



Looking Up to Step Up

Happy Mother's Day

+ 7th Sunday of Easter +

Ascension Sunday

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Wednesday, May 15, 2024



**Messiah Lutheran
Church**

1531 Townline Ave. Beloit, WI
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Welcome! We are glad you are worshipping the Lord with us today!

Sunday Morning/Wednesday Night Divine Worship

The 7th Sunday of Easter Happy Mother's Day May 12 and 15, 2024

Ascension: Looking Up to Step Up!

FROM THE LAY ELDER-DEACONS: Welcome to Messiah. We want to make sure your worship experience goes well. So just as a reminder, ***please turn cellphones ringers off during worship. Please remove hats, no earbuds, no gaming, no texting, and no social media. If you need to use your phone or have a conversation with someone, please excuse yourself from the sanctuary. Thank you.***

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE: Live audio of the worship service is available in the room that is just off the Narthex in the back of the sanctuary. This room has a bathroom and is a safe place for anxious children (or adults) to go and still be a part of the worship service. ***Also, the service is available to hear and see in our Fellowship Hall downstairs.***

Prayer before worship: (Please pray silently): *O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray You would close off worldly distractions. Please open my heart to the power of Your Word through the hymns, in the liturgy, with the preaching of the Word, and by the assurance of Your grace in Your Holy Supper. Please bless me so I can repent of my sins, trusting more in Jesus Christ as my only Savior to grow in good works to glorify You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

LITURGICAL SEASON: The Easter season is the time we celebrate Jesus' resurrection in the flesh to life, which shows He defeated sin, death, and the power of the Devil. Therefore, Easter is also a time of renewal for reaching out, speaking, and showing Christ's victory given to us by faith alone in Him. The white Paraments and stole signify the purity Jesus gives us through faith in Him when He forgives our sins and gives us eternal life.

WORSHIP THEME: Ascension Day was this past Thursday. 40 days after Jesus rose from the dead in the flesh, He ascended into Heaven and sits at the Right Hand of God the Father. As Jesus ascended the disciples and His followers were looking up. On this Ascension Sunday God's Word moves us to look up to Jesus to see Him empowering us to step up in love.

It is also Mother's Day. We have special gifts for all mothers and pray that today's message will be uplifting for them as well.

PRELUDE

WELCOME – WORSHIP THEME - GREETING PEOPLE IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

Bible Verse for Easter: 1 John 1:5 ESV

P: This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you,

C: That God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

P: Hallelujah! Christ is ascended!!

C: He is ascended indeed, Hallelujah!!

P: God bless you in worship, looking up to Jesus in order to step up our love for Him and others.

HYMN OF INVOCATION: "A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing"LSB 493 vv 1-4

(Please follow the acolyte processing with the Light of Christ)

1. A hymn of glory let us sing!
New songs throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. The holy apostolic band
upon the Mount of Olives stand,
Alleluia, alleluia!
and with his followers they see
their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. To them the shining angels cry,
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"
Alleluia, alleluia!
"This is the Savior," thus they say.
"This is his glorious triumph day."
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. "You see him now, ascending high up to the portals of the sky."
Alleluia, alleluia!
"Hereafter Jesus you shall see returning in great majesty."
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND HOLY ABSOLUTION

P: We go to the Risen and Ascended Lord in confessing our sins...

Moment of silence to meditate on the sins not brought before the Lord, using the following to guide your reflection: Considering the 10 Commandments think about your callings in life: spouse, parent, child, student, employer/employee, church member, etc.

- *Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy?*
- *Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome?*
- *Have you hurt someone with your words and deeds?*
- *Have your thoughts, words or deeds revealed lust or greed?*
- *Have you stolen, been negligent, or wasted anything?*

P: O Heavenly Father.

C: I sometimes forget that there is a world out there. It is because in my selfishness, my world ends with me. I focus on my problems and forget the problems of others. I focus on my wants and forget how much want exists in the world. Please forgive me of my sins of thoughts, words, and deeds. Sins where I have done wrong or failed to do right. Forgive me for not looking outside the walls of me to the needs of others. Give me a heart that turns outwardly as Jesus' did. Amen.

