



Messiah Lutheran  
GATHER, EMPOWER, SERVE



✠ Morning Prayer ✠

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

## **VISITORS' INFORMATION**

**Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church!** It is our joy to have you worship with us. Please sign the friendship sheet that is found in a booklet in the pew and a communion card. They are collected during the service.

**We believe God invites you to the table.** The Sacrament of Holy Communion is available to all baptized Christians who recognize in the Sacrament the true body and blood of our Lord. Children are welcome to the table. The bread is a gluten-free bread, but does contain almond meal. If you have an allergy, please let the pastor know so we can provide you with a wafer instead. Anyone having difficulty walking to the communion rail may receive Holy Communion at their seat. Please inform an usher of your need. Anyone not communing is invited to the table for a blessing.

**We believe worship should be accessible for all.** Hearing devices and large-print bulletins are available from the ushers. Standing and kneeling happen throughout the worship service, but you are still worshipping fully with the community when you sit through these parts.

**We believe children belong in worship.** Children's worship kits and instructions are available in the narthex to allow children to participate in worship. If a child becomes restless and their guardians decide there is a need to remove the child from church, a quiet space is available next to the sanctuary in Hartzell Lounge, where a tote of items has been provided, until the parent feels that the child is ready to return to the church service.

**We believe faith formation is for all ages.** Sunday Church School is available during the school year for everyone two years old through adults. A directory is located near the Alley entrance.

**We believe God calls us to pray as a community.** Prayer requests may be made by calling the church office or by in the "Prayer Request Book" located in the entrance hall (Narthex).

**We believe God calls us to be welcoming to all.** Being in a new church can be nerve-racking to say the least. If you are unsure where something is or how something goes, please ask. We want to make sure you feel welcome. Restroom facilities are located just to the right of the sanctuary as you exit, next to the elevator.



# Morning Prayer

*We gather for the ancient worship of the Church, Matins.  
All liturgy and hymns are provided in this worship bulletin & the LBW.*

**Doxology:** *We pray as one that God would inspire us to worship and service on this new day. The assembly stands.*

**Gloria Patri:** *This is an ancient response of the Church. It is also appropriate to use following psalms and prayers.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DIALOGUE AND DOXOLOGY



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Al - le - lu - ia.

**Psalmody:** *Matins is a celebration of light, resurrection, and the new morning, themes common in Psalm 95, 67, 24, & 100. The psalmody begins with a morning psalm of praise: Psalm 95:1-7a, also known as the Venite.*

**PSALMODY**



Give glory to God, our light and our life.



Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.



Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the



rock of our sal - va - tion. 1 Let us come be-fore God's



pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing and raise a loud shout to the



Lord with psalms. For you, Lord, are a great



God, and a great rul - er a - bove all gods.



Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the



rock of our sal - va - tion. 2 In your hand are the



cav - erns of the earth; the heights of the hills are al - so

yours. The sea is yours, for you made it; and your

hands have mold-ed the dry land.

*Refrain*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the

rock of our sal - va - tion. 3 Come, let us wor-ship and bow

down; let us kneel be-fore the Lord our mak - er. For the

Lord is our God, and we are the peo-ple of God's

pas - ture and the sheep of God's hand.

*Refrain*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the

rock of our sal - va - tion.

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

**Psalm 36:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>Your love, O LORD, reaches | to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness | to the clouds.

<sup>6</sup>**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your  
justice like | the great deep;  
you save humankind and ani- | mals, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>How priceless is your | love, O God!  
All people take refuge under the shadow | of your wings.

<sup>8</sup>**They feast upon the abundance | of your house;  
you give them drink from the river of | your delights.**

<sup>9</sup>For with you is the | well of life,  
and in your light | we see light.

<sup>10</sup>**Continue your lovingkindness to | those who know you,  
and your favor to those who are | true of heart.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for- | ever,  
Amen.**

**Collect:** *Also known as the Prayer of the Day, the Collect brings together the worship themes of the day and lifts them up to God in reflective prayer. It is an ancient tradition of the Church to follow a Psalm with prayer.*

**COLLECT**

**L:** Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

**What's Going On?**

*Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.*

**GOSPEL: John 2:1-11**

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**L:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HOMILY**

**RESPONSORY**

You have been born a - new

through the living and abiding word of God.

**Benedictus:** *This is a versification of Zechariah's song in the Gospel of Luke. It is an ancient tradition of the Church to sing that song to welcome the dawning of a new day. The assembly stands for the singing of the hymn.*

## BENEDICTUS

*Refrain*

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God the  
dawn from on high shall break up - on us.

1 Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,  
2 You have raised up for us a might - y Savior,  
3 Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,  
4 to show mercy to our forebears,  
5 This was the oath you swore to our fa - ther Abraham:  
6 free to worship you without fear,  
7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
8 to give God's people knowledge of sal - vation  
9 In the tender compassion of our God  
10 to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,

1 you have come to your people and set them free.  
2 born of the house of your ser - vant David. *Refrain*  
3 from the hands of all who hate us,  
4 and to re - member your ho - ly covenant.  
5 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
6 holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life. *Refrain*  
7 for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare the way,  
8 by the for - give - ness of their sins.  
9 the dawn from on high shall break up - on us,  
10 and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Refrain*

**Prayers:** *The assembly sits for the prayers.*

**PRAYERS**

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**L:** Let us pray. Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you—  
 for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .  
 for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .  
 for the gifts of relationship with others . . .  
 for the communion of faith in your church . . .

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace.

Especially we pray—  
 for those who govern nations of the world . . .  
 for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .  
 for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .  
 for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .  
 for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**C:** **We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger. We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil, so that our life and actions may please you. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us. Amen.**

**Final Prayer:** *This is a prayer that Martin Luther wrote and suggested for daily use in the home. He also wrote one for evening and for table blessings.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

**L:** Lord, remember us in your kingdom | and teach us to pray.

**C:**

Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
 your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
 for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

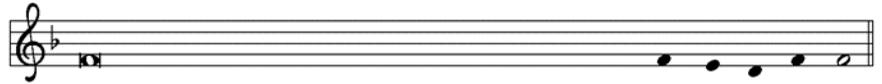
## BLESSING



Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve us.



A - men.

*The greeting of peace is shared by all.*

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