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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."

Opening Hymn: "I Walk in Danger All the Way" CW 431

1. I walk in danger all the way;
The thought shall never leave me
That Satan, who has marked his prey,
Is plotting to deceive me.
This foe with hidden snares
May seize me unawares
If e'er I fail to watch and pray;
I walk in danger all the way.

5. I walk with Jesus all the way;
His guidance never fails me.
He takes my ev'ry fear away
When Satan's pow'r assails me,
And, by his footsteps led,
My path I safely tread.
In spite of ills that threaten may,
I walk with Jesus all the way.

6. My walk is heav'nward all the way;
Await, my soul, the morrow,
When you farewell can gladly say
To all your sin and sorrow.
All worldly pomp, begone!
To heav'n I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay;
My walk is heav'nward all the way.

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

C: **Amen.**

M: We are in the presence of God, who has created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: **Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: (sung)

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed are they who take refuge in Him.

Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

Your faithfulness continues forever.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed are they who take refuge in Him.

M: Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep Your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

¹¹ And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

¹² The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this,

“Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13-18

¹³ It is written: “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. ¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

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 3:20-35

²⁰ Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹ When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.”

²² And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.”

²³ So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: “How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷ In fact, no one can enter a strong man’s house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house. ²⁸ I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. ²⁹ But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin.”

³⁰ He said this because they were saying, “He has an evil spirit.”

³¹ Then Jesus’ mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, “Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.”

³³ “Who are my mother and my brothers?” he asked.

³⁴ Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation" CW 416

1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
3. "Fear not, I am with you. Oh, be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
4. "When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
For I will be with you your troubles to bless
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.
5. "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love,
And then, when gray hair shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still on my shoulders be borne."

Today's message: based on Genesis 3:8-15

"God's Call. God's Promise."

Confession of faith: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of
heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who
was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again
from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at
the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will
come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presentation of Offerings

Prayer:

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we come before You with
thanksgiving and praise. **We praise You for our creation,
preservation and redemption.** We thank You for raising
Your Son Jesus Christ from the dead and preparing a place
for us in Your eternal home. **For sending us the Holy
Spirit, who created a saving faith in our hearts, we give
You thanks.**

Dearest Lord, keep us in constant contact with You.
**Move us to listen to Your voice as we read and hear
Your Word.** As You bless us with Your presence, may we
continue to produce fruits of our faith. **May our words give
You glory and honor.** May our lives show Your kindness.
May we show love and grace to others that we meet.

O Holy Spirit, never leave us or forsake us. **When we
stray from Your fold graciously search us out and find
us.** When troubles and afflictions seem greater than we can
bear, **help us to remember that this world is just our
temporary dwelling place.** Keep in our hearts and minds
the assurance that You have built for us an eternal home in
heaven. **When the time of our departure from earth
comes, take us to live with You eternally.**

Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions.
Silent prayer

In Jesus' name we pray - **"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."**

Hymn: *"The Tree of Life"* CW 754

1. The tree of life with ev'ry good
In Eden's holy orchard stood,
And of its fruit so pure and sweet
God let the man and woman eat.
Yet in this garden also grew
Another tree, of which they knew;
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned
Against whose eating God had warned.

4. Now from that tree of Jesus' shame
Flows life eternal in his name;
For all who trust and will believe,
Salvation's living fruit receive.
And of this fruit so pure and sweet
The Lord invites the world to eat,
To find within this cross of wood
The tree of life with ev'ry food.

Ending prayer:

M: O Lord God, heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us strong in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us Your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTDOOR WORSHIP Mark your calendars! We will hold an outdoor worship service on July 11th and July 25th for our 9:30 service. Come and join us and invite a friend!

TEEN GROUP All 8-12th graders are invited to join us for our next monthly fellowship gathering on Wednesday, June 23 from 5-8 pm at Triangle Sports Area (East Green Bay). Meet at the top of the snow hill in the parking area. We'll cookout and play frisbee golf. Bring a friend!

VOLUNTEERS FOR EVENTS NEEDED The Evangelism committee is looking to put together teams of volunteers for upcoming events - Bean Bag Toss Tournament (August 29) and Pumpkin Patch (early October). If interested, please contact Derf Reese (920) 217-3808 or Pastor Schultz.

BOOYAH MASTER CLASS We're looking for a few people to learn how to prepare booyah for our welcome back Sunday in September. Our former chefs are not able to continue, but would be most interested in teaching a new group how to make this distinctly Wisconsin dish. If you are interested in learning how (and volunteering your time to prepare it in September) please contact Pastor Sauer. He'll arrange the master class for you!

Activities next week:

Tuesday 3:30: Ladies Craft Group
Thursday 6:30: Worship service/ w Communion
Sunday 7:45 & 9:30: Worship service

Our Response to God's Gifts:

Attendance this past week:

Thursday 6:30 - 47
Sunday 7:45 - 88
9:30 - 88 Total: 223

Offerings \$11,792.79

Serving today in the Lord's house:

Usher team: 7:45: Team #5 Pete Jindra's team
9:30: Team #8 Steve Popke's team
Cleaning: Salentine, B. Corsten, M. Corsten, G. Mortenson

Serving next week in the Lord's house:

Usher team: 7:45: Team #7 Dave Maccoux's team
9:30: Team #10 Ken Rosenthal's team
Cleaning: Falck, Brienen, Prochnow, Krug