



Celebrating 50 years of God's Grace

50th Anniversary Service
Messiah Lutheran Church | Sunday, October 01, 2023

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50th Anniversary: 1973-2023

Remember the Past, Celebrate the Present, Grow the Future!

In 1972, a small group from Fruitland, Idaho, expressed interest in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). In 1973, Messiah Lutheran Church was established and designated as a mission congregation in Nampa, Idaho.

Today, Messiah is a congregation of over 300 baptized souls. When you come to Messiah on any given Sunday, you'll find a church family of all ages. Some members have been here for decades, others have been here for less than a year. Whatever your case may be, we gather around the unchanging Word of God as one family in *the* Messiah, Jesus Christ.

We gather today to praise our gracious God for his church and the many souls he has reached and is reaching through Messiah's ministries. We remember the past, which is a testimony of God's grace and power; we celebrate the present because "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!" (Psalm 118:24); we boldly ask God to grow the future—that we may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and reach more souls with the gospel. For yesterday, today, and forever, to God be all glory and honor!



Connect with us!

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

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

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.

WE WORSHIP THE LORD FOR 50 YEARS OF GRACE

Music is played as the congregation speaks the words in bold.

Call to Worship

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
Amen

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

The LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

(Psalm 100)

We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders he has done.

He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel,
which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children,

so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born,
and they in turn would tell their children.

Then they would put their trust in God
and would not forget his deeds!

(Psalm 78:4-7)

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever!

(Psalm 118:1)

Musical interlude will be played before singing In Christ Alone (printed on the next page).

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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Prayer

Children's Message

1 Peter 2:2-3

Growing up in God's Grace

²Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Children's Choir

*The B-I-B-L-E
Blessed Be the Name*

First Message

Psalm 78:4

Mark Cares (Pastor at Messiah 1981-2011)

Remembering the past

⁴We will not hide them from their descendants;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders he has done.

Amazing Grace

CW 576

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
 that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost but now am found,
 was blind but now I see.
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me,
 his Word my hope secures;
 he will my shield and portion be
 as long as life endures.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
 I have already come;
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.
- 4 When we've been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise
 than when we'd first begun.

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Second Message

Psalm 118:24

Justin Gran (Pastor at Messiah since 2021)

Celebrate the Present

²⁴This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

By Faith

CW858

Youth Choir will sing verses 1 and 2.

- 1 *By faith we see the hand of God
in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those who prove his faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight. (v. 2)*
- 2 *By faith our fathers roamed the earth
with the pow'r of his promise in their hearts,
of a holy city built by God's own hand,
a place where peace and justice reign. (Refrain)*

Refrain

*We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

Congregation joins in on verse 3 and following.

- 3 *By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah would appear
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
and rise triumphant from the grave. (v. 4)*
- 4 *By faith the church was called to go
in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
to deliver captives and to preach good news
in ev'ry corner of the earth. (Refrain)*
- 5 *By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon his name. (Refrain)*

Final Refrain

*We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

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Third Message

2 Peter 3:18 & Revelation 7:9

Jon Leach (Church President)

Grow the Future

¹⁸But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. (2 Peter 3:18)

⁹After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. (Revelation 7:9)

Apostles' Creed

Sung to the tune of "Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly"

- 1 I believe in God the Father,
Maker of the heav'n and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior,
God's own Son of human birth.
Virgin-born, the Lord incarnate,
Whom the Spirit did conceive;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate;
He's the God whom I believe!
- 2 Crucified, was dead and buried;
Down to hell in victory;
From the dead he rose the third day;
Up to heav'n triumphantly.
There at God's right hand he's ruling,
By his will the world is led.
He will come to judge the nations,
Both the living and the dead.
- 3 I believe in God the Spirit,
In his Church, his chosen band.
They are joined in sweet communion,
Holy in his sight they stand.
I believe in sins forgiven;
I believe I'll rise again;
I believe in life eternal,
To the glory of His name.

The Apostles' Creed dates as far back at the 3rd Century AD.

Christians past and present have used this as a bold and clear statement of our faith. Together, we confess that we believe in the triune God who created us, saved us, and gathered us into his family of believers.



Give online.

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

Offering and Musical 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.

“Refreshed in Grace” 50th Anniversary Thank Offering

An offering plate is in the lobby for “Refreshed in Grace” offering. This is an opportunity to give an offering of thanks for the Lord's blessings on his church over the past 50 years. Funds will help refresh our current education wing and continue sharing the refreshing news of God's grace through Jesus Christ

Closing Words and Prayer

John Steinbrenner
(Pastor at Cross of Christ,
PNW District President)

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 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 us, now and always.

