



OUR GREATEST NEEDS

LIFE



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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:

OUR GREATEST NEEDS: LIFE

The best comfort the world can offer in the face of death is that our departed loved ones somehow "live on" in our memories. Jesus provides a better solution to death. He promises life. We have spiritual life as God's children. We can face death confident that it is but a sleep. We need not fear eternal death, because Jesus gives eternal life to us and all who believe. Not even physical death can keep us in the grave—we will one day rise, just as Jesus did.

How do we know Jesus can and will keep these promises? Because the Son of God descended into the darkness of death himself and emerged on Easter Sunday as the first fruit of the resurrection of all God's people. Yet again, Jesus satisfies our greatest needs.

WE WORSHIP THE LORD

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.**

I'm But a Stranger Here

CW 853

- 1 I'm but a stranger here,
heav'n is my home;
earth is a desert drear,
heav'n is my home;
danger and sorrow stand
round me on ev'ry hand;
heav'n is my fatherland,
heav'n is my home.
- 2 What though the tempest rage,
heav'n is my home;
short is my pilgrimage,
heav'n is my home;
and time's wild, wintry blast
soon shall be overpast;
I shall reach home at last,
heav'n is my home.

- 3 Therefore I murmur not,
heav'n is my home;
whate'er my earthly lot,
heav'n is my home;
and I shall surely stand
there at my Lord's right hand;
heav'n is my fatherland,
heav'n is my home.

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Prayer

The Word

First Reading

2 Kings 4:17–21, 27-37

*God wants us to know
that whoever believes
in him will live, even
though he dies. He
enables the prophet
Elisha to prove that to
a grieving mother.*

¹⁷But the woman became pregnant, and the next year about that same time she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her.

¹⁸The child grew, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. ¹⁹He said to his father, "My head! My head!"

His father told a servant, "Carry him to his mother." ²⁰After the servant had lifted him up and carried him to his mother, the boy sat on her lap until noon, and then he died. ²¹She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and went out.

²⁷When she reached the man of God at the mountain, she took hold of his feet. Gehazi came over to push her away, but the man of God said, "Leave her alone! She is in bitter distress, but the Lord has hidden it from me and has not told me why."

²⁸"Did I ask you for a son, my lord?" she said. "Didn't I tell you, 'Don't raise my hopes'?"

²⁹Elisha said to Gehazi, "Tuck your cloak into your belt, take my staff in your hand and run. Don't greet anyone you meet, and if anyone greets you, do not answer. Lay my staff on the boy's face."

³⁰But the child's mother said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So he got up and followed her.

³¹Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the boy's face, but there was no sound or response. So Gehazi went back to meet Elisha and told him, "The boy has not awakened."

³²When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch. ³³He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the LORD. ³⁴Then he got on the bed and lay on the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out on him, the boy's body grew warm. ³⁵Elisha turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out on him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes.

³⁶Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, "Call the Shunammite." And he did. When she came, he said, "Take your son." ³⁷She came in, fell at his feet and bowed to the ground. Then she took her son and went out.

Gospel

John 11:38-44

³⁸Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹"Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

⁴⁰Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

⁴¹So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

⁴³When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

A corpse responds to the empowering command of Christ. This greatest miracle of his ministry proves that Jesus is the Lord of life.

Children of the Heavenly Father

CW 502

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| 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given. | 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth. |
| 2 God his own doth tend and nourish;
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them;
in his mighty arms he bears them. | 4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy. |

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Message

Romans 8:11–19

A life to live!

*The Father promises
to raise his children
from the dead and
make them heirs of
everlasting glory.*

¹¹And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

¹²Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

Christ Above Me (10:30 a.m.)

Chorus

*Christ above me,
Christ beside me,
Christ within me
ever guiding;
Christ behind me,
Christ before,
Christ, my love,
my life, my Lord.*

Mercy everlasting,
Tenderness divine,
Word of God
so ever healing,
I surrender heart
and mind to... **(Chorus)**

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Bread of life
from heaven,
Lover of my soul,
Peace of God
so ever present,
I surrender my
control to...**(Chorus)**

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

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)



Give online.

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

Drawn to the Cross (8:30 a.m.)

CW 808

- 1 Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed
with healing gifts for souls distressed,
to find in you my life, my rest,
Christ crucified, I come.
- 2 How well you know my griefs and fears,
your grace abused, my misspent years;
so now to you with contrite tears,
Christ crucified, I come.
- 3 Wash me and take away each stain;
let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing through your cross and pain,
Christ crucified, I come.
- 4 To pledge my labor willingly,
which shall so sweet a service be
that angels well might envy me,
Christ crucified, I come.

