



THE MESSENGER

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)

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From the Desk of Pastor Mankin

The Lord is Risen!

As we bask in the glow of our Risen Lord, we have a special anniversary we celebrate this April. This April 18th is the 500th anniversary of Dr. Luther's famous "Here I Stand" speech wherein he confessed at the Diet of Worms. This event was a watershed moment for the restoration of the Gospel to our Lord's Church.

At the end of the day on April 18th 1521, in a room crowded with electors of the Holy Roman Empire and German princes, Martin Luther was on trial for the proclamation of the Gospel. Would he recant? Would Luther falter under the pressure and threat of death? Would he allow the truth of the Gospel to be snuffed out by papal tyranny?

His inquisitor Johann Von Eck demanded of him, "Martin, answer clearly and without any double-talk: Do you or do you not recant your books and the errors in them?" If Luther said, "yes," this would all be over with, and he could return to Germany and live out his days in peace. But Luther was not an ordinary man.

With sweat dripping from his face in an overheated room, Luther declared, "**Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted, and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot, and I will not retract anything since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me, Amen**" (LW 32:112-13).

The room exploded with shouting, some in praise, other's demanding his life. But the dye was cast, and the Reformation of the Church would live on that day.

Today 500 years later, we still hold fast to his bold confession because what Martin Luther confessed that day was no less than the Gospel itself. So here we stand, bold to confess that we renounce the devil and all his works and ways. We confess that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, by Christ alone. And we know for certain that the Word of the Lord endures forever.

To recognize that wonderful day, this year, we will be celebrating it with a special Sunday service and Bible Study. And if Covid regulations permit us, a showing of the speech at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall that Sunday. Please join me in celebrating this historic day!

Here I stand,
– Pastor Mankin

FROM THE OFFICE

THE NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE IS:

April 19, 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.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wishing everyone a blessed Lent. With King County entering Stage 3, I would like to send an update on regarding Messiah's worship services, Bible Classes, Sunday School, and other activities.

- Worship Service attendance will be increased to 150 people per service. Those attending services are still asked to record attendance on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or record your online

attendance using the website form.

- Singing is now allowed just in time for Easter (Thanks be to God)
- All attending in-person are still required to wear a face mask while on church property (aligning to guidance across King County and the Governor's Office).
- Folks are still asked to exercise social distancing per CDC guidelines.
- Pastor, Usher and Elder teams continue to assess/adjust the distribution of the Lord's Supper with the hope in the coming weeks/months that we can return to the altar rail.
- The Sunday Education Hour and Sunday School are scheduled to move back to the regular 9:30am timeslot starting April 11, 2021 however please note that all Bible Classes will continue to be broadcast online for the foreseeable future.

Your Elder and Council teams continue to closely monitor county/state guidelines for worship services and any further changes will be shared when needed.

An additional follow-up, Church Valley Camp is still scheduled to occur on August 20-22, 2021. More details will be shared closer to the date and I hope this wonderful event can resume in 2021.

It is truly amazing that a year has passed since we moved to restricted services and I truly grateful for Pastor, and all teams/members who have supported Messiah Lutheran over the past year. I pray 2021 continues to bring things back to a new normal and I wish everyone a safe and blessed spring/summer.

FROM THE TREASURER

Below is the 2021 Financial Summary through February:

- 2021 Spending Guide (SG) Expenses - prorated through February: \$94,220
- 2021 Actual Expenses through February: \$84,191 (10.2% below SG)
- 2021 Actual Offerings/Income through February: \$70,261 (25% below SG)

The operating results through February are a deficit of \$13,930. God be praised, in January we have received an additional PPP grant of \$46,738 which covers

several more weeks of payroll, in addition to the PPP grant of \$46,709 received in 2020. Please feel free to reach out to Ryan with any questions or concerns at ryan.smith@messiahseattle.org.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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

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

FROM AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dear brothers and sisters at Messiah,

Thank you for your extraordinarily generous gift to our building fund, and for your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now (Phil. 1:5). Our building fund continues to grow, and while we have a long way to go, we are already keeping our ear to the ground for suitable land just outside of town. The Lord is good, and even in these challenging times, He has prospered the preaching of His Word here in Moscow and the surrounding region. Please know how thankful we are for all that you have done for us over the years. Our love and prayers are with you.

Peace and joy in Christ,

- Pastor Jonathon Krenz

The Members of Augustana Lutheran Church

Moscow, Idaho

LITURGY PARTS FROM THE LCMS

INVOCATION

"In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." How many times have we heard those words? And yet, they testify with renewed freshness to our identity as children of God who've been baptized

into the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Wouldn't it be something if God's faithful would remember that every time they heard the words of the Invocation, perhaps tracing the sign of the cross as a visible reminder?

St. Paul beautifully captures the eternal significance of our baptism into Christ when he writes to the Galatians that "as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal. 3:27).

We are clothed with his righteousness. Unlike the man in the parable of the wedding feast who had no wedding garment, when we stand before our Judge on the Last Day, we will be clothed and covered, robed in the purity of Christ.

