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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."

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### **Our Order of Worship** Page 38 in *Christian Worship*

**Hymns:** 573 - 569 - 566

**Psalm:** 139b, page 117

**Today's message:** based on Matthew 28:16-20

**“THE TRIUNE GOD DESIRES FELLOWSHIP WITH ALL.”**

Guest speaker -

President Earl Treptow, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

## First Lesson: Jonah 3:1-10

<sup>1</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup> “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

<sup>3</sup> Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city—a visit required three days. <sup>4</sup> On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned.” <sup>5</sup> The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

<sup>6</sup> When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. <sup>7</sup> Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh:

“By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let any man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. <sup>8</sup> But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. <sup>9</sup> Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

## Second Lesson: Romans 10:8-15

<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: <sup>9</sup> That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. <sup>11</sup> As the Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no

difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup> And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

## Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:16-20

<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER:

Almighty God, everlasting Father, we come before You today dressed in the perfection won for us by Jesus Christ. **Accept our praise and thanksgiving for caring for us this past week.** You have kept from us evils and disasters of which we are not aware. **Thank You for Your eternal and loving care.**

As we read Your Word, we hear You encouraging us to follow You all the days of our life. Today You do not ask us to give up our jobs and families to follow You, and yet **we often hesitate to give up the little You ask.** Open our hearts so

that we will dedicate everything we are to serving You. **Give us the zeal to put You first in our hearts and daily plans.** Give us the desire to get fully involved in Your plan for all people, that is, saving them from sin. **Light a fire in our hearts for You, dear Savior.**

Send us Your Holy Spirit, O Lord, and strengthen us with Your presence. **Fill us with knowledge and zeal to do Your will.** Help us to teach Your Word, and fill us with compassion for those who do not yet believe in Jesus. **Open our eyes to the vast harvest, and make us willing laborers to gather it in.**

Lord we now come to You privately.  
*Silent prayer*

Open our eyes to see that only in the willingness to lose our lives for You will we truly find it. In the name of Christ our Lord, 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.”**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**TODAY’S FLOWERS** are given in thanks for Vera Butt’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by David and Karen Maccoux. What a blessing to have mom with us for so many years! We rejoice with you!

**FACEMASKS?** If you are more comfortable wearing a face mask in worship, please do so! We’re happy you are here and want to worship with us.

**THANK YOU** to President Earl Treptow for presenting God’s Word to us this Sunday and enlightening us in our Sunday morning Bible class. We thank you for your work in God’s kingdom on our behalf.

**MESSIAH PUMPKIN PATCH** is returning on TODAY. Pumpkins are available for you to pick up and share with a friend to invite them to Messiah.

**MESSIAH’S FALL CLEAN UP DAY** is set for October 16<sup>th</sup> from 8am to noon. Please come and help us get our building and grounds ready for “the heating season”. A list of things to do will be provided. If you could help for an hour or two your time is greatly appreciated by your fellow members. Bring your favorite outside or inside tools. And, coffee and snacks will be here, too!

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS PLANNING** meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Activity Hall. We’ll brainstorm ideas and pick dates for a family fun event for our community this December. See you there!

**CONNECT GROUPS** Do you have a hobby or interest that you’d like to share with others? Looking to study a book of the Bible or a topic? Consider leading a connect group, the small group ministry of Messiah. Groups allow for the opportunity for people to connect and grow in faith. Fill out a form to let others know what you’ll be doing and when and where you’ll meet and leave it on pastor’s desk. Forms are available in the entryway to church.

**IT'S CARE PACKAGE TIME!** Yes, it's that time of the year when we begin to gather stuff to send to our members away at school. We'll pack our care packages on Thursday evening, October 21<sup>st</sup> after our worship service, about 7:30pm.

If you would like to donate some items for our college members, please bring them to church and place them on the counter in the kitchen. Items you can donate are: all sorts of treats, sticky notes, lip balm, pens or pencils, travel sizes of personal care products, hand sanitizer or whatever you think a student might need living away from home.

This is a great way to let our members know they are missed and cared for. And, it's a great way to let their classmates know we care, as well. Thanks for considering this way of saying thanks to God for the gift of our young people!

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT** is set for Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> in the evening. All women age 14 and up and friends are welcome to attend. If you would like to help out, please contact Jill Schultz at 920-784-5459.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** The Sunday School has split up several positions and is looking for help with crafts, group leader or teacher. Consider shadowing or simply observing before you commit to once or twice a month, or as you are able. Interested? Contact Pastor Schultz.

**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE WORKERS**  
St Paul is looking for at least one more person for before school and at least two more for after school. The need is urgent. Please email either Mr. Fischer at Fonda.Fischer@stpaulgb.com or the office at

**Our Response to God's Gifts:**

Thursday -	37	
Sun. early -	77	
Sun. late -	64	
		Total: 178
Offerings:	\$13,451.82	
Technology upgrade budget:	\$37,880	
Given to date:	\$29,198.70	
Amount still needed:	\$ 8,681.30	

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK:**

Wednesday	5:30:	Catechism class
Thursday	6:30:	Worship service with <b>Communion</b>
	7:30:	Council meeting
Sunday	7:45:	Worship service with <b>Communion</b>
	9:00:	Sunday School
	9:15	Bible classes
	10:15:	Worship service with <b>Communion</b>

**Serving Sunday in the Lord's house**

Usher team: 7:45: Team #9 Chris Dolch's team  
10:15: Team #2 Doug Voigt's team  
Cleaning: K. Krueger, Flink, Jeanquart , Kaminski, Kraschnewski

**Serving next week in the Lord's house**

Usher team 7:45: Team #1 Gary Dekeyser's team  
10:15: Team #4 Rob Zeratsky's team  
Cleaning Kiley, J. Keen, R. Koronkiewicz, B. Koronkiewicz

