

Winning Against Temptations



The First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, February 22, 2026



Welcome! We are glad you are worshipping the Lord with us today!

Sunday Morning Divine Worship

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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 during the 9am service only.***

NEW Prayer before worship: (Please pray silently) Bless me, kind Father, as I come into Your house to worship You. I long to hear the pronouncement of the forgiveness of my sins. I love to sing Your praises and hear Your Word. I humbly kneel at Your altar and receive the Body and Blood of my Savior. I cherish this time of fellowship with You and my brothers and sisters in Christ. For all this accept my thanks and praise. In Jesus' Name. Amen. (From *Portals of Prayer*, Jan-Mar, 2026)

LITURGICAL SEASON: During this season of Lent, we reflect upon our sins, not to wallow in guilt or shame, but to acknowledge the ugliness of our iniquities, confess them before God, receive forgiveness, and then focus on living more repentant lives for Christ. ***The purple color on the altar, pulpit, lectern, and stole represent the ancient color for royalty, our King Jesus. And it relates to having a penitent heart.***

WORSHIP THEME: Today's Scripture readings focus on temptations: the problems of giving into them or the blessing of winning against them. May the Lord bless you with strength of faith to win against them for a stronger faith and more content life in Christ.

Please come back this Wednesday for our Midweek Lenten services at 7pm as we look at God's 4th Commandment of Love on honoring those in authority over us. Join us for supper at 5:45pm.

Flowers on the Altar are in memory of Tyler Hubbs on his birthday February 27. Tyler was the son of member Debra Hubb.

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

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

Bible Verse for the month: 1 Corinthians 1:18 ESV

P: For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,

C: but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

P: God bless you with the Power of Christ's Cross as you worship Him.

HYMN OF INVOCATION.... "Christ, the Life of All the Living".....LSB 420 verses 1-4

(Please turn to face the back and follow the processional light of Christ)



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might
4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur - round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my
Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of
All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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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 *(Based on Psalm 32:1-5 ESV)*

P: O Lord, You say "blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**C: "Blessed is the one against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

P: "For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**C: "For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer."**

(Silence thinking about your sins of commission and omission that have not been brought before the Lord)

P: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

C: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sins of thoughts, words, and deeds, sins known and unknown, sins of wrong and failure to do right. Please grant that to me this day in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

P: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as your pastor, I proclaim to you that by the Father's mercy your sins are covered up. By His grace your iniquities are not counted against you, because of the suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore, if this was your sincere confession, then, I, as a called and ordained servant in Christ's Church, and only by His authority, acting on His behalf, do I forgive you of all of your sins in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Praise be to God the Father for renewing my forgiveness in Christ.

The Hymn of Praise is eliminated during Lent to remind us this is a season of inward reflection as we look forward to the celebration of Easter.

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 collect our thoughts on the worship theme)* Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Please come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as You know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find You mighty to win against temptations, through Jesus Christ, our Suffering Servant Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING.....Genesis 3:1-21 ESV

The perfect world God created for Adam and Eve is blunged into corruption by the decision to give into the temptations of the Serpent.

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;

he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶ To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be contrary to your husband,
but he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷ And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’

cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

²⁰ The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING.....Romans 5:12-19 ESV

The Apostle Paul makes a comparison of the First Adam to the Second Adam, Jesus Christ.

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(If you are able, please stand)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION...“On My Heart Imprint Your Image” LSB 422 (RED 179 for the notes)

**On my heart imprint Your image,
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my Life, my hope's foundation,
And my glory and salvation!**

THE GOSPEL READING.....Matthew 4:1-11 ESV

P: The Holy Gospel according to the Apostle, St. Matthew, the 4th Chapter:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus faced temptations.

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written,

“Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,’

and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”

¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve.”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, The Father Almighty

Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

The only begotten Son of God,

Begotten of his Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

Very God of Very God,

Begotten, not made,

Being of one substance with the Father,

By whom all things were made;

Who for us men and for our salvation

Came down from heaven

**And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
And was made man;
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day he rose again,
According to the Scriptures,
And ascended into heaven
And sits at the right hand of the Father.
And he will come again with glory
To judge both the living and the dead,
Whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together
Is worshiped and glorified
Who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON HYMN.... "Christ, the Life of All the Living"LSB 420 verses 5-7

(To prepare for the sermon)

5. Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6. Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7. Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

THE CHILDREN’S LESSON/SERMON: “Winning Against Temptations” Text: Genesis 3:1-21

(If you are able, please stand)

OFFERTORY: “Psalm 56:11-12 in Common Meter”

(To the tune of “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”)

In God my trust is all in You
There’s nothing that I fear
For what can others do to me
As long as You are near.

