

Serving us Today – January 22, 2023

Elders:	Mike Lang & Hal Eschenko
Coffee:	Sue Parker
Breakfast:	Vonda Petmecky
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Ed & Gracie Funk
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid's Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Vickie Lautner
AV:	David & Lorrie Wendeborn
Reader:	Sue Parker
Ushers:	Hal Eschenko – Ernie Mazurek – Joe Sorensen – Harold Moore
Greeters:	Kathy Giardinelli

Serving us Next Week – January 29, 2023

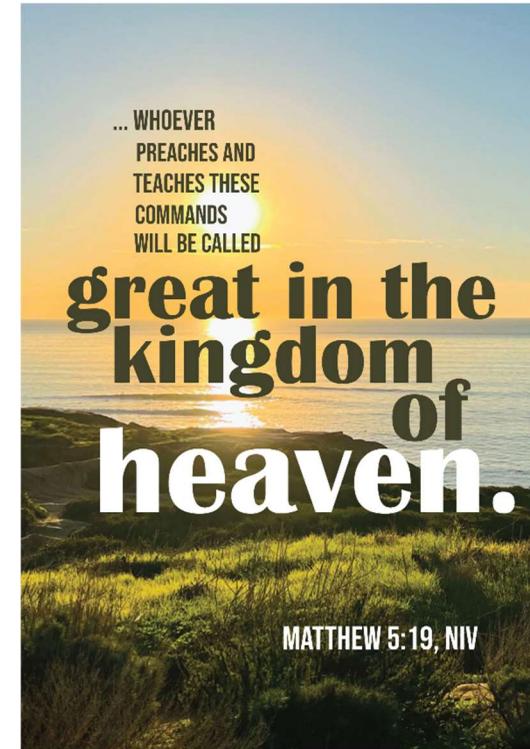
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Our Response to God Last Week

Worship Attendance: 82 Adult Bible Study & Sunday School: 32
Afternoon Adult Bible Study – Revelation: 16

December 2022 Contributions:

General Fund: \$70,977.96 | Building Fund: \$33,325.00
Memorials: \$ 6,300.00 | Family Life Center: \$ 6,704.10



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MESSIAH PRAYER REQUESTS . . .

Prayers for those mourning the loss of loved ones:

Maurice Doublet's family

Prayers for continued healing:

Becca Kuhlmeier Artie Dolt Robert Saur

Ed Funk Adrian Lozano Ed Mycock

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

Laura Biles recovery from knee replacement

Laura Sanders ObGyn doctor has her scheduled for sonograms and biopsies.

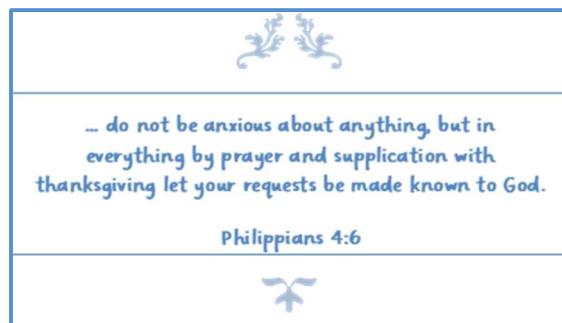
Prayers for good prognosis and healing, and God's peace while she waits.

Ernie Mazurek's daughter Amanda's upcoming back surgery

Brad & Laura Sanders seek prayers for employment for son-in-law Devon, Naomi's husband, in the Dallas area.

Mark Giardinelli seeks prayers for Ryan Koher, American Missionary Pilot unjustly imprisoned in Mozambique. Prayers for release, perseverance while in prison, peace and comfort.

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.



A N N O U N C E M E N T S !

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 – Hal & Lindy Eschenko – celebrating the New Year 2023

Jan 8 – Bill & Sharon Loren – honoring Maurine Maloy and all the blessings she brings to our church family

*Jan 15 – Larry & Pam Risley – in memory of daughter Amanda's birthday
Kathlin Jauregui – in memory of Dick Jauregui*

Jan 22 – Russ & Margaret Leachman – in honor of Beth's 15th birthday

Jan 29 – Kathy Giardinelli – with thanks for her many blessings

We Believe, Teach and Confess

Today we continue 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.

Sunday Lunch and Bible Study

Join us after services Sunday going out for lunch and returning at 2 PM for Bible Study in the Family Life Center Fellowship Room as we discuss The Lutheran Difference vs Other Denominations led by Dennis Parker.

Messiah's Kids Preschool

I wanted to take the opportunity to send a cheerful thank you to the congregation for the very generous Christmas gift. Messiah's Kids is fortunate to be such a special ministry of Messiah Lutheran Church.

