



THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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From the Desk of Pastor Mankin

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

By the time you read this article, we should be halfway through the Season of Lent. Holy Week and Easter are fast approaching, and I am nervous. Nervous that, just like on Christmas, we will still not be cleared to sing in church because of COVID. The prospect of that makes me very sad.

However, I was recently reminded of some events that put this in perspective. Last year at this time, I was in the throes of having COVID myself. Although I was never worried that I might die, I was still very sick. I missed most of Lent because of it. The illness and my absence from church took a toll on me emotionally and physically. As your under-shepherd in Christ, I felt like I had let all of you and our Lord down. My guilt over my shortcomings was horrible. I was even questioning my vocation as your pastor.

Thankfully, I was back in the pulpit by Easter Sunday. And although the sanctuary was empty and I preached to a camera, the sermon that Easter was one I really needed to hear. Easter is more than just the miracle of the resurrection of Jesus; it is also proof that Jesus' atoning sacrifice was acceptable to God. The proof that all sins, including mine, were paid for, and I didn't need to let my guilt and shame rob me of the joy and peace we have with God in Him. As Christians, Easter is the proof, we have peace, real peace, with God. Our world defines peace as the absence of war. But real peace is the absence of the fear of war.

So instead of focusing on what we won't have this Easter let's focus on what we have gained.

May God bless you this Lent and always,
– Pastor Mankin

FROM THE OFFICE

THE NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE IS:

March 15, 2021

Please ensure your announcements/articles arrive at the church office by the date above if you would like them in the next Messenger. The Messenger deadline is the 3rd Monday of the month unless there is a holiday. Please place all messages and articles in the office mailbox located in the choir room or email them to office@messiahseattle.org.

PRAYFULLY CONSIDER SERVING: In the last edition of the Messenger, we put out a call for members to consider serving in one of our open roles on the church council. Currently, we still have openings for Property Management and Fellowship. Has God been speaking in your heart to serve? If so, please feel free to reach out to Mark through the church office (office@messiahseattle.org) or by phone (+1 775 846 0565).

LENTEN SERIES SCHEDULE

READINGS SCHEDULE: Below are the continuing readings for the rest of in this year's series: *Do the Clothes Make the Man?*

Lenten Midweek II - March 3rd, 7:00 PM
"The Coat of the Beloved"
Readings: Genesis 37

Lenten Midweek III - March 10th, 7:00 PM
"The Vestments of the High Priest"
Readings: Exodus 28

Lenten Midweek IV - March 17th, 7:00 PM
"The Mantle of a Prophet"
Readings: 2 Kings 2

Lenten Midweek V– March 24th, 7:00 PM

“The Raiment of a King”

Readings: Luke 12:22-31

Palm Sunday – March 28th, 8:00 & 10:45 am

“The Uniform of a Prisoner”

Readings: Mark 15:1-47

Maundy Thursday - April 1st, 7:00 PM

“The Garb of a Servant”

Readings: John 13:1-17

Good Friday - April 2nd, 7:00 PM

“Naked”

Readings: John 19:17-30

Easter Sunday – April 4th, 8:00 & 10:45 am

“The Robe of Righteousness”

Readings: Mark 16:18

MINISTRIES OF MESSIAH

EASTER CARD ARE HERE! Before you know it, Easter will be here. Don't forget to grab your Easter cards for your friends and loved ones. Priced at \$1 in the Narthex, these sales help Messiah Missions. Get yours today!

AMAZONSMILE: Are you an Amazon customer? Did you know you can have a small portion of each purchase donated to Messiah Lutheran Church if you order via AmazonSmile? The merchandise and prices are exactly the same as Amazon.com—but the benefit is that .5% of your purchase will be donated to a charity of your choice. You can set Messiah Lutheran Church as the beneficiary. Go to Amazon.com, and do a search for AmazonSmile to learn more about this program.

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE SEASON OF LENT... “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,” “In the Cross of Christ I Glory,” “My Song Is Love Unknown,” “A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth.” You can listen to sacred music for the Lenten season 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

HUMAN CARE

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

Messiah has received a request for volunteers to prepare and then serve food 8:00 – 9:00 am or 12:00 – 1:00 pm, Monday through Friday at the Matt Talbot Community Services. To volunteer or inquire, contact the supervisor at 206-256-0965. This is a downtown Seattle facility who wants preparation of the meal using the MT Community food for approximately 30 clients. The center requests "the volunteer will provide support to the Matt Talbot Center by preparing meals with ingredients provided by the Center. This position entails preparing and serving meals in a buffet-style for clients. Volunteers are not responsible for cleaning up but are encouraged to spend time connecting with clients." If you are able, please contact the Center in need.