P: Jesus looked down from Heaven at our world and left Heaven for our sakes. He was born in this world for you. He lived in it and He died in it for you. He rose again for you and now lives in you because of the faith He gave you at your baptism. May His heart of love fill yours today. As a called and ordained servant of the Word look up to Jesus as I announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the place and by His authority, I forgive you of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May He open your eyes to all the opportunities to be His voice, His hands, and His feet in the world!!

C: Amen!

INTROIT (Adapted from Proverbs 31:14-31 NIV)

P: Dear Lord we thank you for our mothers:

C: She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar.

P: She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants.

C: She considers a field and buy it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

P: She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks.

C: She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night.

P: In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers.

C: She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.

P: When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet.

C: She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple.

P: Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.

C: She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes.

P: She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

C: She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

P: She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

C: Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her

P: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."

C: Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

P: Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

C: In Jesus' Name. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing".....LSB 493 vv 5-6

(To give thanks for the renewal of faith through forgiving our sins)

5. Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
and be our future great reward.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Then, throned with you forever, we
shall praise your name eternally.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6. O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
all praise to you let earth accord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
with Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE SALUATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY/THE COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: *(Moment of silence to reflect on worship theme)* O Risen and Ascended Savior, the Disciples looked up as You ascended to Heaven to sit at the Right Hand of the Father. So, today move us to look up to You so our faith can step-up to love and serve others more, showing them what You have done for us. We pray this in Your Name, Jesus Christ, our Lord, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING.....Acts 1:1-11 ESV

Luke ends his Gospel and starts this book with Jesus' Ascension to show its significance leading up to Pentecost, the birth of the Church. By the way, Theophilus means one who loves God.

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went,

behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING.....Ephesians 1:15-23 ESV

The Apostle Paul demonstrates the relevancy of the Ascension for our lives today.

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "My Savior" – Messiah's Senior Choir

THE GOSPEL READING.....John 17:11b-19 ESV

P: The Holy Gospel according to Apostle, St. John, the 17th Chapter:

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus spoke this prayer at the Last Supper before heading to be arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Jesus prayed: ^{11b} Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am

not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY..... Psalm 47:1-6 in the Common Meter*

(Sung to the tune of Our God Our Help in Ages Past)

O come now people clap your hands and join the festive throngs;
Come shout to God and sing His praise with loud and joyful songs.

The Lord Most High is wonderful, there's none of greater worth,
The highest and the grandest King He reigns above the Earth.

The Lord gives us the victory by power of His Hand;
He brings the nations under us by Word of His command.

He chooses our inheritance to make His kindness known,
A land that we, as Jacob's seed, can settle as our own.

The Lord ascends to mountain heights while people cheer His Name
With triumph blasts and joyful shouts, approval and acclaim.

O sing to God who reigns on high, sing songs with voices raised;
Yes, sing to Him, our noble King, and let Him name be praised.

**From The Psalms in Common Meter by D. Scott Foote. Greyden Press LLC, Dayton, OH*

THE CHILDREN'S LESSON/SERMON: "Looking Up to Step Up"

Texts: Acts 1:1-11 and Ephesians 1:15-23

THE APOSTLE'S CREED *(Creed of our Baptism) (What we believe about the Lord)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Warth.

And 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 sits at the Right Hand of
God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(If it helps you to concentrate better you may sit during the Prayers of the Church)*

Special Mother Day Prayer

P: O Father, we rejoice for Your heavenly powers! We sing as choirs of angels. We exult You for all creation around Your throne! Jesus Christ our King. He is risen! He is the sound of the trumpet of our salvation.

C: We rejoice O Lord for Jesus Christ, our King is ascended!

P: We rejoice on Earth below, in Your shining splendor, radiant in the brightness as our King! *(Prayers of supplication.)* Christ has conquered! Glory, fills You. Darkness vanishes forever!!

C: We rejoice on Earth here below for Jesus Christ, our King has ascended!!

P: We rejoice in the Church. We exult in Your glory. The risen Savior shines upon us. *(Prayers of thanksgiving)* Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people.

