



Messiah Lutheran Church | Sunday, January 22, 2023



GROW IN THE WORD. GO WITH THE WORD.

# MESSIAH

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



### Connect with us!

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Thank you for joining us today for worship. We pray that you are uplifted by the Word of God shared in today's service and that you are encouraged by one another.

We extend a special welcome to our guests. We are glad that you are here and we look forward to getting to know you!

**Restrooms** are located in the fellowship hall. Exit the sanctuary turn right, and go through the double doors.

**Kids' Church.** Children ages 3 through grade 5 are invited to Kids' Church which takes place during the 10:30 a.m. service. You can drop them off starting at 10:20 a.m. They'll join you in church for the last portion of the service.

**Quiet room.** Children are always welcome in worship and we love hearing their little voices. However, if needed, a quiet room is located in the fellowship hall. Turn right when exiting the sanctuary and the quiet room will be on the left.

**Ushers** are available in the entry way to answer any additional questions you may have.

### Today's Theme:

## **JESUS APPEARS AS THE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS**

The prophet Isaiah vividly described humanity as "people walking in darkness." However, the prophet also foretold that within this deep darkness, a light would shine. The light would be so brilliant that it would be impossible to miss. As Jesus began his teaching and preaching ministry, that prophecy was fulfilled.

Today Jesus continues to shine his light by preaching repentance and the good news of the nearing kingdom. He invites us to live a life that is illuminated by him. He calls us to walk in the light of love for God and for the brothers and sisters around us. Our Savior is the Light of the world, and so we shine his reflected light onto everyone around us.

# WE WORSHIP THE LORD

## Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening (8:30 a.m.)

CW 631

- 1 Speak, O Savior, I am list'ning,  
as a servant to his lord.  
Let me show respect and honor  
to your holy, precious Word,  
that each day, my whole life through,  
I may serve and follow you.  
Let your Word e'er be my pleasure  
and my heart's most precious treasure.
- 2 Oh, what blessing to be near you  
and to listen to your voice;  
let me ever love and fear you,  
let your Word still be my choice!  
Many hardened sinners, Lord,  
flee in terror at your Word;  
but to all who feel sin's burden  
you give peace and words of pardon.
- 3 Lord, your words are waters living  
where I quench my thirsty needs.  
Lord, your words are bread life-giving;  
on your words my spirit feeds.  
Lord, your words will be my light  
thro' death's cold and dreary night;  
yes, they are my sword prevailing  
and my cup of joy unfailing.
- 4 As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;  
let your words in me take root.  
May your Spirit e'er be near me  
that I bear abundant fruit.  
May I daily sing your praise,  
from my heart glad anthems raise,  
till my highest praise is given  
in the endless joy of heaven.

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## Here I Am To Worship (10:30 a.m.)

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore you  
Hope of a life spent with you

### *Chorus*

*Here I am to worship*  
*Here I am to bow down*  
*Here I am to say that you're my God*  
*You're altogether lovely*  
*Altogether worthy*  
*Altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days  
So highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly you came to the earth you created  
All for love's sake became poor

### *Chorus*

I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross

### *Chorus (2 times)*

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## Call to Worship

We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*As many gather to worship the triune God, we confess with one voice our unity and faith in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Apostles' Creed has been confessed by Christians throughout the world for over one thousands years.*

## Confession of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**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 into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there 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.**

## Prayer

### The Word

#### First Reading

#### Isaiah 8:19—9:4

<sup>19</sup>When someone tells you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? <sup>20</sup>Consult God's instruction and the testimony of warning. If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. <sup>21</sup>Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. <sup>22</sup>Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.

<sup>1</sup>Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

*The prophet foretold that the people walking in darkness would see a great light.*

<sup>2</sup>The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

<sup>3</sup>You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

## **We Are Singing (10:30 a.m.)**

### ***Refrain***

***We are singing, for the Lord is our light,***

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***We are singing, Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.***

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1. The Lord is the strength of our lives;  
of whom shall we be afraid?  
Though foes may be near to destroy;  
the Lord will be our light.
3. When burdens are heavy to bear,  
our shelter is God alone.  
Our feet are lifted high;  
yes, high upon a rock.

### ***Refrain***

2. One thing have we asked of the Lord,  
yes, this is the thing we seek:  
To dwell in the house of the Lord;  
to live with God forever.

### ***Refrain***

4. We walk in the strength of the Lord,  
God's love is ever sure.  
We shout that the world may hear,  
we sing a joyful song.

### ***Refrain***

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## **Gospel**

## **Matthew 4:12–23**

*As Jesus began his preaching ministry in a world filled with unbelief, the prophecy was fulfilled. A brilliant light shined through the darkness.*

<sup>12</sup>When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee.

