

Welcome to Messiah! We worship in the liturgical tradition of the Lutheran church. This means that we consider worship to be a participatory event.

All present participate in offering praise to God; for this reason, the worship service includes opportunities for every person to take an active part, including hymns, responses, and sharing in the Lord's Supper.

Please follow the order of service below. The green *Lutheran Book of Worship* is divided into pages, found in the first part of the book, and hymns, which compose the last three-fourths of the book.

In the order of service, "Page" with a number refers to the front of the hymnal; "LBW" with a number refers to that numbered hymn in the latter part of the *Lutheran Book of Worship*. "WOV" refers to the blue soft-bound supplemental hymnal, titled *With One Voice*.

The asterisk (*) denotes a portion of the service where those who are able are asked to stand.

The Holy Communion is open to all who have been baptized in the Triune Name of God and who believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Instructions for receiving Holy Communion are provided in the box with the cup icon in this bulletin.

Parents are welcome to bring infants and young children forward to receive a blessing.

Worship begins with silent prayer and preparation as the people enter the nave and during the Prelude.

COMING BEFORE GOD

In reverence to God and with respect to fellow worshippers, please turn off all cell phones, pagers and other electronic devices.

(Please note: many use the time during the prelude to engage in prayer and contemplation. Out of reverence and consideration for others, please refrain from conversing.)

The Prelude Holst
O God Beyond All Praising

*THE LITANY OF THE DECALOGUE

P: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me.

C: I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD, WHO BROUGHT YOU OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT, OUT OF THE HOUSE OF BONDAGE. YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.

P: You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

C: YOU SHALL NOT BOW DOWN TO THEM OR SERVE THEM; FOR I THE LORD YOUR GOD AM A JEALOUS GOD, VISITING THE INQUITY OF THE FATHERS UPON THE CHILDREN TO THE THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATION OF THOSE WHO HATE ME, BUT SHOW-

ING STEADFAST LOVE TO THOUSANDS OF THOSE WHO LOVE ME AND KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.

P: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

C: YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD IN VAIN; FOR THE LORD WILL NOT HOLD HIM GUILTY WHO TAKES HIS NAME IN VAIN.

P: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

C: SIX DAYS YOU SHALL LABOR, AND DO ALL YOUR WORK; BUT THE SEVENTH DAY IS A SABBATH TO THE LORD YOUR GOD; IN IT YOU SHALL NOT DO ANY WORK, YOU OR YOUR SON, OR YOUR DAUGHTER, YOUR MANSERVANT, OR YOUR MAIDSERVANT, OR YOUR CATTLE, OR THE SOJOURNER WHO IS WITHIN YOUR GATES; FOR IN SIX DAYS THE LORD MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH, THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM, AND RESTED THE SEVENTH DAY; THEREFORE THE LORD BLESSED THE SABBATH DAY AND HALLOWED IT.

P: Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

C: HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER, THAT YOUR DAYS MAY BE LONG IN THE LAND WHICH THE LORD YOUR GOD GIVES YOU.

P: You shall not kill.

C: YOU SHALL NOT KILL.

P: You shall not commit adultery.

C: YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

P: You shall not steal.

C: YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.

P: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

C: YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.

P: You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.

C: YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE. YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WIFE, OR HIS MANSERVANT OR HIS MAIDSERVANT, OR HIS OX, OR HIS ASS, OR ANYTHING THAT IS YOUR NEIGHBOR'S.

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*The Processional Hymn LBW 336
Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me
*The Apostolic Greeting Page 57
*The Kyrie Page 57
*The Prayer of the Day

HEARING THE WORD

The First Lesson Numbers 21:4-9

The Psalmody Page 267
The Second Lesson Ephesians 2:1-10

God created us for good works

*The Lenten Verse Page 63

*The Holy Gospel John 3:14-21

God sent His Son to save the world

The Sermon

*The Hymn of the Day LBW 292

God Loved the World

*The Apostles' Creed Page 65

*The Prayers of the Community of Faith

*The Sharing of God's Peace

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

The Musical Offering Leavitt

Lord, with Glowing Heart

*The Offertory ("What shall I render...") Page 67

*The Offertory Prayer "Merciful Father" Page 67

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION



Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. At the front pew, please take a Communion cup, then approach the rail (align with the next available white tag on the rail). Plates are also located on the first-row pew for your offering.

If for reason of health, you prefer not to receive wine, it is perfectly acceptable to commune by receiving bread only; simply decline the wine when it is offered.

You are welcome to remain standing at the rail if kneeling is difficult for you. Deposit used cups in the dishpan (front pew).

If you would like to receive the Sacrament but cannot walk easily, please indicate to your usher that you would like to receive Communion in your seat, and the ministers will bring it to you.