The vows I’ve made will be fulfilled
To You, my God and King;
To thank You by a sacrifice
Shown in my offerings

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

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

P: Lord in Your Mercy

C: Hear our prayer

Our World, Our Nation, and Our Communities:

- Those in authority over us: elected officials, government and community leaders, judges, law enforcement, and teachers.
- Protection for churches, schools, community activities, government buildings, sporting events, malls, and other public events
- For those struggling with addictions

The Church: Being a light of the Gospel.

- Synodical President Matt Harrison, District President Nathan Meador, VPs., and other leaders
- For the work of Lutheran Church Charities and their Comfort Dog Ministry

Our Congregation:

- Celebrating February birthdays today during Fellowship time
- Sunday School student ringing bells during 11am service
- For Wednesday's Lenten Services at 7pm continuing on God's Commandments of Love
- For Midweek Lenten Supper Wednesdays at 5:45pm and Fish Fry Dinners Fridays from 5-7pm
- Preparations for Food Pantry to feed our community this Thursday
- Women's Day Event on Saturday, March 7 from 10am to 2pm
- For productive meetings this week with Stewardship and Forward Planning
- Looking for more musicians and singers to enhance our worship services: vocal, guitar, wind, horn, bells, and/or string instruments to make a joyful noise to the Lord
- Good learning with Bible study opportunities: Sunday School, Confirmation, **Youth (This Wed)**, Adult, Men's Group, and Ladies Bible Study Class
- For the work of our Security Committee to make our facilities safer
- For people to offer rides to members to worship.
- For members to help members do light cleaning for older members
- For more individual regular offering contributors
- Thanks for good turnout for Ash Wednesday services and suppers
- Offerings: Thanks to those who make faithful contributions of time, talents, and treasures
- Proper preparations for Holy Communion.

Body, Mind, and Spirit:

- **For all the members struggling with respiratory, flu, and other illnesses of the season**
- **Ronald O' Leary:** Father to Kellie Cumberland, for healing from complications after Lung Cancer surgery
- **Montgomery family:** Friends of Eddy's extended family, as they face the probable loss of Tammy, in a medically-induced coma and not expected to survive. For husband Brian and children Caleb and Cole.
- **Andra:** Friend of Vickie Dansbury, to be able to have double transplant of heart and kidney. For son, Shamarr as he goes to school and takes care of his mom.

Birthdays: Debra Hubb (2-15), Michael Kropp (2-22), and Eldon Kolander (2-24)

Messiah's Homebound Members: (Members who want to be here for worship but aren't able) Carl Creedy, Fay Fink, Bettie Harris, Brett Fawcett, Donna Steinkellner, Barb Thurman, Jerry and Elaine Guetschow, Janette Alf, Pastor Pingel, Vergean Jurs, Kathy Murray, Clifford Reiman, Terry Morgan, Barb Kenney, Kristen Anderson, and Roberta Pretsch.

LWML Messiah Prayer Chain Members: Pastor Dan Eddy, Vickie Dansbury, Cindy Zimmerman, Sandi McDearmon, Larry Wilkins, Karl Wetzell, Mary Lou Palmer, Carol Wilkins, Corky Borre. Jeanne Ritchie, Terrell Pignes-Bedford, and Debra Hubb.

Missionaries: Dan Schmelzer in Kenya with Capstone Ministries and Pastor Samuel Bobby in Latvia through LCMS Office of Missions.

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.

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.

P: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of power and might

C: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

P: Hosanna in the highest.

C: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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.*

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 "Peace of the Lord")*

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(Latin for "Lamb of God")*

P: Lamb of God you take away the sin of the World, have mercy on us.

C: Lamb of God you take away the sin of the World, have mercy on us.

ALL: Lamb of God you take away the sin of the World, have mercy on us. Grant us peace...Grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION and DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Jesus Refuge of the Weary" RED 145

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.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Jesus Comes Today with Healing" LSB 620 verse 6

(To celebrate the blessings received in the Lord's Supper)

**Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balms to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error;
Makes my wounded spirit whole.**

SALUTATION AND POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary (beneficial) gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: 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 Peace of God which surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus until life everlasting.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" LSB 918

(*Please turn and follow the light of Christ as the acolyte recesses.*)

1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious
bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,
Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,
bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to
more;
shield;
Thee;
Feed me till I want no more.
Be Thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to Thee.

