



MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

Our Order of Worship

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Hymns: 580 - 358 - 312 - 616

Psalm: 34, page 80

Today's message: based on Ephesians 4:30-5:2

"Walk In Love"

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:3-8

³ Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴ while he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵ Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." ⁶ He looked around, and there by his head was a cake of bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

⁷ The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." ⁸ So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

5 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Gospel Lesson: John 6:41-51

⁴¹ At this the Jews began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"

⁴³ "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. ⁴⁴ "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. ⁴⁶ No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. ⁵⁰ But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

RESPONSIVE PRAYER:

We praise You, O Lord, for all that you bless us with in life. **We will speak of Your grace to everyone we meet.** You continue to show your love and mercy to us. **You work out all things for our spiritual and eternal good.**

Dear heavenly Father, You know how often we become discouraged and disheartened in this life. **We compare ourselves with others and sometimes feel small and unimportant.** Remind us that we are precious in Your sight. **Remind us that we play a unique and cherished role in spreading Your kingdom.**

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank You for your sacrifice of love on the cross. **May our lives be a continual offering of thanksgiving to You.** May we work and witness to the sure hope of salvation You have won for us. **Bless our homes and lives with an extra measure of Your love.**

Holy Spirit, strengthen us as we receive Christ's body and blood with the bread and wine. **May we always**

remember Jesus' suffering and death as we come to Your table. We thank You for the forgiveness of sins that we receive today. **We come with repentance in our hearts - we leave with forgiveness, peace and joy.**

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

Knowing You will hear all our prayers, we join in the prayer You 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

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed today by Dave & Deb Hoffman for in celebration of the marriage of Hannah Hoffman and Jason Thompson. We pray that the Lord blesses their years together!

BEAN BAG TOSS TOURNAMENT is coming up on August 29th starting at 11 am. This is a community event. Invite your friends and neighbors. Interested in volunteering? We need help passing out water/soda and greeting guests. If interested, please contact Derf Reese (920) 217-3808 or Pastor Schultz. Details for the event can be found on our website or Facebook event page.

BRAT FRY The Bay Area Life Center will be running the brat fry stand at Festival Foods (Bellevue location) on Saturday,

August 21st. All are welcome to stop by between 10 am to 6 pm for a brat and soda to support our local ministry together assisting moms and families in times of crisis. For more info, to donate or volunteer - visit bayarealifecenter.com. Thank you for your prayers and support!

USHER OPPORTUNITY We are looking to add to our usher teams for all three services. Any confirmed member (man or woman) can serve our Lord in this way, and you would be up for ushering about once every 5 weeks. Please contact Pastor Sauer or Mark Rukamp if interested. Thanks!

FATHER-SON CAMPING TRIP – THIS COMING WEEKEND 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.

Our Response to God's Gifts:

Thursday -	46	
Sun. early -	60	
Sun. late -	65	
		Total: 171
Offerings:	\$8,364.21	
Technology upgrade budget:	\$37,880	
Given to date:	\$14,121	
Amount still needed:	\$23,759	

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: Hartwig, Pearson, Holub, Haro, Jandrin

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: A. Schultz, Heyrman, Bartels, R. Merryfield, Iwinski

Activities next week:

Thursday	6:30pm	Worship service
Friday		Father/Son Camping Trip
Sunday	7:45 & 9:30 am	Worship service