



MESSIAH

Today's Theme: **TIME TO BE FAITHFUL**

As we wait for Christ to return, we are not to be sedentary. The reason Christ has not yet returned is that there is still work to be done. And Christ carries out his good work through us, his Church. So, until Christ comes again and says, "Stop!" believers will be busy with faithful service. Christ has given every believer gifts and talents. And when Christ entrusts us with those gifts and talents, he calls us to use them all for his glory. In the time between Christ's first and second coming, we use everything the master has given us to live according to his will and to carry out his mission.



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.

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.

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

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Psalm 32:1,2

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have strayed from your holy will. We have offended you and sinned against you. We have done what should not have done, and we have not what we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Forgive us and cleanse us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. God has washed away your sin and has clothed you with his perfection. You have Peace with God now and forever!

O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made (8:30 a.m.)

CW 751

1 O God, your hand the heavens made
and all that they contain;
the world appeared at your command,
and in it now you reign.
The restless sea, the land, the sky
your handiwork declare;
the touch of your creative pow'r
is present ev'rywhere.

2 To us are given gifts divine,
all talents you have sent;
inspire us now to use them well
your kingdom to extend.
We hold each gift a trust from you
nor claim it as our own;
we gratefully acknowledge, Lord,
all things are yours alone.

3 Deliver us from selfish aims,
true stewards we would be;
endow us with a deep desire
to live unselfishly.
A full accounting we must give
and see you face to face;
let us approach your throne with joy,
supported by your grace.

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Let It Be Said of Us (10:30 a.m.)

1. Let it be said of us
That the Lord was our passion,
That with gladness we bore
Ev'ry cross we were given.
That we fought the good fight,
That we finished the course
Knowing within us
The pow'r of the risen Lord.

2. Let it be said of us
We were marked by forgiveness,
We were known by our love
And delighted in weakness
We were ruled by His peace.
Heeding unity's call
Joined as one body,
That Christ would be seen in all.

Chorus

***Let the cross be our glory
And the Lord be our song,
By mercy made holy,
By the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be our glory
And the Lord be our song
'Til the likeness of Jesus
Be through us made known
Let the cross be our glory
And the Lord be our song.***

Chorus

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Prayer

The Word of God

First Reading

Isaiah 1:10–18

How did Israel respond to all of God's gifts? With grudging service, which is not faithful service. How does God respond to Israel? By promising to make them as pure as newly fallen snow.

- ¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah!
- ¹¹"The multitude of your sacrifices— what are they to me?" says the LORD. "I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.
- ¹²When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts?
- ¹³Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations— I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.
- ¹⁴Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening.

Your hands are full of blood!

¹⁶Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong.

¹⁷Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

¹⁸“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

Gospel

Matthew 25:14–30

¹⁴“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

¹⁹“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

²¹“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

²²“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

²³“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

²⁴“Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

²⁶“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

²⁸“ ‘So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags.

²⁹For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Through a parable Jesus calls his followers to faithful service in grateful response to the gifts that the master has given and in joyful anticipation of the master’s impending return.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

CW 602

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. **(Refrain)**

Refrain

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **(Refrain)**
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **(Refrain)**

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Message

Isaiah 1:10–18

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Statement of Faith

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.**

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.



Give online.

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

The Lord's Supper

Words of Institutions

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."

Distribution

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.

They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love (10:30 a.m.)

Sung during Communion

1. We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored.

Chorus

***And they'll know
we are Christians
By our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know
we are Christians
By our love.***

2. We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand,
And together
we'll spread the news
That God is in our land. **(Chorus)**

3. We will work with each other
We will work side by side,
We will work with each other
We will work side by side,
We'll respect people's dignity
And in love abide. **(Chorus)**

4. All praise to the Father
From whom all things come;
And all praise to
Christ Jesus, His only Son;
And all praise to the
Spirit who makes us one. **(Chorus)**

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Prayer

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 + give you peace.

Amen.

We Walk by Faith (8:30 a.m.)

CW 830

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight,
no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe him near.
- 2 We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice
and cry "My Lord and God!"
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found.
- 4 For you, O resurrected Lord,
are found in means divine:
beneath the water and the Word,
beneath the bread and wine.
- 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are
with full and endless sight.

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By Faith (10:30 a.m.)

CW 868

- 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.***

- 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)**

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Looking Ahead

November 21	Small Group Meeting	6:00 p.m.
November 22	Thanksgiving Eve Service	6:30 p.m.
November 23	Thanksgiving	
November 25	Nampa Tree Lighting	5:00 p.m.
November 29	Afternoon Bible Study	1:30 p.m.
December 05	Small Group Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	Worship Team Meeting	7:00 p.m.
December 06	Preschool Church	9:00 a.m.
	Afternoon Bible Study	1:30 p.m.
December 07	Preschool Church	9:00 a.m.
December 09	Christmas Program Practice- 1st Grade & up.....	9:00 a.m.
	Christmas Program Practice- age 3 - K.....	10:00 a.m.
December 10	Advent by Candlelight.....	6:00 p.m.
December 11	Board of Directors Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.
December 12	Admin Council/Ministry Council Meeting.....	6:30 p.m.
December 13	Afternoon Bible Study	1:30 p.m.
	Preschool Christmas Program.....	7:00 p.m.
December 14	Preschool Christmas Program.....	7:00 p.m.
December 17	Kids Church Program Practice- All ages.....	9:00 a.m.
	Kids Church Christmas Program	10:30 a.m.
December 19	Small Group Meeting	6:00 p.m.
December 20	Afternoon Bible Study	1:30 p.m.
December 21	Men's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
December 24	Christmas Eve Morning Service	9:30 a.m.
	Christmas Eve Evening Service	6:30 p.m.
December 25	Christmas Service.....	10:00 a.m.

Announcements

Christmas Outreach

Join us at the Nampa Tree Lighting on Saturday, November 25. We will have a small group from Messiah leading the crowd with a few Christmas carols around 5:20. If you are part of the choir, please meet us downtown by the tree at 4:50. Help us share the message to the community! Please contact Pastor Gran with any questions.

Fall Church Cleanup

There are still several tasks that need to be completed. Please take a look and see if you might be able to take on a task. Thank you for your service!

Christmas Decorating - Save the Date!

Saturday, December 2 at 9:00 a.m.

It's time to decorate the church for the Christmas season. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come lend a hand decorating the church.



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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WELS
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