C: We rejoice in Your Church, Jesus Christ, our King has ascended and will return to Earth one day in the flesh.

P: O Lord, God of glory. Fill Your Church with the power that flows from Christ's resurrection, so that in midst of the sinful world, it may proclaim to renew humanity, risen in new life with Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, empowered by the ascended Jesus at the Father's Right Hand.

C: Amen.

Specific Prayer Petitions and Thanksgivings:

- **Mothers and Mother Figures:** Blessings on this Mother's Day.
- **Our World:** Order from chaos, seeking peace in Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, and other areas.
- **Our Nation:** Blessings for leaders: President, Vice-President, U.S. House Reps, U.S. Senators, Governors, State Legislatures, County leaders, Mayors/City Managers, City Councils, School Boards, U.S. Armed Forces, and Law Enforcement.
- **The Church:** Being a light of the Gospel.
 - Blessings for LCMS leaders: Synodical President Matt Harrison, District President John Wille.
 - Our Concordia Universities and Seminaries, Parochial High Schools, Elementary Schools, and Day Care Centers.
 - Planting new congregations and revitalizing struggling ones.
 - LWML and LLL
 - Our missionaries serving outside the United States.
 - Our 6000 US congregations.
 - **District Congregation of the Week:** Emmanuel Deaf Lutheran Congregation in West Allis and her pastor William Palmer
- **Our Congregation:**
 - Merger Consideration Survey: For all members to fill out and return.
 - Lay Elder-Deacon hosting Mother's Day brunch
 - Adult Baptism next Sunday, May 19, and New Member Sunday on May 26
 - For wise discussions from the Merger Consideration Talks with St. John's and Trinity Sunday, May 19 at 2pm at St Johns.
 - For good fundraising for 6 Messiah Youth and 2 adults planning to attend the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans next year
 - Safety and Security Committee for wise plan
 - For Christian Education: Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, Men's Group, Ladies' Bible Study Class, and Confirmation.
 - Thanks for helping 74 local households last Thursday with Messiah's Food Pantry, equating to over 210 people.
 - Thanks for all those who participated, helped, and supported the Unity Worship Services and Fellowship Time over the past three weeks.
 - Thanks for excellent Food Pantry presentation at Converse
 - Offerings: thank you for your faithful support to stay on budget.
- **Pedro:** Uncle to Elvia Reid, suffered from stroke, recovering from surgery to reduce blood on the brain in a Chicago hospital.

- **Terry Morgan:** At Mercy hospital, rehabbing at Mercy Manor, recovering from bacterial pneumonia.
- **Vickie Dansbury:** Thanks for recovering from COVID
- **Cody:** 30-year-old grandson to Larry Kreyer, recovering from heart surgery. Thanks that he is recovering from complications including pneumonia.
- **Linda Cook:** Recovering at home from knee surgery
- **Birthdays:** Janette Alf, Vickie Dansbury, Cindy Pingel. Andrew Dautermann, Mary Eddy, and Kendall Shellenberger
- **Anniversaries:** Mark & Merri Boos (23 years), Jared & Valerie McCannon (8 years), and Terry & Cindy Zimmerman (48 years).
- **Missionaries:** Dan and Patty Schmelzer in Kenya.
- **Messiah Homebound Members and Friends:** Fay Fink, Janice Adney, Lois Weideman, Bettie Harris, Brett Fawcett, Donna Steinkellner, Pat Hanson, Barb Thurman, Kathy Stolarzyk, and Vergean Jurs.
- **LWML Messiah Prayer Chain Members:** Vickie Dansbury, Ruth Komprood, Cindy Zimmerman, Sandi McDearmon, Larry Wilkins, Karl Wetzel, Janette Alf, Mary Lou Palmer, Carol Wilkins, Linda Stocker, Mary Borgwardt, and Jean Behl.

If you have a prayer request, please email, text, or PM Pastor Dan.

