



Messiah Lutheran Church | Sunday, October 27, 2024

MESSIAH

Living Boldly: A BOLD WITNESS (REFORMATION SUNDAY)

Jesus repeatedly told his followers that living as his disciples would bring hardship. Living life according to God's Law is going to make one appear odd in the eyes of the world, perhaps even evil. Sharing a message of mankind's sin and God's gracious salvation can cause offense. So why not just stay silent if that makes life easier? Why not keep our faith private? Because God's grace allows us to live boldly and testify to the truth of the gospel, the good news of Jesus!

Today, we remember the Lutheran Reformation. Martin Luther, a German monk and professor, wanted to share the eternal gospel with the world. For trying to do that, both political and religious leaders attempted to end his life. Remembering the Reformation emphasizes the Christian Church's unflinching reliance on the Word of God and the importance of a bold testimony to that Word even in the face of opposition. Today we pray that the Lord would strengthen us to live boldly as his witnesses!

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.



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WE WORSHIP THE LORD

Call to Worship

Psalm 46, selected verses

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

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

“Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations, in all the earth.”

The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

sts. 1–2

- 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.

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Prayer

The Word

First Reading

Daniel 3:16–28

In response to an evil command offered by a pagan king, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego lived lives of fearless witness.

¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. ¹⁸But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual ²⁰and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. ²¹So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. ²²The king’s command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, ²³and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.

²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, “Weren’t there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?”

They replied, “Certainly, Your Majesty.”

²⁵He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.”

²⁶Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, “Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!”

So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, ²⁷and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.

²⁸Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king’s command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

sts. 3–4

- 3 Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
They shall not overpower 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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Gospel

Mark 13:5–11

⁵Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. ⁹“You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. ¹¹Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

Jesus encourages and empowers us that we might be bold in sharing the gospel in these end times.

Children's Sermon

The Church's One Foundation

CW 855 sts. 1–5

- 1 The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 The Church shall never perish.
Her dear Lord, to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish,
is with her to the end.
Tho' there be those that hate her
and strive to see her fail,
against both foe and traitor
she ever shall prevail.
- 4 Tho' with a scornful wonder
the world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.
- 5 Mid toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

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Let it fly!

⁶Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. ⁷He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Statement of Faith

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Give online.

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

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.

Jesus, Thank You (10:30 a.m.)

CW 615

- 1 The myst'ry of the cross I cannot comprehend,
the agonies of Calvary.
You, the perfect Holy One, crushed your Son,
who drank the bitter cup reserved for me. **(Refrain)**

Refrain

Your blood has washed away my sin;

Jesus, thank you.

The Father's wrath completely satisfied;

Jesus, thank you.

Once your enemy, now seated at your table;

Jesus, thank you.

- 2 By your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near.
Your enemy you've made your friend.
Pouring out the riches of your glorious grace,
your mercy and your kindness know no end. **(Refrain)**

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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.

Reformation Song

CW 877

(Choir sings verse 1 and 2, Congregation joins in on verses 3 -5)

- 1 Your Word alone is solid ground,
the mighty rock on which we build.
In ev'ry line the truth is found,
and ev'ry page with glory filled. (v. 2)
- 2 Thro' faith alone we come to you;
we have no merit we can claim.
Sure that your promises are true,
we place our hope in Jesus' name. (Refrain)

Refrain

***Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.
Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.***

- 3 In Christ alone we're justified;
his righteousness is all our plea.
Your law's demands are satisfied;
his perfect work has set us free. **(Refrain)**
- 4 By grace alone we have been saved;
all that we are has come from you.
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved
now by your pow'r have been made new. **(Refrain)**
- 5 And on this Reformation Day
we join with saints of old to sing;
we lift our hearts as one in praise:
glory to Christ our gracious King. **(Refrain)**

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LOOKING AHEAD

October 27	Trunk or Treat	2:00 - 4:00
October 29	Board of Directors Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.
October 30	Afternoon Bible Study	1:30 p.m.
November 3	English Class training	11:30 a.m.
November 5	Small Group Meeting.....	6:00 p.m.
	Afternoon Bible Study	1:30 p.m.
November 6	Highschool hangout.....	7:00 p.m.
November 7	Men's Group	5:00 p.m.
November 12	Admin Council/Ministry Council Meetings.....	6:30 p.m.
	Afternoon Bible Study	1:30 p.m.
November 13	Women's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
November 19	Small Group Meeting.....	6:00 p.m.
	Afternoon Bible Study	1:30 p.m.
November 20	High School/Middle School Hangout.....	7:00 p.m.
November 21	Men's Group	5:00 p.m.
November 26	Afternoon Bible Study	1:30 p.m.
November 27	Thanksgiving Eve Service	6:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Bible Study

2nd and 4th Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.. They are using "Finding God Faithful" by Kelly Minter. If you have any questions, please speak to Sharon Snyder or Kay Beers.

English Classes

We will have volunteer training *on* November 3. We will begin offering English classes to our community on Tuesday, November 12, and we'll run the first session for 6 weeks. This will be our first intentional effort to reach out to our Spanish speaking neighbors. Pray for these efforts and pray about how you might be able to support them!

Afternoon Bible Study- Schedule Change

Beginning Tuesday, November 5, Afternoon Bible Study will switch to Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.



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