Priority registration for the 2023-2024 school year will be open until January 26, 2023. Community registration is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 8:00 am. Gina Huskey

Wacky Olympics

Sunday, February 5th following the Worship Service join us some Wacky Olympic Games: Hungry Hippos, Balloon Relay, Hula Hoop Game, Rug Fun, Pool Noodle Javelin Throw, Colored Ping Pong Ball Toss. Every participant gets lunch, drinks and prizes! Every participant gets a chance to win one of four prizes in a drawing. The person to bring the most visitors wins a prize! Please sign-up to help or play at www.messiahboerne.org or see Kathy Giardinelli at church.

Messiah Ladies Time Out will meet Thursday February 16th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Little Gretel Restaurant on River Road in Boerne! RSVP to Lindy Eschenko or sign up at church!

Praise the One who blessed the children
Praise the One who drove out demons
Praise the One who brings cool water
From this Well comes living water,

With a strong, yet gentle, word;
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
To the desert's burning sand;
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Jesus died and rose victorious
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Let us praise the true Redeemer,

Christ, who suffered in our place.
That we may know God by grace.
Seeing what our God has done;
Praise the One who makes us one.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Dawn of a New Day

January 22, 2023

AS WE GATHER

When Jesus appeared on the scene of human history, His coming was like the light of a new day. Isaiah had prophesied a day would come filled with joy as at the harvest or when victors divide spoils. But daylight also reveals problems covered by darkness, like the divisions at the Church in Corinth, as Paul writes. Jesus' light not only reveals, but it also forgives, heals, and enlivens. People brought the sick and demon-possessed to our Lord, and the first four disciples jumped at the opportunity to follow Him. What ills shall we bring to worship today for resolution? Sins requiring forgiveness, gloom needing joy, divisions seeking reconciliation? Jesus came into human history to die and rise for us; today He comes through Word and Sacrament in grace and mercy to meet our deepest needs. Let us rejoice in the light of God's forgiveness, mercy, and love.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

✘ PREPARATION ✘

HYMN: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" (LSB - 873)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Sun of righteousness, arise;
Dayspring from on high, be near;

Christ, the true and only light,
Triumph o'er the shades of night.
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Joyless is the day's return
Till they inward light impart,

Unaccompanied by Thee;
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
Fill me, radiancy divine,
More and more Thyself display,

Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Scatter all my unbelief;
Shining to the perfect day.

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INVOCATION

(please stand)

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: The words of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,

People: **but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

Pastor: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;

People: **wait for the Lord.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: St. Matthew writes that Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Let us respond by confessing our sins and asking our Lord’s forgiveness.

People: **Heavenly Father, we confess our sins to You. We are too much a part of this fallen world. Because our citizenship is in heaven, invade our thoughts, words, and deeds by Your gracious power. Help us to live each day as pilgrims heading to the eternal promised land. Turn us from our sinful direction to follow our Savior’s gracious lead, walking in ways pleasing to You for Jesus’ sake. Amen.**

Pastor: “For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” Be assured that through Jesus’ blood-bought rescue, you are already citizens in the Kingdom of heaven. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

☩ **WORD** ☩

INTROIT

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets the name of the Lord is to be praised. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

People: **Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.**

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 . . . through Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord, who has taught us to pray . . .

THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: 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.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus ☩ Christ and the love God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

People: **Amen.**

(please be seated)

CLOSING HYMN: “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” (LSB 849)

Praise the One who breaks the darkness
Praise the One who frees the pris’ners,
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands

With a liberating light;
Turning blindness into sight.
Healing ev’ry dread disease,
With the very Bread of peace.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “O Christ, Our True and Only Light” (LSB 839)

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.

MESSAGE: “Jesus, The Preacher-Teacher”

Matthew 4:12-25

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!**

Pastor: The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.
People: **He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;**

Pastor: he seats them with princes, with the princes of their people.
People: **He settles the barren woman in her home 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 the name of the Lord is to be praised.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God,
People: **mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us;**

Pastor: 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: Isaiah 9:1-4
(Light and joy will replace gloom and sadness.)

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. 2 He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; 3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. 4 He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. 5 Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what

comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: 6 “I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, 7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. 8 I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. 9 Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

(There should not be divisions in the one Church.)

10 I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. 11 For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. 12 What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” 13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. 16 (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. 18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-25

(please stand)

(In Galilee, Jesus calls the first four disciples.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

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

12 Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. 13 And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 15 “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - 16 the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” 17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” 18 While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 19 And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21 And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. 23 And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. 24 So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. 25 And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE APOSTLE CREED

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(please be seated)