"In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Already now, in this heaven on earth we call worship, we stand with boldness before the Triune God who has claimed us and named us.

MINISTRIES OF MESSIAH

MEAL TRAIN FOR CHRIS & KIMBERLEY ZAKIAN:

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/yeq7zl>

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.

EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF

LUTHERANS... 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 Hymn "Chief of Sinners Though I Be," Lutheran Church

Bodies in America, The Catholicity of Lutheranism, Responding to Roman Catholic Proof Texts and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OFFICIAL ACTS

BIRTHDAYS

Marie Hurlbut	4/02
Ed Johnson	4/02
Jim Grant	4/04
Kelly Knudson	4/04
Cheryl Taylor	4/04
Rich Blomquist	4/07
Alice French	4/08
Michael Hudson	4/08
Luke Pemberton	4/11
Eric Linden	4/12
Josh Pemberton	4/12
Susan Maslo	4/14
Dick Hillmann	4/16
James Leary	4/16
Eric Stone	4/17
Jan Sholdt	4/18
Michelle Keller	4/19
Nate Schaub	4/24
Jackie Wold	4/26
Erin Goodnow	4/29

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Sue Hewitson

4/24

APRIL SERVICE SCHEDULE

ELDERS

Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm

1 Lee Cohrs, Josh Pemberton

8:00 am

4 Lee Cohrs

11 Andrew Petro, Michael Boomhower

18 Michael Boomhower, Harry Edmon

25 Harry Edmon, Lee Cohrs

10:45 am

4 David Miller

11 Neil Strege, Josh Pemberton

18 Josh Pemberton, David Miller

25 David Miller, Neil Strege

2:00 pm - Vulnerable Population Service

11 - Harry Edmon

USHERS

Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm

1 Curt Colbert Team

Good Friday - 7:00 pm

2 Terry King Team

8:00 am

4 Jim Mendes

11 Lee Cohrs

18 Terry King

25 Harry Edmon

10:45 am

Steve Miller

Dave Paeth

Curt Colbert

Dan Lassman

ALTAR GUILD

1 Joanne Estergreen, Stephanie Colbert, Cheryl Taylor, Jean Mindemann

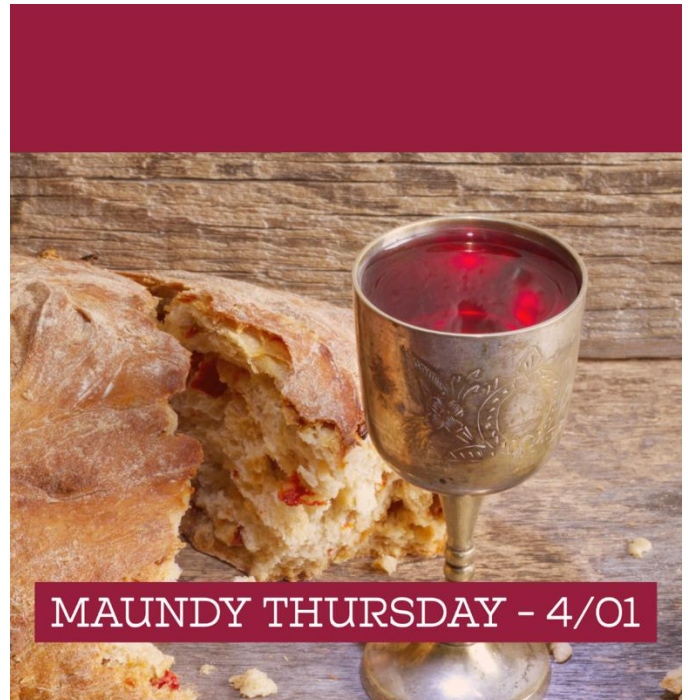
2 Cheryl Taylor

4 Jack & Donna Holdridge

11 Stephanie Colbert, Jean Mindemann

18 Joanne Estergreen, Jean Mindemann

25 Stephanie Colbert, Cheryl Taylor



MAUNDY THURSDAY - 4/01



GOOD FRIDAY - 4/02



HE IS RISEN - 4/04

April 2021

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 pm Service	2 GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 pm Tenebrae Service	3 10:00 am Bible Study
4 EASTER SUNDAY 8:00 am Divine Service 10:45 am Divine Service 1:00 pm Sunday School Zoom 4:00 pm Education Hour Zoom	5	6 10:00 am Bible Study	7	8	9	10 10:00 am Bible Study
11 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service 2:00 pm Vulnerable Population Service	12	13 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Council meeting	14 4:00 pm Confirmation I	15 4:00 pm Confirmation II	16	17 10:00 am Bible Study
18 HERE I STAND 8:00 am Divine Service 9:30 am Education Hour 10:45 am Divine Service	19 MESSENGER DEADLINE	20 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Exec board meeting	21 4:00 pm Confirmation I	22 4:00 pm Confirmation II	23	24 10:00 am Bible Study
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