Amen!

Oh, How Good It Is

CW 731

Joint Choir will sing verses 1 and 2.

- 1 *Oh, how good it is when the fam'ly of God
dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
are the fruits of his presence here among us. (Refrain)*

Refrain

- So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
and with one heart we'll live out his word,
till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come,
for he dwells in the presence of his people.*
- 2 *Oh, how good it is on this journey we share
to rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace
when we offer the blessing of belonging. (Refrain)*

Congregation joins in on verse 3.

- 3 *Oh, how good it is to embrace his command
to prefer one another, forgive as he forgives.
When we live as one we all share in the love
of the Son with the Father and the Spirit. (Refrain x 2)*

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Serving at Worship

Pastors	Mark Cares Justin Gran Jon Leach John Steinbrenner
Accompanist	Rhonda Henke
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Sound/Lighting	Kim Thomas
Projection	Tonya Atwood
Cameras	Corey Wockenfuss
Ushers	Dick Watson, Adam Dick and Josh Leach
Joint Choir	Members of Messiah, Peace in Jesus, and Cross of Christ

*This song is based
on Psalm 133:1,
“How good and
pleasant it is when
God’s people live
together in unity!”*

*How good it is that
Messiah does not
stand alone, but
that we are united
with our sister
churches, Cross of
Christ and Peace in
Jesus. Members of
all three congrega-
tions will lead us in
singing this song.*

Looking Ahead

October 3	Small Group Meeting.....	6:00 p.m.
	Worship Team Meeting	7:00 p.m.
October 4	Afternoon Bible Study	1:30 p.m.
	Teen Hangout.....	7:00 p.m.
October 8	Info session on English classes.....	11:30 a.m.
October 10	Ministry Council Meeting.....	6:00 p.m.
	Admin Council Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.
October 11	Preschool Church.....	9:00 a.m.
	Afternoon Bible Study	1:30 p.m.
October 12	Preschool Church.....	9:00 a.m.
October 13	Preschool to The Farmstead	
October 15	Open Forum	9:30 a.m.
October 17	Small Group Meeting.....	6:00 p.m.
October 18	Youth 6-12 grades to Farmstead	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
October 19	Men's Bible Study.....	6:30 p.m.
October 22	Voters' Meeting	11:45 a.m.
October 25	Afternoon Bible Study	1:30 p.m.
October 29	Trunk or Treat	2:00-4:00 p.m.

Announcements

Can you speak English?

If so, you have what it takes to help Spanish speaker (and potentially others) practice English! In our efforts to reach our Spanish speaking neighbors with the good news of Jesus, Messiah will begin offering English classes in January of 2024. If you are interested in being part of this, come to a ***short information session after the late service on Sunday, October 8.*** If you have any questions, feel free to speak to Kelly Heuer, Kim Thomas, or Ana Arteaga.

Youth 6-12 grades to The Farmstead

- Wednesday, October 18th - Friends are welcome!
- If you need a ride meet us at the church at 5:00 p.m. -If meeting us there, be at the gate at 5:45 p.m.
- Pizza, cocoa, and smores will be provided.
- We will leave at 9:00 p.m.
- Cost is \$10 each, please pay Jenny Wockenfuss.

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 29 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Would you like to decorate your trunk and hand out candy to all the kids...or volunteer to supervise a game. There will also be totes in the fellowship hall for candy donations, for those that would rather not stay but would like to help out. Any questions can be directed to Ashley McCain. There's a signuugenius link, that was sent out in an email, as well.



For 50 years, God has used Messiah as a beacon of hope to our community. Here, souls have come to be refreshed in God's grace. The 50th anniversary provides an opportunity for a refresh of our current facility. This will include:

- *Technology upgrades for education*
- *New paint / minor remodeling in education wing*
- *Cleaning of carpets/floors and windows*
- *Replacing or recovering chairs in fellowship hall*

These updates will position Messiah to continue to be a place where souls can be refreshed well into the future. We look forward to these updates helping to better integrate technology in our education and Bible studies, allowing us to accommodate future Hispanic outreach classes, and potentially expand in after-school programs for youth.

The goal of the “Refreshed in Grace” Thank Offering:

\$10,000

Here is how you can help:

- *Make a special, generous gift towards this Thank Offering*
- *Help participate with volunteer workdays*
- *Pray that God blesses these new outreach opportunities*

“A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed” (Proverbs 11:25).



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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WELS

Christ's Love, Our Calling.

*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