P: With the light of Christ, go in peace, seeing the blessings of winning against temptations.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ESV: English Standard Version

LSB: Lutheran Service Book

RED: The Lutheran Hymnal

BROWN: The Hymnal for Worship and Celebration

Attendance:

- Sunday School, Feb 15: **9** (7 children and 2 adults)
- Adult Bible Study, Tues. Feb 17: **27** (14 in-person and 13 on-line/phone)
- Worship Sunday, Feb 15 – 9am: **67**; 11am: **20**;
 - Ash Wed, Feb 18 – 6:30am: **9**; 7pm: **67 (73 net between two services)**
 - Net Attendance: **133 (All services for the week)**

On-Line Streaming:

- Sunday, Feb 15: **19** devices watching LIVE on our Facebook Page and YouTube Channel
 - Facebook Total Views: **270**
 - YouTube Total Views: **75**

Servants helping with Worship: **Organists:** Sue Kolander and Mary Lou Benz **Keyboard Operators:** Virginia Cook, Alejandro Reid, and Carter Stocker **Communion Assistants/Ushers:** Karl Wetzel, Zach Anderson, Adrean Avery, Mark Boos, Jeff Sennett, Bob Altenberg, Jim Waters, Eddie Underwager, Larry Wilkins, Jim Shellenberger, and Brian Morse **Cantors:** Debbie Drost and Joel Steinke **Streaming Crew:** Garrett Cook, Joe Goff, Joe Laidig, Carter Stocker, Eddie Underwager, and Virginia Cook. **Acolytes:** Audrey Veale, Aiden Berrier, Miley Berrier, Holly Anderson, and Kay'Lee Cumberland. **Fellowship:** Cindy Zimmerman, Beth Thompson, Ruth Komprood, Sandi McDearmon, Sue Kolander, Vickie Dansbury, Jean Behl, Teresa Behl, Chrissy Behl, and Bonnie Burzinski. **Altar Guild:** Terry Zimmerman, Mary Knueppel, Ruth Komprood, Lisa Barrett, Sue Rogers, Jenn Delaney, Tim Veale and Audrey Veale, and Trina Pettitt.

Looking for Volunteers:

- **Council Secretary.** Contact Jared McCannon at 815-973-8798
- **PR Committee Chair.** Contact Pastor Dan Eddy at 314-775-7371
- **LWML President and Vice-President.** Contact Pastor Dan at 314-775-7371

Food Pantry Announcement: Currently the food pantry has an overabundance of paper and plastic bags. At this time, we are asking you to hold off from dropping donating them. We don't have the storage for any more bags. We will let you know when we need more. The Messiah Food Pantry deeply appreciates all your support.

Upcoming Events at Messiah

- **Food Pantry now open again twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 3:30-5:30pm**
- **Midweek Lenten Suppers** continue every Wednesday at 5:45pm till March 25
- **Fish Fry Dinners** continue every week Friday from 5-7pm till March 27.
- **Midweek Lenten Services** continue every Wednesday at 7pm, till March 25. **God's 10 Commandments of Love sermon series continues**
- Saturday, March 7 from 10am to 2pm **Women's Day Event - Fellowship Hall**
- Tuesday, March 10 at 7pm: **Parish Planning Council** – Upstairs Conference Room
- Saturday, March 14 at 9am: **Men's Group** in Downstairs Conference Room
- Sunday, March 15 at 12:15pm: **Lay Elder-Deacon Meeting** – Upstairs Conference Room
- Thursday, March 19 at 5:30pm: **Ladies Bible Study Class** – Fellowship Hall
- Saturday, March 21: **Food Pantry at Winter Farmer's Market** – Downtown Beloit
- Sunday, March 22 after 9am service: **Congregational Meeting in Fellowship Hall**
- **Palm Sunday, March 29 and April 1**
- **Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7pm**
- **Good Friday Tre Ore at St. John's from Noon to 3pm. Pastor Dan preaching on Jesus Words from the cross: "I thirst"**
- **Good Friday, April 3 at 7pm**
- **Easter Sunday, April 5 at 9am and 11am and April 8 at 7pm**
- Sunday, April 12 at 11am: **Sunday School ringing bells**
- Sunday, May 10 and Wed May 13: **Mother's Day services with brunch between services on Sunday**
- Sunday, May 17 at 9am: **Confirmation Sunday**
- Sunday through Tuesday, July 25 - 29. 5:30-7:30pm **VBS**; 5-5:30pm free dinner

Mid-Week Wednesday Supper - Wednesday, February 25:

Supper Hosted by Sue Kolander, Sherry Simpson, Sharon Dwyer, Sue Luethy, and Jon Paquette

On the Menu:

- Lasagna
- Garlic Bread
- Salad
- Drinks: Soda, water, milk

Supper is at 5:45pm in the Fellowship Hall.



