

# MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 23, 2020



### INTROIT

*Psalm 99:1-5; antiphon: v. 9*



- P** Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy | mountain,\*  
for the Lord our God is | holy!
- C** **The Lord reigns; let the peoples | tremble!\***  
**He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the | earth quake!**
- P** The Lord is great in | Zion,\*  
he is exalted over all the | peoples.
- C** **Let them praise your great and | awesome name!\***  
**Ho- | ly is he!**
- P** The King in his might loves | justice.\*  
You have established equity; you have executed justice and  
righteousness in | Jacob.
- C** **Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his | footstool!\***  
**Ho- | ly is he!**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
- P** Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy | mountain,\*  
for the Lord our God is | holy!

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### READINGS

*Exodus 24:8-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9*

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:** In Christian education this week, we learn how "Fishers Follow." Spotting some fishing boats by the shore of Galilee, Jesus turns Simon Peter's boat into a floating pulpit. He preaches from the boat and then commands the disciples to put out to fish. Although they had fished all night without a catch, now they find their nets full to bursting. Recognizing his sinfulness, Peter falls down in front of his Savior and Lord, who calls him to a new kind of fishing. Ask, "How does God help us recognize our sinfulness? How does He rescue us from our sins?"

**TODAY'S FLOWERS:** Today's altar flowers are donated by Neil Woodward and Leanne Gulden.

**"COFFEE HOUR" IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL TODAY:** Please stop for some coffee and "goodies" in the Fellowship Hall after the early service. Freewill offering will be used to buy supplies for the Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

**TODAY IS MITE BOX SUNDAY:** You can place your mite box in the basket at the Usher's station. These mites help support various LWML missions.

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**QUILTING DAYS:** The next Project Day will be Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. Come join in on making quilts for Lutheran World Relief for distribution around the world. Please be sure to bring a sack lunch. As always, all congregational women are cordially invited.

**LWML PRAYER SERVICE:** Lutheran Women Missionary League invites all Messiah ladies to attend a prayer service, Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Messiah in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a presentation with Pastor Mankin on "Living in Love, Bearing Fruit," written by the Rev. Dr. Gregory Walton, President of the LCMS Florida, Georgia District, LCMS.

**MEAL TRAIN FOR RYAN AND DANIELLE SMITH:** What is a meal train? There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When

many friends give a meal, this is a Meal Train. Mealtrain.com is a free meal calendar tool that makes planning meals among a wide group easy and less stressful. <https://mealtrain.com/w36y80>

## THIS MONTH'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MEN'S NIGHT OUT:** The next Men's Night Out will be held on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm at Elliott Bay Public House and Brewery, located at 12537 Lake City Way NE. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth, 206-363-5654.

**LADIES' NIGHT OUT:** The March meeting of Ladies Night Out will be at Sprio's Pizza and Pasta, located at 18411 Aurora Ave N, at 6:00 pm on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP to Bev Edmon, [bevedmon@gmail.com](mailto:bevedmon@gmail.com) or text (425) 773-3711. We hope you can join us.

**ANNUAL AUCTION MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>:** Roaring 20's! Save the date and gather your 1920's attire to join us for our annual auction on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>! Our goal is to raise \$85,000 and break attendance records! If you are interested in being a table host to gather 8 people for a table or have ideas of items you could donate (vacation home, nice wine, themed basket, a service), please email [clsauktion@concordiaseattle.com](mailto:clsauktion@concordiaseattle.com).

**CONCORDIA AUCTION MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>!** Messiah's auction donation this year will be a "gift card tree." By doing this, we will be making a contribution to Concordia in 2 WAYS. We are asking Messiah members to purchase a Concordia SCRIP gift card (any denomination) or contribute toward one. The entire gift card tree will then be donated back to the auction to go to the highest bidder! Stop by the table in the lower hallway on the Sundays in March to participate. Thanks for your support!

**CONCORDIA LIBRARY PROJECT:** Hello! My name is Cameron Petro. For my high school graduation project I am restoring the Concordia school library. If you are interested in helping support this project there are two ways; Simply sending a donation of an amount of your choice to Concordia Lutheran School. OR if you are a thrivent member, you can take advantage of a grant your given a year to put towards the library. If you are interested in using your thrivent grant, please email me

@nhhspetro@gmail.com for more information about the project. Thank You.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED:** Here at Messiah, we are thankful for the passionate and dedicated Sunday School teachers that provide weekly Christian education for our young members. But sometimes those teachers have other commitments that pull them away from their post for a Sunday here and there. The Sunday School is seeking a couple members who would be willing to support the regular teachers in a substitute role. Interested members would be welcome to attend some classes led by regular teachers in order to increase comfort level for teaching a class, and any additional resources or training would also be provided as needed. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Sunday School Superintendent Lisa Lindstrom in person on Sundays, or by email: [lisa.lindstrom78@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.lindstrom78@gmail.com).

**PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF:** We are collecting the following items for Personal Care Kits for LWR:

- Light-weight bath-size towels (20-27" wide and 40-52" long), dark color recommended
- Adult-size toothbrushes
- Metal nail clippers
- Bath-size bars of soap (4-5 oz.) in original wrapping

Please see the flyer on the wooden table in the narthex. Items may be placed on the table by the end of March. Lutheran World Relief sends Personal Care Kits to people in need throughout the world. Last year LWR sent our kits to Zimbabwe and Tanzania. Thank you for your donations!

**MORE TOPICS, MORE GUESTS, MORE JESUS...**Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Book of 1 Thessalonians, "Love" in the New Testament, The Season of Lent, Jesus Feeds Five Thousand and more. You can listen live or on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.



