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Messiah's Mission Statement

"We, the members of Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church, desire to praise our Lord, nurture the church and reach out to the unchurched in and around the Bellevue area, so that all may believe in Christ and receive the gift of eternal life."

(Most portions of our service are taken from Christian Worship, starting on page 26)

Opening Hymn: "As We Begin Another Week" CW 223

1. As we begin another week,
In Jesus' name your grace we seek.
God, grant that through these seven days
No evil may befall our ways.
2. Your gentle blessings, Lord, out-pour
On all our labors evermore.
Our hearts with your good Spirit fill
That we may gladly do your will.
3. In ev'ry season, ev'ry place,
May we recall your Word of grace
Until, when life's brief day is past,
We reach eternal joy at last.

4. And keep with angels in your rest
The endless Sabbath of the blest.
Grant this to us through Christ, your Son,
Who reigns with you upon your throne.

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

9:30 service

- M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**
- M: God invites us to come into His presence and worship Him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask Him to forgive us.
- C: **Holy and merciful Father, 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 deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**
- M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.
- C: **Amen.**
- M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C: (sung) **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm

against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

- C: **Christ, have mercy**
- M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C: **Lord, have mercy**
- M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:
- C: **Amen**
- M: Let us pray.
O God, You rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: (sung) **Amen.**

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹² “Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor the alien within your gates, so that your manservant and maidservant may rest, as you do. ¹⁵ Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

⁵ For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body. ¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

Verse of the Day

Response: (sung)

Alleluia! Alleluia ! Alleluia!

These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia ! Alleluia!

Gospel Lesson: Mark 2:23-28

²³ One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"

²⁵ He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? ²⁶ In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."

²⁷ Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: (sung) **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

Hymn: "Come, Rejoice before Your Maker" CW 228

1. Come, rejoice before your Maker,
All you peoples of the earth.
Serve the Lord your God with gladness;
Come before him with a song.
2. Know for certain our Creator
Is the true and only God.
We are his, for he has made us;
We are sheep within his fold.
3. Come with grateful hearts before him;
Enter now his courts with praise.
Show your thankfulness in worship;
Give due honor to his name.
4. For the Lord our God is gracious,
Everlasting in his love,
And to ev'ry generation
His great faithfulness endures.

Today's message: based on Mark 2:23-28

" DO I HAVE TO?"

- I. What worship is
- II. How worship benefits us

Confession of faith: 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.

Presentation of Offerings

Prayer:

O Triune God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, we know that by ourselves we are but dust and ashes. **We thank You for Your love which considers us priceless through Christ.** We praise You for Your wisdom that ordered mankind to rest from its labor once a week. **It is our joy on this day of rest to praise You.**

Dear Lord, help us to slow down and listen to You in

Your word. **Keep us from expending all our energy on the things and events of this world.** Move us to take time to pray, meditate and give You thanks. **Time in quiet prayer is not time wasted - it is time well spent.** Remind us that our prayer time with You is the best preparation there can be for life.

O Holy Spirit, we thank You for moving us to be here in the Father's house this day. **Today is the highlight of our week, for here we come face to face with the Word and Sacraments.** Strengthen us through Your means of grace and fortify us for our ongoing battle against sin. **Hold Your gift of heaven always before us.**

We care about those in our lives. **Heal those who are sick.** Comfort those who mourn sin's destruction in their lives and relationships. **Be with our friends and families who are struggling in their faith and life.** Move us to reach out to them and support them.

Today, O Lord, we come to receive forgiveness and strength at Your table. **As You give us Your body and blood, remind us of Your sacrifice for our sin.** Unite us in the one true faith, that we may enjoy the blessings of Your family.

O Lord, hear now our most personal requests.

Silent prayer

With hearts lightened by Your grace, we join in praying **“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.”**

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

9:30 service

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (spoken) **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ. To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

C: (sung) **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.**

The whole earth is full of your glory.

You are my God, and I will exalt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glory.

Words of Institution:

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (sung) **Amen**

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

Distribution:

Communion Hymn:

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" CW 311

1. Soul, adorn yourself with gladness;
Leave behind all gloom and sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor;
There with joy your praises render
Unto him whose grace unbounded
Has this wondrous supper founded.
Though he reigns above most holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
2. Hasten as a bride to meet him,
And with loving rev'rence greet him,
For with words of life immortal
He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before him,
Saying, as you there adore him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive you,
That I nevermore will leave you.
3. He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure,
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
Naught would buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven,
And his blood, for you once given.

4 Now I kneel before you lowly,
Filled with joy most deep and holy,
As with trembling awe and wonder
On your mighty work I ponder,
How by mystery surrounded,
Depths that no one ever sounded.
None may dare to pierce unbidden
Secrets that with you are hidden.

6. Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You have left your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forgo all joy and gladness
And to shed your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

(After the distribution, please rise and sing -)

C: **Thank the Lord and sing his praise, Tell ev'ry-one
what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear
his name.
He renews his promises and leads his people forth in
joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Ending prayer:

M: Hear the prayer of Your people, O Lord, that the lips
which have praised You here may glorify You in the
world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of Your
Son may long for His coming again, and that all who
have received in His true body and blood the pledge of
Your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy
life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: (sung) **Amen.**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with
one another, and serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord
bless 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.
C: (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "This Is the Threefold Truth" CW 406

1. This is the threefold truth on which our faith depends;
And with this joyful cry worship begins and ends:
Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!
2. Made sacred by long use, new-minted for our time,
Our liturgies sum up the hope we have in him:
Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!
3. On this we fix our minds as, kneeling side by side,
We take the bread and wine, take him, the Crucified:
Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!
4. By this we are upheld when doubt or grief assails
Our Christian faith and love, and only grace avails:
Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!
5. This is the threefold truth which, if we hold it fast,
Changes the world and us and brings us home at last:
Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!