CURRENT & UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

WHAT: Lutheran Difference Bible Study
WHEN: Sundays at **4:00 pm**
WHERE: Online
TEACHER: Pastor Mankin

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

WHAT: 1 & 2 Kings
WHEN: Tuesdays, **10:00 am**
WHERE: Online
TEACHER: Harry Edmon

SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

WHAT: Book of Acts
WHEN: Saturdays, **10:00 am**
WHERE: Online
TEACHER: Jim Grant



MARCH BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS

BIRTHDAYS

Nicholas Colbert	3/01
Tamara Hillmann	3/02
David Miller	3/02
Addie Clark	3/04
Andrew Riker	3/04
Mark Jorgensen	3/07
Justin Bourn	3/08
Tere Ulland	3/09
Lisa Lindstrom	3/10
Bart Jenson	3/12
Cyril Berndt	3/13
Ron Pearce	3/13
Don Dunavant	3/14
Lily Strege	3/14
Cameron Miller	3/15
Paige Germeroth	3/18
Nikolas Linden	3/18
Marcy Doersch	3/21
Steve Miller	3/23
Andrew Linden	3/25
Stacey Meyer	3/26
Cole Daigneault	3/27
Rachel Hanson	3/27

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Michael & Patricia Boomhower	3/16
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OFFICIAL ACTS

In early January, Steven Anderson and family transferred to Holy Trinity Lutheran in Riverton, Utah.



MARCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

ELDERS

<i>8:00 am</i>		<i>10:45 am</i>
7 Lee Cohrs		Neil Strege
14 Robin Melvin		Josh Pemberton
21 Andrew Petro		David Miller
28 Michael Boomhower		Neil Strege

USHERS

<i>8:00 am</i>		<i>10:45 am</i>
7 Jim Mendes		Steve Miller
14 Lee Cohrs		Dave Paeth
21 Terry King		Curt Colbert
28 Harry Edmon		Dan Lassman

ALTAR GUILD

7 Jack & Donna Holdridge
14 Stephanie Colbert, Joanne Estergreen
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LENTEN SERVICES

Lenten Midweek II 3/03 – 7:00 pm

Altar Guild	Jean Mindemann
Ushers	Curt Colbert Team

Lenten Midweek III 3/10 – 7:00 pm

Altar Guild	Jack & Donna Holdridge
Ushers	Terry King Team.

Lenten Midweek IV 3/17 – 7:00 pm

Altar Guild	Stephanie Colbert
Ushers	Steve Miller Team

Lenten Midweek V 3/24 – 7:00 pm

Altar Guild	Jack & Donna Holdridge
Ushers	Lee Cohrs Team

March 2021

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2 10:00 am Bible Study	3 LENTE II 4:00 pm Confirmation I 7:00 pm Vespers Service	4 4:00 pm Confirmation II	5	6 10:00 am Bible Study
7 8:00 am Divine Service 10:45 am Divine Service 1:00 pm Sunday School Zoom 4:00 pm Education Hour Zoom	8	9 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Council meeting	10 LENTE III 4:00 pm Confirmation I 7:00 pm Vespers Service	11 4:00 pm Confirmation II	12	13 10:00 am Bible Study
14 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 8:00 am Divine Service 10:45 am Divine Service 1:00 pm Sunday School Zoom 2:00 pm Vulnerable Population Service 4:00 pm Education Hour Zoom	15 MESSENGER DEADLINE	16 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Exec board meeting	17 LENTE IV 4:00 pm Confirmation I 7:00 pm Vespers Service	18 4:00 pm Confirmation II	19	20 10:00 am Bible Study
21 8:00 am Divine Service 10:45 am Divine Service 1:00 pm Sunday School Zoom 4:00 pm Education Hour Zoom	22	23 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Elder's meeting	24 LENTE V 4:00 pm Confirmation I 7:00 pm Vespers Service	25 4:00 pm Confirmation II	26	27 10:00 am Bible Study
28 PALM SUNDAY 8:00 am Divine Service 10:45 am Divine Service 1:00 pm Sunday School Zoom 4:00 pm Education Hour Zoom						