



MESSIAH

OPEN DOOR POLICIES

Jesus paints a picture with his parables of some standing outside a door. The door is closed because they've tried to barge their way into God's kingdom apart from Jesus. Any attempt to enter God's kingdom or barge our way into heaven apart from Jesus is like that devastating picture of standing on the wrong side of a closed door. But in God's kingdom there is an open door through which our gracious God invites us to enter. Jesus doesn't just show where the door is or how to get in. He opens the door once slammed shut because of sin. Jesus is the open door, the one through whom we have full access to our Father in heaven!

OUR STAND-IN

Because of the devil's schemes, mankind has fallen short of God's holiness. We've caved to temptation. We've crumbled under the weight of God's commands. Where we have fallen, Jesus stands. He stood in our place against temptation. He stood up perfectly under the weight of God's perfect law. Because Jesus stood in our place, the door to heaven is open! You are forgiven! You have full access to God, your Father!

Welcome to Messiah

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, except for the last Sunday of the month. You can drop them off starting at 10:20 a.m. at the Family Ministry Center. 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.



Connect with us!

We invite everyone to fill a connection card. Scan the code above or sign the guestbook in the lobby.

*The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.
1 John 3:8*

Call to Worship

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

Christ Be My Leader (8:30 a.m.)

CW 518

- 1 Christ be my leader by night as by day;
safe through the darkness, for he is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future his care,
darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.
Grant me to trust him; though shifting as sand,
doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
death cannot hold me, for he is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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How Firm a Foundation (10:30 a.m.)

CW 800

- 1 How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 "When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.
- 4 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;
the flames will not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- 5 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

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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 well over a 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

1 Samuel 17:32–50

³²David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.”

³³Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.”

³⁴But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Saul said to David, “Go, and the LORD be with you.”

³⁸Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. ³⁹David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

“I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” So he took them off. ⁴⁰Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

⁴¹Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. ⁴²He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him. ⁴³He said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴“Come here,” he said, “and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!”

⁴⁵David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.”

⁴⁸As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. ⁴⁹Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

⁵⁰So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

One warrior from each nation stood and fought while everyone else sat. David’s victory over Goliath is as much a spiritual victory as a military one, for it teaches us that the battle is the Lord’s.

Weak and in the wilderness, Jesus stands against Satan's temptations. He overcomes them, winning the victory for us.

Gospel

Luke 4:1–13

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

⁴Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

⁵The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

⁸Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

⁹The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰For it is written:

“ ‘He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;

¹¹they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

¹²Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That has us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

- 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant one
Whom God himself elected.
You ask, "Who is this?" Jesus Christ it is,
The almighty Lord,
And there's no other God;
He holds the field forever.

- 3 Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done!
One little word can fell him.

- 4 The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With his good gifts and Spirit.
And do what they will--Hate, steal, hurt, or kill--
Though all may be gone,
Our victory is won;
The kingdom's our forever!

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Message

1 Samuel 17:32-50

Our Secret Weapon

Seek Ye First (10:30 a.m.)

Seek ye first the
kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things
Shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.

Ask and it shall be
given unto you;
Seek and ye shall find;
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.

Man does not live
by bread alone
But by every word
That proceeds from
The mouth of the Lord.
Allelu, Alleluia.

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*If you are
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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.

Blessing

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Amen.

In Christ Alone

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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LOOKING AHEAD

March 10	Bible Information Class	6:30 p.m.
March 11	Afternoon Bible Class	1:30 p.m.
	Admin & Ministry Council Meetings.....	6:30 p.m.
March 12	Soup Supper	5:30 p.m.
	Lent Worship Service	6:30 p.m.
March 15	Bunco.....	6:00 p.m.
March 17	Bible Information Class	6:30 p.m.
March 18	Afternoon Bible Class.....	1:30 p.m.
	Small Group	6:00 p.m.
	BOD Meeting	6:30 p.m.
March 19	Soup Supper	5:30 p.m.
	Lent Worship Service	6:30 p.m.
March 24	Bible Information Class	6:30 p.m.
March 25	Afternoon Bible Class.....	1:30 p.m.
March 26	Soup Supper	5:30 p.m.
	Lent Worship Service	6:30 p.m.
March 31	Bible Information Class	6:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Services/Soup Suppers began last Wednesday

Last Wednesday began our Lent midweek services leading up to the week before Easter. Pastors from our area churches/ministries, will share a message with us each week.

March 12- "Bring Me Hope" (Psalm 130)
Pastor Mark Parsons, Truth In Love Ministry

March 19- "Spare Me" (Psalm 38)
Pastor Justin Gran

March 26- "Stay With Me" (Psalm 102)
Pastor Greg Hein, Cross of Christ

April 2- "Forgive Me" (Psalm 32)
Pastor Kurt Wetzel, Cross of Christ

April 9- "Deliver Me" (Psalm 6)
Pastor Tao Nguyen, Peace In Jesus

There is a soup supper each week, at 5:30 p.m. There are sign up sheets in the Fellowship hall, if you would like to help. The following groups will be hosting the soup suppers on these dates:

March 12- Admin Council
March 19- Sunday School Teachers and Board of Directors
March 26 - Women
April 2 - Men
April 9 - Ministry Council

Let's play Bunco!

Saturday, March 15, at 6:00 p.m.

Both women and men are invited to come play Bunco. Please sign up, there will be a \$3.00 fee to help cover the cost of prizes. Jennifer Paulus will be collecting the fees. We will also have a potluck dinner, so bring a dish to share!

Budget Committee-We'd like your help!

The Admin Council is beginning to plan the 2025/26 budget and would like your help. See what it takes to operate Messiah's ministry and have a voice in on the planning process. If you'd like to be part of the budget committee and serve in this way, please contact Jeff Bull (bullrealty@cablone.net or (208) 573-0526).



MESSIAH

Our Mission

Knowing Jesus, Sharing his Love.

Our Core Values

Servant Heart. *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord" (Colossians 3:23).*

A Caring Community. *"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10).*

Anchored in the Word. *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16).*

Adaptable. *"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15).*

Outreach Focused. *"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation" (Mark 16:15).*

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Christ's Love, Our Calling.

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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