P: Into Your Hand we commend all for whom we pray trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING.... Please put your offering in the plates at the entrance. Thank you for your support.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT – HOLY COMMUNION

We believe that in Holy Communion God comes to us with forgiveness through tangible means. Because the gospel has convinced us that Jesus' body and blood are present in his Supper to bring

forgiveness of sins received through faith and that receiving the sacrament together is a public statement of unity in our beliefs, if you are not a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or one of her sister church bodies, we ask our guests to speak with the pastor before communing. We don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of stating your agreement with our beliefs before we have had an opportunity to explain them.

For those who cannot tolerate alcohol of any kind, the center glass in the individual cup trays and the glasses surrounding it contain grape juice with a few drops of wine added to it.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE *(Prayer for the liturgical season in preparation for Holy Communion)*

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for Your Son appeared openly to all His disciples after His resurrection, and, in their sight, was taken up to Heaven that He might empower us through the Holy Spirit in this Sacrament to strengthen us to be His voice, hands, and feet in the world. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *(Latin for "Holy")* (LSB Divine Service, Setting Three)



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

*Sabaoth: Almighty *Hosanna: Save now.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(The Word of our Lord proclaimed to bless the bread and the cup on the Consecration Table to also now be His body and blood. Please look up to witness this beautiful consecration.)*

P: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup

C: We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again.

PAX DOMINI (Latin for the "Peace of the Lord")

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (Latin for "Lamb of God") (LSB Divine Service – Setting Three)



☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION and DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

- **“I Know that My Redeemer Lives” RED 200**

AFTER COMMUNION PRAYER: *(Please pray silently after receiving The Lord’s Supper)*

Almighty God, I thank You for feeding me this life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, in order to preserve my forgiveness and salvation from You. Send Your Holy Spirit to help me live, by not sinning, and by serving You through helping others with my thoughts, words, and deeds. I pray this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: *Now that we better appreciate God’s everlasting blessings, here are some suggestions for ways we can show that thanksgiving through service and participating in our congregation.*

THE BENEDICTION *(God be with you blessing)*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God the Father, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with you, always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: “On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”LSB 492

(Please follow the acolyte as he/she recesses)

1. On Christ's ascension I now build
The hope of mine ascension;
This hope alone has always stilled
All doubt and apprehension;
For where the head is, there as well

I know his members are to dwell
When Christ shall come and call them.

2. Since Christ returned to claim his throne,
Great gifts for me obtaining,
My heart shall rest in him alone,
No other rest remaining;
For where my treasure went before,
There all my thoughts will ever soar
To still their deepest yearning.
3. Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me,
Recalling your ascension,
That I may serve you faithfully,
Adorning your redemption;
And then, when all my days will cease,
Let me depart in joy and peace
In answer to my pleading.

P: Hallelujah! Christ has ascended!

C: He has ascended indeed, Hallelujah!

P: Go in peace with the light of Christ shining in you by stepping up to serve others.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Happy Mother's Day.

POSTLUDE

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ESV: English Standard Version

LSB: Lutheran Service Book

RED: The Lutheran Hymnal

Serving this Week: Organists: Sue Kolander and Mary Lou Benz **Keyboard Operators:** Virginia Cook, Teresa Behl, and Alejandro Reid **Communion Assistants/Ushers:** Karl Wetzel, Zach Anderson, Adrean Avery, Mark Boos, Jeff Sennett, Bob Altenberg, Lance Bukove, John Helms, and Larry Wilkins **Cantors:** Debbie Drost and Joel Steinke **Streaming Crew:** Garrett Cook, Joe Goff, Virginia Cook, Teresa Behl, and Joe Laidig **Production Assistant:** Chuck Baumann **Acolytes:** Audrey Veale, Aiden Berrier, Miley Berrier, Kendall Shellenberger, Amy Kreyer, and Madi Shellenberger. **Fellowship:** Cindy Zimmerman, Beth Thompson, Ruth Komprood, Sandi

McDearmon, Sue Kolander, Vickie Dansbury, Jean Behl, Teresa Behl, and Chrissy Behl. **Altar Guild:** Terry Zimmerman

Attendance:

- **Sunday School** on Sun, May 5: **12** (8 Children and 4 Adults)
- **Adult Bible Study** on Tues, May 7: **22** (12 in-person and 10 phone/Zoom)
- **Worship:** Sunday, May 5 - 9am: **68**, 11am: **25** and Wed, May 8 at 7pm: **31**
 - Net Attendance: **115**

