



# MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Member of the WELS*

## Christ the King Sunday

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### ***Messiah's Communion Practice***

Scripture teaches that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another. Communing also declares publicly that we are united in all our beliefs about Christ. Therefore, Messiah practices membership communion. We ask that only members of Messiah or another WELS or ELS church come forward to receive the Sacrament and publicly declare their agreement with our statement of faith.

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### **Our Order of Worship**

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**Hymns:** 704 - 369 - 361 - 341

**Psalm:** 45, page 83

**Today's message:** based on Revelation 1:4b-8

**"Your Identity In Christ"**

**First Lesson:** Daniel 7:13-14

<sup>13</sup>“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. <sup>14</sup>He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

**Second Lesson:** Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. <sup>7</sup>Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen. <sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

**Gospel Lesson:** John 18:33-37

<sup>33</sup> Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”  
<sup>34</sup> “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”  
<sup>35</sup> “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”  
<sup>36</sup> Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.”  
<sup>37</sup> “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.  
Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify

to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER:**

To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever! **Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory.** You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise, for You created all things and by Your will they were created and have their being. **Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!**

We give thanks to You, O Christ our Shepherd-King, because You have searched for us and found us. Lead us to the green pastures and quiet waters of Your saving love, so that we may enjoy peace and comfort for our souls. **Heal our hearts when they are broken with sin and guilt. Strengthen us when we are weak.** Use Your power to calm the unrest among nations and peoples so that your kingdom may spread and grow. **Strengthen our confidence in knowing that Your kingdom will never be destroyed.**

Knowing we need forgiveness, we come to Your table. **You come to us physically in this Sacrament.** Wash away our sins, strengthen our faith, renew our zeal to serve You. **May all who come to Your table be truly united in faith.**

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer*

Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords. **The Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! Amen.**

We join in the prayer he taught us - **“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 from Emma Janssen’s aunt’s funeral this past week. Thank you for sharing them and may God grant His comfort and presence to your family. Thank you.

**FOOD COLLECTION FOR ST. PAUL’S PANTRY** From today until the Sunday after Thanksgiving we’ll be collecting non-perishable foodstuffs for St. Paul Lutheran Church’s food pantry. Your donations will help feed the less fortunate in our city. Please bring your donations to church and place them in or by the wicker baskets in our entryway. May the Lord move your heart to help others!

**THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE** is set for 9:00am on Thanksgiving Day, November 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be no evening service that day. Please make plans to thank the Lord for all His blessing on that day!

**ART CONTEST** The Education Committee is looking for your help to spruce up the education wing of our facility. We are looking for biblical designs to display on a feature wall and additional wall art on canvas. Contest details are available on the information center in the entryway here at church.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE** is being planned for Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 & 10:15 am.

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT** will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Please join us for an evening of fellowship, beautiful music and delicious dessert as the women of Messiah and their friends prepare their hearts for Advent. Doors open at 6:00 with the program starting at 6:30. There is no charge for this event. Invitations are available on our information center in our entryway here at church.

**ABC HOSTESS OPPORTUNITIES** Do you enjoy decorating? Volunteer to be a table hostess and we will reserve a table for you! Many partner with one or two others to host a table. Hostesses provide table settings, holiday decorations and candles for a table of 6 to 8 ladies. It requires only a few hours of your time for planning and decorating. If you want to sit with a group of 4 or more we encourage you to host a table for guaranteed seating.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Jill Schultz at [jills54935@gmail.com](mailto:jills54935@gmail.com) or 920-784-5459.

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS NEEDS YOU** Can you assist with volunteering? Do you have a family friendly game or two that you can lend to church? You can sign up in the activity hall or online at [bit.ly/messiahfamilychristmas](http://bit.ly/messiahfamilychristmas).

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS** Messiah’s Evangelism Committee is holding a family Christmas event on December 11<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 2pm. We will have a chili cookoff, cookie decorating, hot chocolate & apple cider, a short movie in the sanctuary (Lord willing, with our new video system), games for the family, family photo opportunity and farm animals.

**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.

***Serving next week 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

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

Thursday - 49  
Sun. early - 65  
Sun. late - 71

Total: 185

Offerings: \$ 14,120.92

Technology upgrade budget: \$37,880  
Given to date: \$32,518.70  
Amount still needed: \$ 5,361.30

**Activities next week:**

Wednesday 5:30: Catechism class  
Thursday 9:00: ***Thanksgiving Day worship***  
Friday 4.30: Wessel wedding reaffirmation rehearsal  
Saturday 2:00: Wessel wedding reaffirmation  
Sunday 7:45: Worship service  
9:00: Sunday School  
9:00: Adult Bible classes  
10:15: Worship service

***Serving today in the Lord's house:***  
Usher team 7:45: Team #7 Dave Maccoux's team  
10:15: Team #10 Jeff Rindfleisch's team  
Cleaning B. Borley, Klein, A. Borley, Vetsch, Konkol