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Go Out As People of God (10:30 a.m.)

Go out as people of God.
Go out as people of hope,
Go out as people renewed.
Your sins are forgiv'n,
You are made whole,
Now walk in the light of God.

You are the people
God made as His own.
Made in His image, no longer alone.
His seal is on us,
His Spirit divine,
Called to be people of God.

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In our Prayers

- Comfort for the family of Jeannette Peters. Give them peace that she is free of pain and suffering and the knowledge that she is with Jesus and family in heaven.

Serving at Worship

Pastor	Justin Gran
Accompanist	Grace Steinberg
Song Leader	Avery Grimmett
Sound/Lighting	Gabi Coatsworth
Projection	Tasha Dick
Video streaming	Hayden Bingaman
Communion Assistants	Jeff Bull
	Rick Weigel & Adam Dick
Ushers	Dick Watson
	Amy Hall, Kelly Heuer

Looking Ahead

March 26	Choir practice
March 27-31	Preschool Spring Break
March 28	Board of Directors Meeting..... 6:30 p.m.
March 29	Afternoon Bible Study 1:30 p.m.
	Lent Soup Supper-Admin Council..... 5:30 p.m.
	Lent Service..... 6:30 p.m.
April 1	Easter Canvassing9:00 a.m.
April 2	Choir practice
April 3	Middle Schoolers Egg Stuffing/Pizza party 6:30 p.m.
April 4	Small Group Meeting 6:00 p.m.
	Worship Team Meeting 7:00 p.m.
April 5	Afternoon Bible Study 1:30 p.m.
April 6	Maundy Thursday Worship 6:30 p.m.
April 7	Good Friday Worship..... 6:30 p.m.
April 8	Property Work Day
April 9	Easter Sunday
	Early Worship8:30 a.m.
	Easter Breakfast.....9:30 a.m.
	Worship & Kids Church 10:30 a.m.
April 11	Ministry Council Meeting..... 6:00 p.m.
	Admin Council Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.
April 12	Preschool church9:00 a.m.
	Afternoon Bible Study 1:30 p.m.
April 13	Preschool Church9:00 a.m.
	Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
April 18	Small Group Meeting 6:00 p.m.
April 19	Afternoon Bible Study 1:30 p.m.
April 25	Board of Directors Meeting..... 6:30 p.m.
April 26	Afternoon Bible Study 1:30 p.m.

Announcements

Neighborhood Canvas

Join us next Saturday, April 1, as we go and meet our neighbors. We will meet at church at 9:00 a.m. for refreshments and training. By 11:00 a.m. we'll go to surrounding neighborhoods. A head of time, postcards will be sent out. At the door, we can ask if people have received the postcard, introduce ourselves and church and let the conversation go from there. Consider serving in this way. At first it might seem intimidating, but it's exciting to stretch out of our comfort zones see the way God can bless our conversations!

Egg Filling Party

All middle schoolers are invited to an evening of egg stuffing on Monday April 3rd, from 6:30-7:30. There will be pizza.

Property Work Day

Saturday, April 8, at 9:00 a.m. we will be gathering to complete some projects around the property. There will be a board with projects listed that you can sign up for to do on your own time, before Saturday, or come and complete it on Saturday with others.

Easter lilies

You can help beautify the chapel for Easter by donating Easter lilies. Please make sure to have them here at the church by no later than Saturday, April 8. You are welcome to drop them off on Thursday April 6 between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm, Maundy Thursday evening, Good Friday evening, or Saturday morning during the Property work day. Please leave your lilies in the kitchen and they will be put in the chapel for Sunday morning. Thank you!

Lent Soup Supper, March 29 at 5:30 p.m.

The following group will help serve: Admin Council

Messiah has talent!

We would like every member to please take the time to fill out our Time and Talent Survey . It gives you (and each member of your family) a chance to consider your God-given abilities and how you might offer them in service to Him. You can complete the survey online by scanning the QR code in the margin or you can fill out a paper copy, and then please place it in the basket in the lobby.

Preschool Registration is open for 2023/2024

Registration for the next school year opened on March 1. There are postcards in the lobby that you can share with family, friends and neighbors or anyone you may meet that has a need for a fantastic preschool! We hope to be located in the new facility and want to fill our classes...spread the word!





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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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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