On-Line Streaming:

- Sunday, May 5 at 9am: **13** devices watching LIVE at 9am on our Facebook Page and YouTube Channel.
 - Facebook Total Views: **135**
 - YouTube Total Views: **30**

<u>General Operating Offerings Needed Per Month:</u>	\$16,289
Month-To-Date Plate Offering:	\$ 2,892
Month-To-Date Givelify:	+ \$ 775
General Operating Offerings received for May (1 of 4 weeks)	\$ 3,667
General Operating Offerings still needed to pay May bills	\$12,622

*We give praise You, O Lord, for the gifts we have received;
Please, help us receive more for Your glory. Amen.*



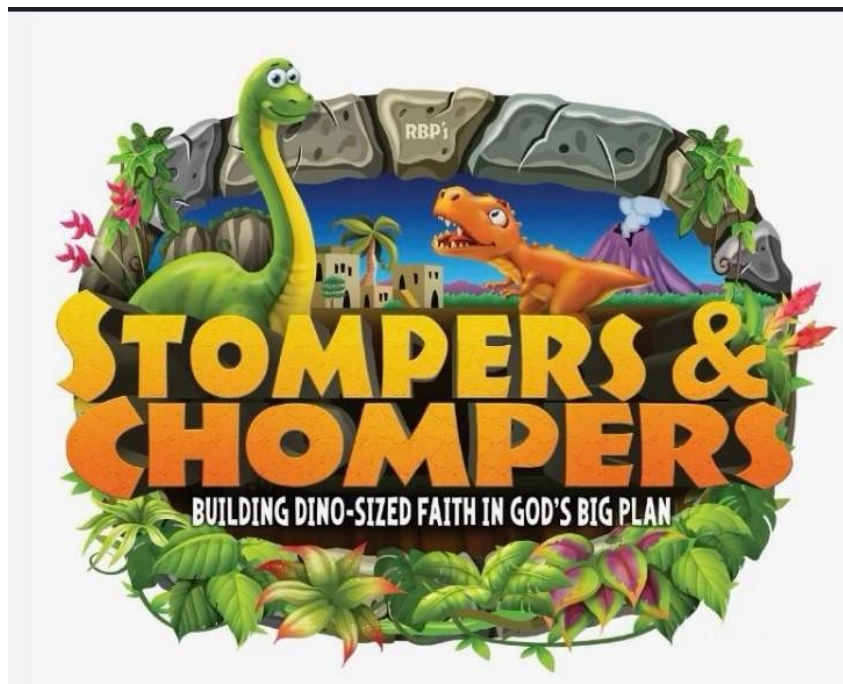
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Messiah's Food Pantry at the Farmer's Market in Downtown Beloit: Saturdays, July 20 and September 7 from 8am to 1pm. We will have our own booth selling food, offering nutritional Information, and so much more. Further details to come.

Devotion Resources: (To help you with your daily meditations with the Lord)

- **Portals of Prayer** devotion books. If we are out, please talk to Pastor Dan
- **LHM.org** for Daily Devotion and other resources to help you with your study of God's Word. The site has audio podcasts, videos, and Bible Studies to download.
- **KFUO.org** the LCMS owned radio station...has audio podcasts.
- **Project Connect** carousel has topical pamphlets to help you with specific challenges you or a loved one may be facing. Located by main church entrance.
- **CD Table:** has previous worship services and Bible Studies edited for you to listen in your car, on your computer or CD player. Located in Narthex.
- **Messiah's Library:** Over in the Parsonage/Sunday School area. Books and videos that are harder to find on the Internet. See Cheryl Sennett or Pastor Dan.
- Please take advantage of these free resources.