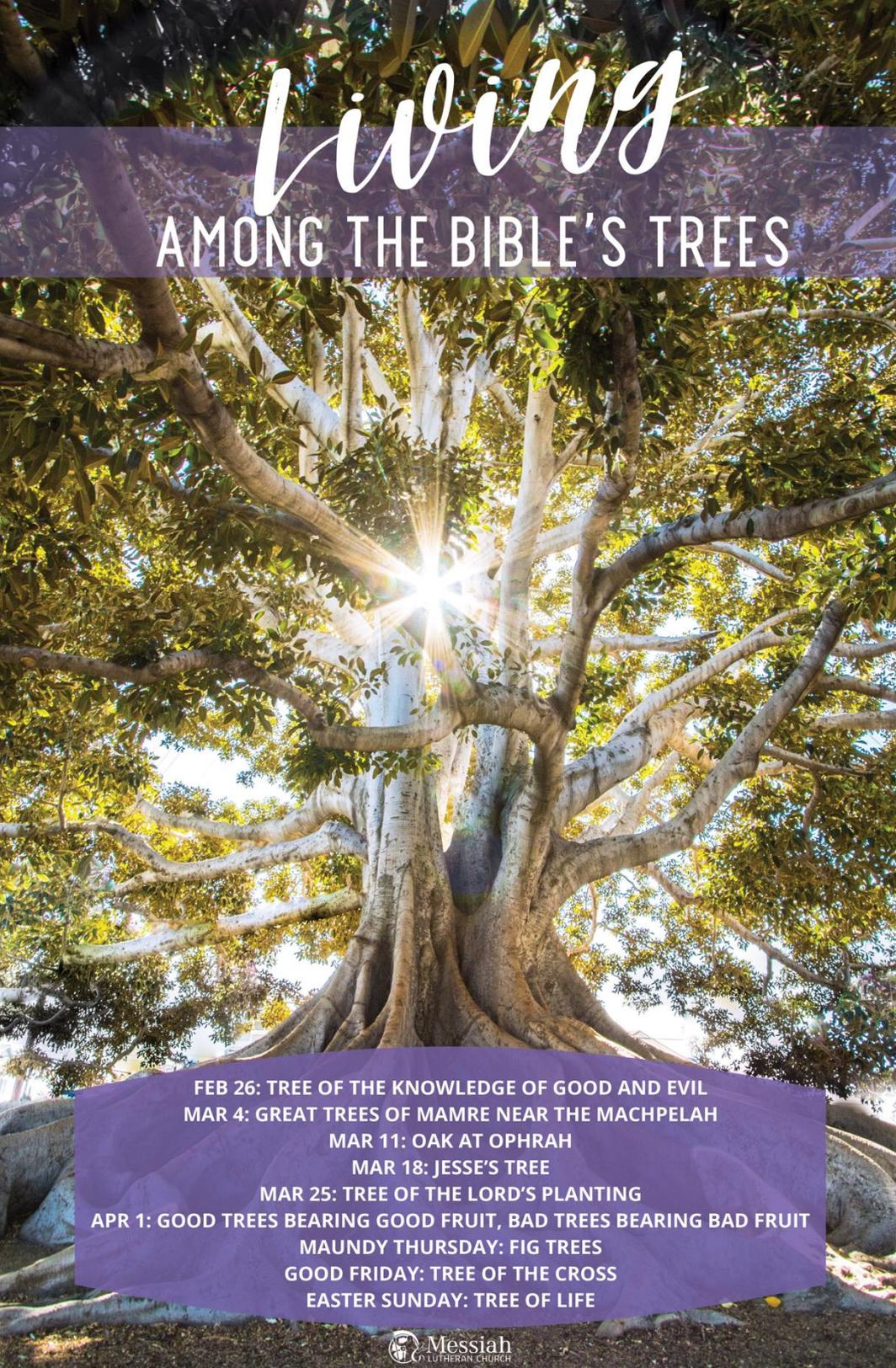
# Ash Wednesday

February 26th



Lent

Begins



# Living

## AMONG THE BIBLE'S TREES

FEB 26: TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL

MAR 4: GREAT TREES OF MAMRE NEAR THE MACHPELAH

MAR 11: OAK AT OPHRAH

MAR 18: JESSE'S TREE

MAR 25: TREE OF THE LORD'S PLANTING

APR 1: GOOD TREES BEARING GOOD FRUIT, BAD TREES BEARING BAD FRUIT

MAUNDY THURSDAY: FIG TREES

GOOD FRIDAY: TREE OF THE CROSS

EASTER SUNDAY: TREE OF LIFE

# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



## What is the “altar”?

**When you walk into the sanctuary, what is the first thing you notice?** Maybe you see the beautiful stained glass windows. Maybe you noticed the candles. Of all the wonderful sights in our sanctuary, one thing probably comes to your attention first: the altar. The altar is the large, table-like object located directly in the center at the front of the building. The word “altar” comes from the Latin word *altare* which means “a place for offering sacrifices.”

## Why do we have an altar when we don’t sacrifice anything on it?

It’s kind of scary to think that we might use an altar for sacrifice. We look at the altar through the eyes of the Gospel. On the top of the altar are often carved five crosses — one for each of the five wounds of Christ. They mark this altar as a place where no more blood sacrifices will occur. The only sacrifice needed was made on the cross. The altar is a place where Christ gives out the forgiveness He earned for us through His death and resurrection. Wow, the altar sure is an important place!



**Parents:** During the service, direct your children’s attention to the altar. Point out that during the Divine Service this is where God has promised to come to be with us. After the service, take your children up to the altar to observe. Remind them to be reverent in God’s holy place.

