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*Faith*

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GROW IN THE WORD. GO WITH THE WORD.

# MESSIAH

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



### Connect with us!

We invite everyone to fill a connection card. Scan the code above or use the printed card located in each pew.

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.

**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: By Faith, We Wait

Jesus promised, "I am coming soon." But what does soon mean? We do not know. We want Christ to return quickly, because we know the Last Day will be a day of great deliverance for God's people. But how long will we have to wait? Will it be in a few months or a few millennia? We don't know!

As we await Christ's return, we want to avoid two extremes: impatience and indifference. Let us not despair if the deliverance of the Last Day does not come as quickly as we would like. But let us never doubt that that deliverance will indeed come. How do we avoid those extremes? How does Christ's church remain ready and watchful? The Scriptures record countless promises that have already been fulfilled in Christ. That assures us that the as-of-yet unfulfilled promises are as good as done. There is no doubting that the Last Day will come. There is no doubting it will be a day of blessed deliverance for God's people.

# WE WORSHIP THE LORD

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## Call to Worship

We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

## Confession and Forgiveness

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. *(1 John 1:8)*

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:9)***

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, 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, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Precious Lord, Take My Hand

*CW 835*

## Prayer

# The Word of God

## First Reading

## Revelation 22:6–13

*Jesus promised, "I am coming soon."*

<sup>6</sup>The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place."

<sup>7</sup>"Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll."

<sup>8</sup>I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!"

<sup>10</sup>Then he told me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near. <sup>11</sup>Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy."

<sup>12</sup>"Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

## Gospel

## Luke 12:35–40

*Jesus urges us to remain ready for his return at all times.*

<sup>35</sup>"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup>like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. <sup>37</sup>It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. <sup>38</sup>It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. <sup>39</sup>But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

## It Is Well with My Soul

CW 850

- 1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll—  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul. **(Refrain)**

### **Refrain**

***It is well with my soul,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.***

- 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. **(Refrain)**
- 3 My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought—  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **(Refrain)**
- 4 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend;  
even so, it is well with my soul. **(Refrain)**

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## Message

## 2 Peter 3:3–18

### ***Wait Patiently***

<sup>3</sup>Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. <sup>4</sup>They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.” <sup>5</sup>But they deliberately forget that long ago by God’s word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. <sup>6</sup>By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. <sup>7</sup>By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

<sup>8</sup>But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

<sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

<sup>11</sup>Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives <sup>12</sup>as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. <sup>13</sup>But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup>So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. <sup>15</sup>Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. <sup>16</sup>He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

<sup>17</sup>Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. <sup>18</sup>But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! 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.*

## **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.**

# The Lord's Supper

## 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 fully 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.**

## 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.*

## Nothing But The Blood (10:30 a.m.)

What can wash away my sin  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

### *Chorus*

*O precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

For my pardon this I see  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
For my cleansing this my plea  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus (*Chorus*)  
Nothing can for sin atone  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Naught of good that I have done  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus (*Chorus*)

This is all my hope and peace  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
This is all my righteousness  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus (*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.**

## In You Is Gladness (8:30 a.m.)

*CW 513*

- 1 In you is gladness amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By you are given the gifts of heaven, you the true Redeemer are.  
Our souls are waking, our bonds are breaking; who trusts you surely  
has built securely and stands forever. Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining to see your shining, dying or living  
to you are clinging now and forever. Alleluia!
- 2 If he is ours, we fear no powers, not of earth or sin or death.  
He sees and blesses in worst distresses; he can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story tell of his glory with hearts and voices;  
all heav'n rejoices in him forever. Alleluia!  
We shout for gladness, win over sadness, love him and praise him  
and still shall raise him glad hymns forever. Alleluia!

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## Ten Thousand Reasons (10:30 a.m.)

CW 607

1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;  
it's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes.

2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great, and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing—  
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

### **Chorus**

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;  
worship his holy name.***

***Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship your holy name.***

3 And on that day when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near, and my time has come;  
still my soul will sing your praise unending—  
ten thousand years and then forevermore.

### **Chorus**

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;  
worship his holy name.***

***Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship your holy name.***

***(Repeat)***

### **Chorus**

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;  
worship his holy name.***

***Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship your holy name.***

***Worship Your holy name,  
Lord I'll worship Your holy name.***

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Ushers	Bob Atwood (8:30 a.m.) Hannah Bingaman & Ricky Arteaga (10:30 a.m.)
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Video streaming	Hayden Bingaman

## IN OUR PRAYERS

- Give us patience as we wait for the day when we will be with the Lord and faith to stand firm in his promises.

## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	Worship..... 8:30 a.m.
	Bible Class & Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.
	Worship & Kids Church.....10:30 a.m.
	Catechism ..... 12:00 p.m.
Monday	Thanksgiving Break begins for Preschool
	Bible Information Class ..... 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Thanksgiving Eve Service..... 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Happy Thanksgiving!
Saturday	Church decorating for Christmas! .....10:00 a.m.

## LOOKING AHEAD

November 27	Worship..... 8:30 a.m.
	Bible Class & Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.
	Worship & Kids Church.....10:30 a.m.
	Catechism ..... 12:00 p.m.
November 28	Bible Information Class ..... 6:30 p.m.
November 30	Afternoon Bible Study..... 1:30 p.m.
	Board of Directors Meeting ..... 6:30 p.m.
December 3	Experience Christmas ..... 4:00-6:00 p.m.
December 4	Worship..... 8:30 a.m.
	Bible Class & Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.
	Worship & Kids Church.....10:30 a.m.
	Catechism ..... 12:00 p.m.
December 5	Bible Information Class ..... 6:30 p.m.
December 6	Small Group Meeting ..... 6:00 p.m.
	Worship Team Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.
December 7	Preschool Church ..... 9:00 a.m.
	Afternoon Bible Study..... 1:30 p.m.
December 8	Preschool Church ..... 9:00 a.m.
	Men's Bible Study..... 6:30 p.m.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Thanksgiving Eve Service**

Thanksgiving worship service this Wednesday, November 23, at 6:30 p.m.

## **Church Decorating**

Everyone is invited to come next Saturday, November 26, at 10:00 a.m. to help decorate the church for Christmas!

## **Advent by Candlelight**

Ladies of the congregation, there is a sign-up sheet in the lobby for those who would like to attend the Advent by Candlelight. Don't miss out on this wonderful evening of fellowship with your sisters in Christ. *It is important to sign up so that we know how many tables we need.* You are welcome to invite your family or friends to the event, just please indicate if you need more seats. See you there!

## **Experience Christmas - Saturday, December 3, 4-6 p.m.**

Experience Christmas is right around the corner. Experience Christmas is a live nativity where guests come and hear the Christmas message acted out. This is a fun and creative way of communicating the Christmas gospel to our community and we hope you can be a part of it!

There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby with the areas we still need help with. Please consider participating in this wonderful event!

## **Kids Church Christmas Program**

Any children that would like to participate in the Christmas program, ages 3 through 6th grade, please let Jenny Wockenfuss know by November 20.

Saturday practices will be on December 10th and 17th and the program will be on the 18th.

## **Christmas Caroling**

We'd like to get a group of carolers together to visit our homebound members on Friday, December 16 starting at 4:00 p.m. We'll start at a care facility in Boise and work our way back to Nampa making four stops in all. Join for all or just a few as we travel the valley sharing holiday spirit. If you are interested please contact Amy Hall at (208) 350-1778 or arhall76@gmail.com.



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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