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED: After worshipping and being in fellowship with our Beloit Lutheran sister congregations, the Merger Consideration Committee wants to hear from you. ***If you haven't already, please fill out the Merger Consideration questionnaire located in your bulletin or in the Narthex and please return to the lock box located in the Narthex. Surveys due Sunday, May 26. Thank you.***



- **VBS**, Sunday, July 21 through Wednesday, July 24 5-5:30pm Dinner; 5:30-7:30pm.
Register on-line at mlcbeloit.com and in the Narthex

Sunday	9am	Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion Mother's Day
	10am	Sunday School and Fellowship Mother's Day brunch
	11am	Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion Mother's Day
Monday	6pm	Confirmation Downstairs Conference Room
Tuesday	1pm	Adult Bible Study Fellowship Hall, Phone, and Zoom
Wednesday	7pm	Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion Mother's Day
Thursday	5:30pm	Ladies Bible Study Class (LBSC) Downstairs Conference Room
Saturday	9am	Senior Choir Practice – Sanctuary
Sunday	9am	Divine Worship with an Adult Baptism (No Communion)
	10am	Last Sunday School and Fellowship LWML Hosting
	11am	Divine Worship with Holy Communion
	2pm	Merger Consideration Committee Meeting at St. John's

Upcoming Events at Messiah

- Thursday, May 23 from 3:30-5:30pm: **Food Pantry Open**
- **Sunday May 26 at 9am New Member Sunday:** Welcoming in new members with celebration following worship during Fellowship and celebration May Birthdays.
- **KFUO.org Radio's Thy Strong Word** - Pastor Dan co-hosting on Proverbs 23:19-35
- **Father's Day Services**, Sunday, June 16 at 9am and 11am, Wed June 19 at 7pm
- **Congregational Meeting**, Sunday, June 23 after 9am service. No 11am service.
- Saturday, July 20 from 8am to 1pm. **Food Pantry at the Downtown Beloit Farmer's Market**
- **VBS**, Sunday, July 21 through Wednesday, July 24 5-5:30pm Dinner; 5:30-7:30pm.
- Saturday, September 7 from 8am to 1pm: **Food Pantry at the Downtown Beloit Farmer's Market**

Board Objectives and Responsibilities

These are brief summaries of the various boards. For a comprehensive description of objectives and responsibilities, please ask Jared or Pastor Dan for a copy of the full Constitution and By-laws.

Board of Lay Elder-Deacons

Responsible for supporting the spiritual welfare of the Pastor and members of the congregation, and for the supervision of everything pertaining to the congregational worship. The nature of the duties requires members be noted for their Christian knowledge and have a special interest and experience in spiritual work.

Board of Christian Education

Responsible for planning and administering and supervising the total educational program of the congregation, including, but not limited to, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and confirmation classes.

Board of Fellowship

Responsible for strengthening fellowship between members of the congregation both spiritually and socially, and for integrating new members into the congregation. This board will plan and implement social gatherings, annual events, activities for all members of the congregation, as well as plan and execute special events for welcoming and integrating new members.

Board of Stewardship

Responsible for initiating programs to develop stewardship by encouraging and enlisting members of the congregation to serve Christ and the congregation with their time and unique talents. This board also ensures the financial stability of the congregation and its work through a developed program of dedicated, proportionate, first fruits giving.

Board of Evangelism

Responsible for bringing the Gospel to the unchurched, enlisting all of God's people in the work of spreading the Gospel, and deepening the faith of and engagement of all members of the congregation.

Board of Properties

Responsible for the maintenance, repair, and custodial care of church property, representing the congregation in all legal matters, and the general protection of the congregation against loss or damage of any nature.

Board of Young People's Work

Responsible for involving young people of the congregation in the work of Christ, encouraging and nurturing their spiritual growth, and promoting to them the value of genuine Christian fellowship.

Board of Public Relations

Responsible for publicizing the work of the congregation through various channels, including, but not limited to, newsletters, social media, church bulletin boards. This board will also integrate the congregation's work into the community and engage members in community service.

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Welcome

To our friends who know us, we renew our welcome. To our first-time guests and visitors, we extend our sincere greeting. To those who seek a church home, we invite you to our fellowship. Messiah has existed since 1959 to receive God's forgiveness, life and salvation in Christ Jesus through Word and Sacrament and to share the good news that God's Son, Jesus Christ, lives, died, and rose for all.

Divine Worship Schedule

Sundays with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM and 11AM

Wednesdays with Holy Communion – 7:00 PM

Leadership

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