachman – in honor of Beth's 14th birthday

Jan 29 –

Pastor's Sunday School Class – This Sunday – January 1st

Pastor will be teaching on the 1st Chapter of the Book of John. Please join us at 9:15 am.

We Believe, Teach and Confess

January 8th will begin Pastor's Course for Adult Instruction in the Lutheran Christian Faith. We welcome all who are considering joining Messiah as well as anyone seeking additional information on what we believe.

Messiah Lutheran Church's Website:

www.messiahboerne.org - Our Messiah website is our front door, as people often visit the website before they venture into the church building. This is our opportunity to let others know who we are. It's also a place for members to stay informed of what is happening. Check out all the changes made to it in the past week. As we continue to update our Messiah website, please send Laura Sanders anything you want to be added to it, and in the future, be sure to send her any photos of current Messiah activities. Please email LSandersCoach@gmail.com

Messiah's Kids Preschool

Messiah's Kids is excited to start the new year as we welcome our children back on Monday, January 9! Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is right around the corner. Priority registration, which includes church members, is January 16-January 26. Community registration is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8 at 8:00. We are always excited to share the amazing ministry that our families have grown to trust in the development of their early learners. If you know of anyone looking for information about Messiah's Kids, please have them email me at messiahskidsboerne@outlook.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS !

Prayer Requests Options

We value your prayer requests, and respect the confidential nature of many of them. As always, you can privately share your prayer requests with Pastor Lofgren or your Elder. Another option is to send a Text to (210) 802-9290 which is sent to Maurine Maloy. A new option is to log onto www.messiahboerne.org and scroll down to the bottom of the page and submit a Prayer Request. When submitting a request on the website you have three options. You may select to keep it confidential, include it in Sunday morning worship services, or include it Sunday morning and sent out in a group email maintained by Dennis Parker consisting of many current and former members who want to pray for you. When your prayer requests are submitted online, notifications are sent to the general mailbox for Messiah, Maurine Maloy, Pastor Lofgren, and Messiah Boerne Prayer Gmail account monitored by Dennis Parker. These three individuals respect your privacy and the option you selected for your prayer request.

Wacky Witnessing Olympics is Coming!

This February 5th event will take place immediately after church in the gym. This is another multi-generational event for friends and family. The major objective of this is to provide a fun, relaxed atmosphere for members (both active and inactive) to enjoy a fun afternoon together. You are encouraged to invite friends; in fact, a prize will be given to the person who brings the most friends! Prizes will also be given for: 1) The most points, 2) Best costume or team uniform and other prizes yet to be determined. Of course, if you are not an athlete, you can still cheer on and support the contestants. I'm planning to have a lunch of Subway sandwiches, chips and drinks.

The Planning Meeting for the Wacky Witnessing Olympics is during the Sunday School hour on January 8th. I already have a list of several ideas for games and props, but this will be a great time to come up with other ideas. Kathy Giardinelli at (text) 210-334-8820 or (email) kagiardinelli@gmail.com.

MESSIAH PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

Prayers for continued healing:

Becca Kuhlmeier; Artie Dolt; Robert Saur;

Ed Funk; Adrian Lozano

Karen Leitko's friends Nathan and his mother Claudia

Judy Beauford recovery from car accident

Abbey Becker recovery from surgery

Chet Rose recovery from car accident

Prayers for those mourn loss of loved ones:

Kathy Giardinelli's cousin Shirley and the Barber family as they prepare to take my Aunt Jeanette (12/22) and Uncle Richard's (4/22) ashes to the crypt this week in Albuquerque.

Pray for all on our hearts who are ill, facing life's challenges, traveling, and those who need to hear the gospel, our families and neighbors.



... do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

New Year's Day

January 1, 2023

AS WE GATHER

A new year begins! Yet, often so little changes. For most, a new year means little difference regarding life, vocation, house, and home. Outside of annually changing one number on our calendar, much of life remains the same, including the daily battles we face against Satan, sin, and our own flesh. With that, we rejoice today not just in the year's changing, but a daily changing we recognize every day as we live in this world through the blameless One born for us. Christ was under and has fulfilled God's Law perfectly for us, even as an infant child brought to the temple for circumcision under Mosaic Law. It would mark both the promise of redemption and the burden of the Law - and with Jesus marking the sacrifice that would set us free. Try as we might with new year's resolutions to become better people, we still find ourselves falling short of God's moral law that remains today. Rejoice in the newness that has come! More than a new year, we are given a new life, for Christ has fulfilled all and set us free! As we are marked in Baptism and bear Christ's name, we become inheritors of His promise. It is a newness to celebrate each day of every year!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: "Jesus! Name of Wonderous Love" (LSB 900)

Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Unto which must ev'ry knee

Name all other names above,
Bow in deep humility.

Jesus! Name decreed of old,
Kneeling in her lowly cell,

To the maiden mother told,
By the angel Gabriel.

Jesus! Name of priceless worth
For the promise that it gave,

To the fallen of the earth
"Jesus shall His people save."

Jesus! Name of mercy mild,
When the cup of human woe
Given to the holy Child
First He tasted here below.

Jesus! Only name that's giv'n
Whereby those to sin enslaved
Under all the mighty heav'n
Burst their fetters and are saved.

Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Pleading only this, we flee
Human name of God above;
Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

INVOCATION

(please stand)

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

People: **Amen**

Pastor: Christ, our Savior is born!

People: **O come, let us adore Him!**

Pastor: When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

People: **O come, let us adore Him!**

Pastor: The law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

People: **O come, let us adore Him!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As we begin a new year in God's grace, we acknowledge and repent of our sinfulness and failure to keep His Law. "Everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin."

People: **Lord, we confess to You our sins, those of which we know, and those of which we are unaware. We have not always viewed Your Law as a gift,**

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.**

“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee” (LSB 632)

O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.

Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING *(please stand)*

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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)*

CLOSING HYMN: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (LSB 733)

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

but instead at times as a burden to obey. Though we desire to be free, we find ourselves enslaved and unable to help ourselves. Forgive us.

Pastor: “Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed.”

People: 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 Law and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor: “For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTROIT

Pastor: The Word became flesh and live for a while among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart, I will tell of your wonders.

People: What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?

Pastor: I trust in your unfailing love, my heart rejoices in your salvation.

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: The Word became flesh and live for a while among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, 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: Numbers 6:22-27 (The Aaronic blessing.)

22 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 23 “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, 24 The Lord bless you and keep you; 25 the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; 26 the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. 27 “So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: Galatians 3:23-29 (The Law and the promise.)

23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. 24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave[a] nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” (LSB 618)

I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole: *Refrain*

*Refrain: Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!*

Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee. *Refrain*

Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful shepherd art: *Refrain*

Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now Thy guest. *Refrain*

What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain*

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” (LSB 563)

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty, Was also shed in love for me.

Lord, I believe, were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.

When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

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

(please be seated)

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:21

(please stand)

(Jesus is circumcised and named.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

21 And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “The Ancient Law Departs” (LSB 384) *(please be seated)*

The ancient Law departs, And all its fears remove,
For Jesus makes with faithful hearts A covenant of love.

The Light of Light divine, True brightness undefiled,
He bears for us the pain of sin, A holy, spotless child.

His infant body now Begins the cross to feel;
Those precious drops of blood that flow For death the victim seal.

Today the name is Thine At which we bend the knee.
They call Thee Jesus, child divine; Our Jesus deign to be.

All praise, eternal Son, For Thy redeeming love,
With Father, Spirit, ever one In glorious might above.

MESSAGE: “Timing Is Everything”

Luke 2:21

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 blestest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

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 whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen**

PREFACE

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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!