

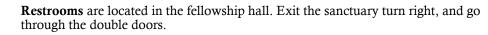
Messiah Lutheran Church | Confirmation Sunday, May 18, 2025

⋕ MESSIAH

BECAUSE HE LIVES, WE CAN TRUST HIS PROMISES

Sadly, life is full of broken promises. We might promise something with the best of intentions yet plans change. Maybe someone has made a promise to you, but it was really empty—it was all talk, no action. When it comes to Jesus, how do you know you can trust him? Simple. Jesus always does what he says. His every promise is fulfilled. Jesus once illustrated that point in a striking metaphor, that of the Good Shepherd. All shepherds use words, calling to the sheep hoping they will follow. What sets the Good Shepherd apart is the fact that his words are followed by action, including his willingness to lay down his life for his sheep. Because he lives, we can trust his promises!

Welcome to Messiah



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.

"I ам тне good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me." John 10:14			
Call to Worship			
We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. 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. Text: Keith Getty, b. 1974; Stuart Townend, b. 1963		

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The Word

First Reading

Acts 13:15, 16a, 26-39

¹⁵After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a word of exhortation for the people, please speak."

¹⁶Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said:

²⁶"Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. ²⁷The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. ²⁸Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰But God raised him from the dead, ³¹and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people.

³²"We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors ³³he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm:

" 'You are my son;

today I have become your father.'

 $^{34}\mathrm{God}$ raised him from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay. As God has said,

" 'I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.'

³⁵So it is also stated elsewhere:

" 'You will not let your holy one see decay.'

³⁶"Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. ³⁷But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.

³⁸"Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. ³⁹Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.

St. Paul points out that Jesus' death and resurrection both fulfilled the Scripture.

Gospel

²²Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

²⁵Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (8:30 a.m.)

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness fails me never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, my Savior gently leads me, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feeds me.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me and on his shoulder gently laid and home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with you, dear Lord, beside me, your rod and staff my comfort still, your cross before to guide me.
- 5 You spread a table in my sight, a banquet here bestowing; your oil of welcome, my delight; my cup is overflowing!
- And so through all the length of days your goodness fails me never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise within your house forever!

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John 10:22-30

Because our Good Shepherd is trustworthy and true, we eagerly listen to his voice.

CW 552

Jesus Strong And Kind (10:30 a.m.)

- 1 Jesus said That if I thirst I should come to him No one else can satisfy I should come to him
- 2 Jesus said If I am weak I should come to him No one else can be my strength I should come to him

Refrain

For the Lord is good and faithful He will keep us day and night We can always run to Jesus Jesus strong and kind

- 3 Jesus said That if I fear I should come to him No one else can be my shield I should come to him
- 4 Jesus said If I am lost He will come to me And he showed me on that cross He will come to me

Jesus strong and kind

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Message

John 10:22 - 30

Keep listening to his voice

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.

CONFIRMATION

Elijah Jay Baker Brady Joshua Chatterton Zachary Norman Hagen Nathanial Jacob Paulus Alyssa Marie Turner

Apostles' Creed

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 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.

Confession and Forgiveness

As we prepare to receive the Lord's Supper, God instructs us to examine ourselves. Therefore, we confess our sins and hear our Savior's words of forgiveness. Gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserved your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, as the Savior of all people. Your Good Shepherd has laid down his life for you, his sheep. Take heart, your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

We Believe (10:30 a.m.)

1 In this time of desperation When all we know is doubt and fear There is only one foundation We believe, we believe

Refrain

We believe in God the Father We believe in Jesus Christ We believe in the Holy Spirit And He's given us new life We believe in the crucifixion We believe that He conquered death We believe in the resurrection And He's coming back again

2 So let our faith be more than anthems Greater than the songs we sing In our weakness and temptations We believe, we believe

Refrain

- 3 Let the lost be found and the dead be raised In the here and now let love invade Let the church live loud our God will save We believe, we believe
- 4 And the gates of hell will not prevail For the pow'r of God has torn the veil Now we know Your love will never fail We believe, we believe

Refrain

He's coming back again He's coming back again We believe we believe

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Distribution

Confirmands will come forward with their families first. Once they have received communion, Members of Messiah, or our sister churches, will be invited forward.

The ushers will invite communicant members forward, one pew at a time. Visitors, we respectfully ask that you refrain from taking the Lord's Supper until you have spoken with the pastor.

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Prayer After Communion

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb (8:30 a.m.)

- I am Jesus' little lamb; ever glad at heart I am, for my Shepherd gently guides me, knows my need and well provides me, loves me ev'ry day the same, even calls me by my name.
- 2 Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay. When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, into pleasant pastures leads me; when I thirst, he bids me go where the quiet waters flow.

CW 804

Who so happy as I am, even now the Shepherd's lamb? And when my short life is ended, by his angel host attended, he shall fold me to his breast, there within his arms to rest.

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King of Love (10:30 a.m.)

- 1 The King of Love my Shepherd is Whose goodness faileth never I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever And He is mine forever
- 2 Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul He leadeth And where the verdant pastures grow With food celestial feedeth

Refrain

Never failing, Ruler of my heart Everlasting, Lover of my soul On the mountain high or in the valley low The King of Love my Shepherd is The King of Love my Shepherd is

- 3 Lost and foolish off I strayed But yet in love He sought me And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me
- 4 In death's dark veil I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me Thy rod and staff my comfort still Thy cross before to guide me

Refrain

Oh, Hallelujah, Hallelujah Oh, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Refrain

5 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise Within Your house forever Within Your house forever

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Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace. **Amen.**

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LOOKING AHEAD

May 20	Afternoon Bible Class	1:30 p.m.
0	English Class	
May 21	High School/Middle School Hangout	
May 27	Afternoon Bible Class	
2	English Class	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Family Bible Study begins June 8

During Bibles study this summer, youth and adults will meet together for the first half of each lesson and then break out into different age groups. The theme will be "Together in Christ!" Together, we as a church family will explore different aspects of how we live our lives as children of God.

The AV Booth is looking for help

The AV Booth is looking for help, look ahead for an informational session to introduce direction, needs, and answer questions. Please prayerfully consider if you would like to serve in this ministry. If you have any questions please reach out to Josh Bingaman by email or phone:

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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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Messiah is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. 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

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