*The Great Thanksgiving Page 68

Eucharistic Prayer No. 33 Page 70

Our Father, Who art... Page 71

The Distribution of the Meal

The congregation sings:

Lamb of God Page 72

My Faith Looks Up to Thee LBW 479

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound LBW 448

*The Post-Communion Blessing Page 72
 *The Post-Communion Canticle Page 73
 *The Post-Communion Prayer for Lent (not in pew edition)
 *The Benediction Page 74

***THE GREAT COMMANDMENTS** Matthew 22:36-40
 P: "Teacher, which commandment in the Law is the greatest?"
 Jesus said to him,
 C: " 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' THIS IS THE GREATEST AND FIRST COMMANDMENT.

"AND A SECOND IS LIKE IT: 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS DEPEND ALL THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS."

The Dismissal Page 74
 *The Recessional Hymn LBW 405
Lord of Light
 *The Postlude Dykes
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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A DONATION to the General Fund has been made to the glory of God and in loving memory of husband John Bruner, Jr., parents Mr. & Mrs. Leroy J. Copenhaver and grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Harvey B. Copenhaver and Mr. & Mrs. John Walborn by Roysetta Bruner and Elizabeth and Joseph Siegrist.

The **COMMUNION GIFTS** are offered to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents Harold & Margaret Cramp by Nancy Cramp.

SERVING TODAY:
 SUPPLY PASTORS: The Rev. Michael Tamorria
 The Rev. Karen Tamorria
 ASSISTING MINISTER: Sandra Smith
 ACOLYTE: Harry Hatt
 CRUCIFER: Mary Whelan
 PIANIST: Dianne Winters
 GREETER: Deborah Lutz
 HEAD USHER: Eugene Martin
 COUNTING TEAM: Team 3 (H/K Hatt, Machamer)

Next week's lessons: 5th Sunday in Lent
 Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:32-45

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH:
 3/10 9 AM Living in Faith Education Hour
 3/11 OFFICE CLOSED
 3/12 7 PM Congregation Council
 3/13 6 PM Soup & Bread meal
 7 PM Lenten Study Series
 3/14 OFFICE CLOSED
 3/16 10 AM Fellowship Committee (conference room)
 10 AM Carlton Square HOA meeting (nave)
 3/17 9 AM Living in Faith Education Hour
 10:30 AM Liturgy of Holy Communion (S. Gausmann)

VISITOR INFORMATION: We welcome you in the Name of Christ. Please sign the guest register located in the narthex near the greeter and give the pastor an opportunity to meet you. If you would like a tour of the facility, the pastor will arrange for a guide. If you would like to know more about the ministries and life of Messiah, we invite your questions.

REST ROOMS are located in the corridor to your left as you exit the worship space. Pass through the coat area then look to your right. An infant changing table is available in the Ladies' Room.

Easter breakfast tickets are on sale today through March 24. Cost is **\$4 per person** (to help defray the cost and count heads). Children 5 and under are free. Please see Karen or Harry Hatt after worship to purchase your tickets today! For more information please see page 5 of the March newsletter.



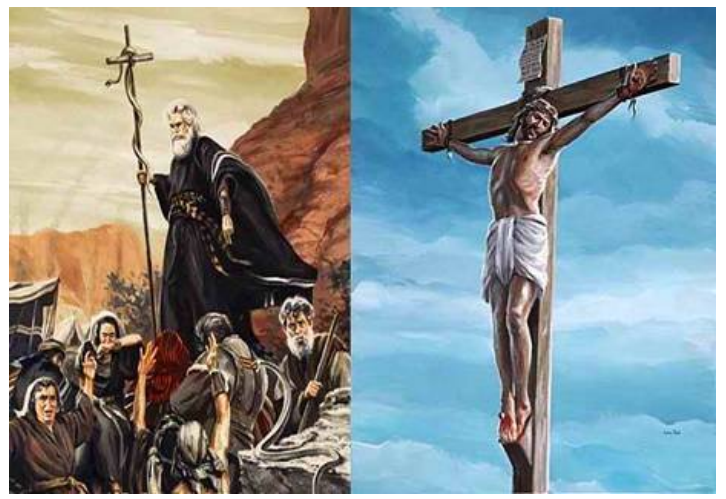
The **Wednesday evening Lenten activities** continues this week (March 13) with the soup and bread meal at 6 PM followed by the Lenten study **Not My Will, But Yours** led by Nick Adams at 7 PM. Both the meal and study will be held in the conference room. All are welcome to attend either or both activities. Bring your Bible for the study!



PRAYERS FOR A PARTICULAR CONGREGATION within the Atlantic Mission Region of the North American Lutheran Church are being offered each week during the liturgies of the forty-two congregations of the mission region. This week we are remembering in prayer the people, ministries, and congregation of **Salem Lutheran Church in Elizabethtown, PA.**



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**The 4th Sunday in Lent
 The Holy Communion
 at 10:30 AM
 March 10, 2024**

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**Our Mission:
 To bring Christ to people and people to Christ.**

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