<sup>13</sup>Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— <sup>14</sup>to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

<sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup>the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup>From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

<sup>18</sup>As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." <sup>20</sup>At once they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>21</sup>Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, <sup>22</sup>and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

## **Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (8:30 a.m.)** *CW 517*

- 1 Praise the one who breaks the darkness  
with a liberating light;  
praise the one who frees the pris'ners,  
turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the one who preached the gospel,  
healing ev'ry dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands  
with the Father's word of peace.
- 2 Praise the one who blessed the children  
with a strong, yet gentle, word;  
praise the one who drove out demons  
with the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the one who brings cool water  
to the desert's burning sand;  
from this well comes living water,  
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Let us praise the Word incarnate,  
Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose victorious  
that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
seeing what our God has done;  
let us praise the true Redeemer,  
praise the one who makes us one.

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## Thy Word (10:30 a.m.)

### *Chorus*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path*

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I will not forget  
Your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering  
Jesus be my guide  
And hold me to your side  
I will love you to the end

### *Chorus*

When I feel afraid  
Think I've lost my way  
Still you're there right beside me  
And nothing will I fear  
As long as you are near  
Please be near me to the end

### *Chorus*

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near  
Please be near me to the end  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path

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## Message

Isaiah 8:19-9:4 & Matthew 4:12-23

### *Bringing the Light to Darkness*

## Offering

We give thanks to the Lord with our offerings. If you are our guest today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. Members of Messiah give generously and freely out of thanksgiving to the Lord and in support of Messiah's mission to preach the good news of Jesus Christ in Nampa and to the ends of the earth.

## Prayer and 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.**



### **Give online.**

*If you are interested in giving an offering online, you can scan the code above.*



## Blessing

May the blessing of the eternal God be upon us, and upon our work and worship. His light to guide us; his presence to strengthen us; his love to unite u, now and always. Amen.

### In Christ Alone (8:30 a.m.)

*CW 510*

- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found;  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all;  
here in the love of Christ I stand.
- 2 In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe;  
this gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied;  
for ev'ry sin on him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.
- 3 There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am his and he is mine,  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.
- 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home,  
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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## Shine, Jesus, Shine (10:30 a.m.)

Lord, the light of Your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World shine upon us, Set us free by the truth You now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

### **Chorus:**

*Shine, Jesus, shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.*

### **Chorus**

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness, Search me, try me, consume all my  
darkness. Shine, on me, shine on me.

### **Chorus**

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, so our faces display Your likeness;  
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell Your story,  
Shine on me, shine on me.

### **Chorus**

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## Serving at Worship

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	Ken Hagen
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## In our Prayers

- Mark Cares - Thanksgiving for a successful back surgery.

## Looking Ahead

January 23	<b>Bible Information Class</b> .....	6:30 p.m.
January 25	Afternoon Bible Study .....	1:30 p.m.
	Women's Bible Study resumes .....	6:30 p.m.
	Board of Directors Meeting .....	6:30 p.m.
January 30	Bible Information Class.....	6:30 p.m.
February 1	Afternoon Bible Study .....	6:30 p.m.
	Teen Hangout .....	7:00 p.m.
February 2	Circuit Meeting .....	2:00 p.m.
February 7	Small Group Meeting.....	6:00 p.m.
February 7-9	Pastor at Missionary Conference	
February 8	Women's Bible Study .....	6:30 p.m.
February 9	Men's Bible Study .....	6:30 p.m.

## Announcements

### Potluck on Sunday, January 29

We will have a fifth Sunday potluck on January 29 following the late service.  
***There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby.***

### Saver's Drive

Cleaning out closets? Getting rid of clutter? Messiah has a Saver's FunDrive coming up on Feb. 10th. \*\*\*Please collect all soft goods (clothing, bedding, purses, shoes, belts) *in tall kitchen bags*. \*\*\*Please collect small household goods (toys, kitchen items, decor, etc.) *in boxes*. \*\*\****We cannot accept furniture.*** Contact Jenny Wockenfuss with a box and bag count. All items can be brought to the Kids Church building on Sunday, Jan. 29th and Sunday, Feb. 5th. Thank you for supporting our youth group.

### Experience Messiah

On February 12 during the Bible Study hour we will host "Experience Messiah." It's a play on Experience Christmas/Easter where people walk around to different stations to learn. With Experience Messiah, our Messiah family will have an opportunity to visit different stations around church to learn of different ways many people serve at Messiah.

On January 29, we'll start a 3-week worship series called "We are the Church." God has gathered us into his church and brought us into the family of believers. God gives us different gifts and each member, like the parts or members of one body, serves a vital role. "Experience Messiah" will fall on the last Sunday of this series. Come enjoy an hour of fellowship, visit with fellow members, and consider ways you might like to be involved. Refreshments will be served!



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**M**essiah Lutheran Church is a family of Christians of all ages and backgrounds.  
At Messiah, we are dedicated to...

- ◇ **Gathering** together to hear and learn God's Word
- ◇ **Encouraging** one another in our daily lives
- ◇ **Reaching** out to our community in Christian love
- ◇ **Welcoming** everyone who walks through our doors

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Messiah is a member  
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### Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Bible Class/Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Kids' Church