



Messiah Lutheran Church | Sunday, November 27, 2022



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.

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.

Ushers are available in the entry way to answer any additional questions you may have.

Today's Theme: The Gift of Hope

Christmas is about giving, and as we prepare for Christmas we celebrate the gifts that God gives us by his grace. God gives us the gift of hope. In the darkness of this world hope quickly fades, and our souls slip into despair. Our lives soon slip away, and without our Savior we are faced with a dark eternity. But in Christ God fills us with hope! We have the light of God's favor in this life, and we have the hope of eternal life in heaven.

WE WORSHIP THE LORD

Call to Worship for Advent

Music will be played as the words are spoken responsively.

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

Amen

One day Christ will come in glory to deliver his people. Therefore, let us prepare our hearts to meet him by humbly seeking his forgiveness.

Lord, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserved your punishment. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me.

True peace from God came into the world when Christ came in human flesh to redeem our fallen race. By his perfect life, he kept the law in your place. By his innocent death, he paid for your sins. Christ now comes to you through the word of his called servant: Your sins are forgiven and you have peace with God through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

♫ **Peace came to earth at last that chosen night
when angels clove the sky with song and light
and God embodied love and sheathed his might—
Who could but gasp: Immanuel!
Who could but sing: Immanuel!**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. We light one Advent candle, to remember that Jesus came as a light in darkness, and he will come again.

Come, Lord Jesus, through your Word and Spirit as we worship you today!

♫ **And who could be the same for having held
the infant in their arms and later felt
the wounded hands and side, all doubts dispelled—
Who could but sigh: Immanuel!
Who could but shout: Immanuel!**

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Prayer

We grow weary and tired, but the Lord renews our hope!

The Word

First Reading

Isaiah 40:27–31

²⁷Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. ²⁹He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. ³⁰Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

³¹but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Gospel

Luke 1:5–25

Hope for God's people was renewed as the birth of John the Baptist was foretold.

⁵In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. ⁶Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. ⁷But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.

⁸Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, ⁹he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.

¹¹Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear.

¹³But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. ¹⁴He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. ¹⁶He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

¹⁸Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years."

¹⁹The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. ²⁰And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time."

²¹Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. ²²When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak.

²³When his time of service was completed, he returned home. ²⁴After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. ²⁵"The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people."

On Eagle's Wings

CW 821 sts. 1, Ref, 2–3, Final Refrain

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!" (**Refrain**)

Refrain

***And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.***

- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under his wings your refuge,
his faithfulness your shield. (**Refrain**)
- 3 For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. (Final Refrain)

Final Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.
And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Hope in the Lord

Living Hope (10:30 a.m.)

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

***Hallelujah Praise the One who set me free Hallelujah
Death has lost its grip on me You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name Jesus Christ my living hope (2 times)***

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

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Jesus Yours is the victory

Chorus

Final Chorus

***Hallelujah Praise the One who set me free Hallelujah
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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.

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.

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (8:30 a.m.)

CW 316

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| 1 | On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come, then, and listen, for he brings
good news about the King of kings. | 4 | Stretch forth your hand, our health
restore,
and lift us up to fall no more;
O make your face on us to shine,
and fill the world with love divine. |
| 2 | Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin
and furnished for a Guest within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there. | 5 | All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit evermore. |
| 3 | We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away
like flow'rs that wither and decay. | | |

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Kids' Church Song (10:30 a.m.)

Gotta Give It Up

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SERVING AT WORSHIP

Pastor	Justin Gran
Accompanist	Rhonda Henke/Grace Steinberg
Song Leader	Gabi Coatsworth
Ushers	Ned Nelson (8:30 a.m.)
	Brad McCain (10:30 a.m.)
Sound/Lighting	Evelyn Weigel
Projection	Emily Steinberg
Video streaming	Josh Bingaman

IN OUR PRAYERS

- Tonya Atwood, for a successful surgery on November 30.
- Give true hope to all who are struggling in different ways.

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	Bible Information Class.....	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Afternoon Bible Study.....	1:30 p.m.
	Board of Directors Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	Women’s Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Saturday	Experience Christmas	4:00-6:00 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

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.
December 9	Youth Christmas Mystery Dinner	6:00 p.m.
December 10	Christmas Program Practice 1st Grade and up.....	9:00 a.m.
	Christmas Program Practice age 3-K	10:00 a.m.
December 11	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.
	Advent by Candlelight.....	6:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Saturday practices will be on December 10 and 17 and the program will be on Sunday, December 18, at 10:30 a.m.

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.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 14	Preschool Christmas Program 7:00 p.m.
December 15	Preschool Christmas Program 7:00 p.m.
December 18	Worship with Communion8:30 a.m. Kids Church Christmas Program..... 10:30 a.m. <i>*Please note that communion will be offered only at early service.</i>
December 24	<i>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</i> 6:30 p.m.
December 25	<i>Christmas Day Service</i> 10:00 a.m. <i>*Christmas falls on a Sunday this year. Please note that there will be just one service at 10:00 a.m. The regular Sunday worship schedule will resume on Sunday, January 1.</i>



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Messiah Lutheran Church is a family of Christians of all ages and backgrounds.
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