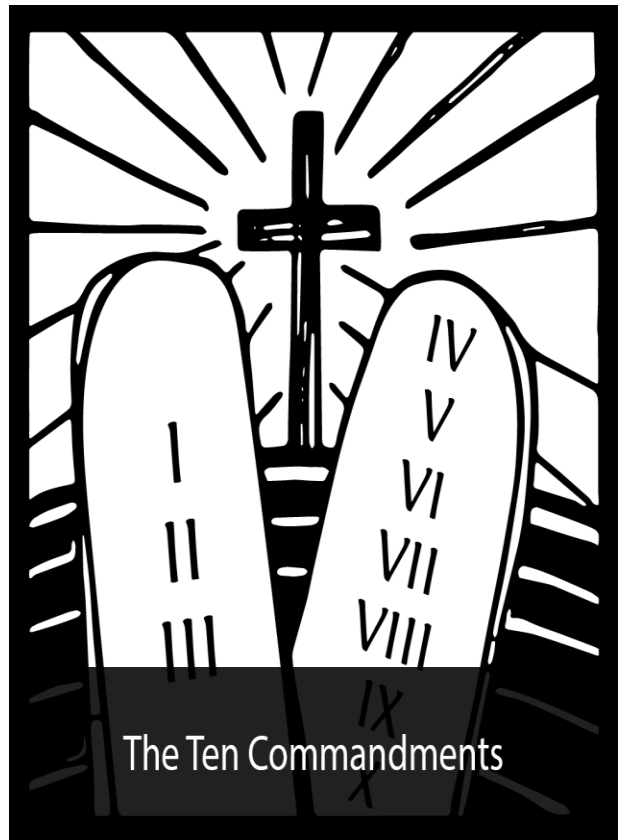
Midweek Lenten Services:
God's Top 10 Expressions of Love

Wednesday, February 25 at 7pm, **we look at God's 4th Commandment of Love: Honoring those in Authority over Us.** If we don't have order then we have chaos in our homes, schools, churches, communities, nation, and world.

And this command comes with a promise!

How can we honor this commandment as we live in the world today?

CDs are in the Narthex of previous services covering the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th/10th Commandments on Murder, Adultery, Stealing, Gossip, and Coveting,



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Women's Day Celebration at Messiah, Beloit

As many in our culture observe International Women's Month in March, the women at Messiah Lutheran Church would like to take the opportunity to emphasize the Christ centered spiritual development of women. So, we are inviting ladies to a special Women's Day Celebration at our congregation on Saturday, March 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are located at 1531 Townline Ave in Beloit.

This event will support women as they grow with their faith in Christ.

In addition to singing, Holy Scripture reading, and prayer, Mrs. Vickie Dansbury, who leads our Ladies Bible Study Class will encourage women in the study of God's Word. The topic will be on the power God gives to a praying woman through His Word.

What a great way to mature in our relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

If you have questions or want to attend, please call 608-365-3794, with the count of attendees. Messiah wants to adequately prepare for a luncheon and refreshments for those attending.

Sunday	9am	Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10am	Fellowship and Sunday School Celebrating February Birthdays
	11am	Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion Sunday School Student ring bells
Monday	6pm	Confirmation – Upstairs Conference Room
Tuesday	1pm	Adult Bible Study – Fellowship Hall and On-Line
	6pm	Stewardship Committee – Upstairs Conference Room
	7pm	Dartball – Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	5:45pm	Midweek Lenten Suppers – Fellowship Hall
	5:45pm	Youth Bible Study – Downstairs Conference Room
	7pm	Ash Wednesday Evening Service – God’s 4th Commandment of Love – Honoring those in Authority over You
Thursday	3:30-5:30pm	Food Pantry Open
	6pm	Forward Planning Committee – Upstairs Conference Room
Friday	5-7pm	Friday Fish Fry Dinners – Fellowship Hall
Saturday	8am	New Member Class – Upstairs Conference Room
	9am	Choir Practice – Sanctuary
Next Sunday	9am	Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10am	Fellowship and Sunday School
	11am	Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion

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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

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