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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: *"Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"* CW 465

1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow you.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
You on earth once suffered, too.
Perish ev'ry fond ambition,
All I've ever hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heav'n are still my own.

2. Let the world despise and leave me;
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
You are not, like them, untrue.
And since you have smiled upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends may shun me --
Show your face, and all is bright.

4. Haste, my soul, from grace to glory,
Armed by faith and winged by prayer.
All but heav'n is transitory;
God's own hand shall guide you there.
Soon shall end this earthly story;
Swift shall pass the pilgrim days,
Hope soon change to heav'nly glory,
Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

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 unending 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.

God of all power and might, You are the giver of all that is good. Help us love You with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in Your care; 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: Ezekiel 2:1-5

He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." ² As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

³ He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their fathers have been in revolt against me to this very day.

⁴ The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD

says.’ ⁵ And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious house—they will know that a prophet has been among them.

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:10-4:5

¹⁰ You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, ¹¹ persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. ¹² In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³ while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

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 6:1-6

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! ³ Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

⁴ Jesus said to them, “Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor.”

⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their lack of faith.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Hymn: “*Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s Head*” CW 536

1. Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s head, You are her one foundation.
In you she trusts, before you bows, And waits for your salvation.
Built on this rock secure, Your Church shall endure
Though all the world decay And all things pass away.
Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Jesus!

2. O Lord, let this your little flock, Your name alone
confessing,
Continue in your loving care, True unity possessing.
Your sacraments, O Lord, And your saving Word
To us e'er pure retain. Grant that they may remain
Our only strength and comfort.

3. Help us to serve you evermore With hearts both pure
and lowly.
And may your Word, that light divine, Shine on in
splendor holy
That we repentance show, In faith ever grow.
The pow'r of sin destroy And evils that annoy.
Oh, make us faithful Christians.

4. And for your gospel let us dare To sacrifice all
treasure;
Teach us to bear your blessed cross, To find in you
all pleasure.
Oh, grant us steadfastness In joy and distress.
Lord, for your mercy's sake, Let us by grace partake
Of endless joy and glory.

Today's message: based on 2 Timothy 3:10-4:5

“This Is God's Word.”

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, by Your grace we greet
another day. **For Your protection during the night we
give You thanks.** For giving us the health and strength to
come before You this day, we praise Your holy name. **For
always refreshing us when we come to You, we offer our
deepest thanks.**

Dear Lord, we confess that we have sinned against
You in thought, word and deed. **Refresh us with the
forgiveness of the Gospel.** Send Your Holy Spirit through
Your Word to convince us again and again that You love us
and have given to us the gift of the forgiveness of sins, new
life and salvation. **May we keep Your throne before our
eyes as we live in this world.**

O loving Savior, You know the things we suffer here
on earth. **There are many thorns that give us much pain.**
We know that we are not strong enough to endure our
tribulations on our own. **May we rely on Your strength to
help us.** Remind us that Your grace is sufficient for us, and
that Your strength is made perfect in our weakness. **May
Your glory shine brightly in our lives as You cover our
weaknesses with Your grace.**

May all who see Your work glorify Your name. **Bring
us the spiritual resolve to trust that You are working
through Your Word at all times.** May the lonely feel
comfort in Your gracious presence and may the sick be
healed according to Your will. **Give peace to all who are
overwhelmed by anxiety or worry.**

Hear us Lord as we bring You our private petitions.

Silent prayer

As we come before You, we do so knowing You love us as a father loves his children. We look forward to Your answers to our prayers, and in the name of Your Son 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: *“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”* CW 420

1. God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.
2. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He has a smiling face.
3. Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
And he will make it plain.
4. You fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds you so much dread
Are big with mercy and will break
In blessing on your head.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS Today’s flowers have been placed by Pastor & Jill Schultz in celebration of their 15th wedding anniversary.

KICKBALL TOURNAMENT All those young at heart are invited to participate in an area WELS Kickball tournament on July 24th at 9 am at Wayside Fireman’s Park. If interested, please contact Pastor Schultz.

FATHER-SON CAMPING TRIP Fathers and sons are invited to join us for our 1st annual camping trip, August 20-22. This year we’re staying nearby at Bayshore County Campground, 5637 Sturgeon Bay Rd, New Franken, WI. To sign up, contact Karl Krueger at 920-359-1385.

TASTE OF MISSIONS EVENT! Join your brothers and sisters in Christ from around the world for *Taste of Missions*, an online missions experience, from July 11-17, 2021. Get to know our home and world missionaries like you never have before, and experience mission work firsthand through short video updates, live Q&A sessions, activities and recipes for the entire family, daily devotions, and a live worship service where we commission new missionaries on July 17. You may register at no cost at <https://tasteofmissions.com/>.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP Our next outdoor worship service will be held on July 25th for our 9:30 service. Come join us and invite a friend!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR BRAT FRY The Bay Area Life Center will be running the brat fry stand at Festival Foods (Bellevue location) on Saturday, August 21st, and we need volunteers for this one time fundraising event. Are you available for a 3-4 hour shift that day? Please email volunteering@bayareallifecenter.com.

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.

Activities next week:
 Tuesday 3:30: Ladies Craft group
 Thursday 6:30: Worship service w/ **Communion**
 Sunday 7:45 & 9:30: Worship service w/
Communion

Our Response to God's Gifts:

Attendance this past week:
 Thursday 6:30 - 39
 Sunday 7:45 - 73
 9:30 - 82 Total: 194

Offerings \$8,100.29

Serving today in the Lord's house:
 Usher team: 7:45: Team #3 Tait Waege's team
 9:30: Team #6 Greg Dessart's team
 Cleaning: J. Sauer, Premetz, Pyan, Seville, Ness

Serving next week in the Lord's house:
 Usher team: 7:45: Team #5 Pete Jindra's team
 9:30: Team #8 Steve Popke's team
 Cleaning: T. Grow, J. Gilson, Tabordon, Feld, Guth