

MESSIAH **LUTHERAN** **CHURCH**

March 6, 2022

11 AM Family Praise & Worship

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Welcome/Announcements

Worship Through Songs

Worship Through Confession & Giving

Text prayer requests to 815-369-0070

Children's Message

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Message

"Refined: Sabbath Refined"

By Pastor Kurt Hoover

(Copies of this sermon and others can be found in the narthex and online at mlcjoliet.org)

Worship Through Song

Prayers of Intercession

Communion

Worship Through the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

OUR OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 22:17-22

Reader: Doug Potts

¹⁷ Then the word of the LORD came to me: ¹⁸ "Son of man, the people of Israel have become dross to me; all of them are the copper, tin, iron and lead left inside a furnace. They are but the dross of silver. ¹⁹ Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: 'Because you have all become dross, I will gather you into Jerusalem. ²⁰ As silver, copper, iron, lead and tin are gathered into a furnace to be melted with a fiery blast, so will I gather you in my anger and my wrath and put you inside the city and melt you. ²¹ I will gather you and I will blow on you with my fiery wrath, and you will be melted inside her. ²² As silver is melted in a furnace, so you will be melted inside her, and you will know that I the LORD have poured out my wrath on you.'"

OUR EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 10:1-9

10 Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. ² For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. ³ Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. ⁴ Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

⁵ Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them."^[a] ⁶ But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'"^[b] (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'"^[c] (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,"^[d] that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

OUR GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:9-19

¹⁸ Then Jesus asked, "What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to?" ¹⁹ It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds perched in its branches." ²⁰ Again he asked, "What shall I compare the kingdom of God to?" ²¹ It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds^[a] of flour until it worked all through the dough." ²² Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. ²³ Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?" He said to them, ²⁴ "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. ²⁵ Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.'

"But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'" ²⁶ "Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.'" ²⁷ "But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!'" ²⁸ "There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. ²⁹ People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last." ³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLC NEWS

CONNECT WITH MESSIAH

We have a new way that you can connect with us! You can use this QR code to let us know you're new, tell us that you're interested in next steps at MLC, submit prayer requests, fill out a connection card, and give online. Scan it now to connect with MLC.



ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is an easy way to give to MLC, and there are three ways to do it:

- 1) Go to this link: churchcenter.com/giving
- 2) Download the Church Center app on your phone or tablet.
- 3) Text your dollar amount (with a dollar sign in front of it) to 84321.

OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours will temporarily be from 9am-3pm Mon-Fri. Saturdays and evenings by appointment.

YOUTH CHOIR

The Youth Choir will practice on Wednesday nights at 6:00 – 6:30 pm (right before AWANA and Head 2 Heart). Your child ages Kindergarten – 8th grade can worship the Lord through song with their friends. Our performances will usually happen once a month at the 9:30 and 11:00 Sunday services. Please email Sherri Unyi at unyi86@comcast.net to register your child.

STAFFING CHANGE

We celebrate with Christine Murray on her next chapter working for Lewis University. Christine came to Messiah in 2019 working part time as our Administrative Assistant. She also pioneered our first staff position in Children's Ministry Outreach. Christine's last day in the office will be Friday, March 18th. We will not be able to replace Christine right away. Please let us know if you are able to volunteer in the church office while we manage this transition.

GET INVOLVED

MESSIAH QUILTERS

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 15th, 2022 from 9 am – 12 pm. We have lots of quilts ready to be tied. No sewing or quilting experience is required. Please join us if you can. If you are unable to join us and would like to sew at home, we have kits ready for you to sew. Contact Kathy Mueller at scpbklane@aol.com for more information or any questions you may have.

MEAL TRAIN

We all know someone who may be overwhelmed during a difficult time. Perhaps an illness, surgery, loss of a family member or a job or the challenge of a new baby. Messiah is forming a Meal Train for anyone who would like to prepare and deliver a meal or need a meal. To sign up for the Meal Train team or request a Meal Train, please visit mlcjoliet.org/meal-train.

PART-TIME POSITION AT MESSIAH

Messiah Lutheran Church is looking to hire a paid, part-time office coordinator. The job would involve 15-25 hours per week. We are looking for a commitment starting ASAP and through July. The responsibilities would involve answering the phone, interacting with pastors and other office staff, data entry, and supporting the Public Relation Teams publicity. Please contact the church office at 815-741-4488 , or email the church at hoover119@gmail.com."

MLC MESSIAH KIDS

MESSIAH KIDS REMIND GROUP

What is Remind? A texting program where can keep you updating on what's going on. Parents of Sunday School aged children (Kindergarten through sixth grade), you can join the Messiah Kids Remind group by texting the code mlcmk to 81010.

MESSIAH KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Messiah Kids Sunday school continues today at 9:30 on the 2nd floor.

MESSIAH KIDS SUNDAY 11 AM

Messiah Kids happens during the 11 am service, right after the children's message. Just sign in at the kiosk in the narthex.

AWANA (Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm)

For Prek-6th grade, Awana is a great time of games and learning about the Bible. Don't miss out. Lets get back to the important things!

NERF & NACHOS (Saturday, March 19 from 1 to 3 pm)

Join us for Nerf Wars and Nachos in the FLC from 1pm-3pm! Bring your own Nerf Gun (with some exceptions). Sign up at bit.ly/NerfNNachos. If you want to help lead this event, please email Christine at office.Manager@mlcjoliet.org.

MLC STUDENT MINISTRY

HEAD2HEART (Wednesdays at 6:15 pm)

Middle school students confirmation class.

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL (Sundays at 9:30 am)

HSSS continues this week.

S.A.L.T. (Sundays at 4:30 pm)

High school students, come out for a time of fellowship, fun and talking about God.

HIGH ADVENTURE TRIP PARENTS INFO MEETING (Today)

After 11am service. 9th-12th grades. Come find out about this great summer trip for high school students!

MAFIA (March 11 from 7 pm-10 pm)

For 7th-12th grades. Bring \$5 for pizza. Invite your friends!

INDOOR CAMPING (March 11 after Mafia)

Bring clothes and a sleeping bag. Food and showers provided. For 7th-12th grade.

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL (Sundays at 9:30 am)

HSSS continues this week

CENTER LAKE BIBLE CAMP PARENT MEETING (March 20 after 11 am service)

If you have kids in 5th-9th grade, join us for a parent meeting about summer camp. The dates for camp this year are June 26th-July 1st CLBC in Tustin, MI. Parents, come and find out more about this exciting student event!

IGNITE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (April 8th & 9th)

Students, join us at Harvest New Beginnings in Oswego. For 7th-12th grades. Students need money for Chick-Fil-A after Saturday's session. Early bird price is \$40 before March 1st. After March 1st is \$50.

CENTER LAKE BIBLE CAMP (June 26th-July 1st)

For 5th-8th grade. This is where students go to learn about the Bible while experiencing God in nature. Be sure to come to the parent info meeting March 20th or sign up online at <https://www.centerlake.org/middleschoolcamps>.

HIGH ADVENTURE TRIP (July 17th-July 23rd)

For 9th-12th grade. This is a time for the High school to go to WV. to Alpine Ministries to experience God in nature and adventure. We will go white water rafting, repelling, and traverse a high ropes course. Need more info? Reach out to Brian at brian@mlcjoliet.org

EVENTS

PRAYER GROUP (Thursdays at 10 am)

In the Fireside Room. Email pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org for more information.

INSIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY (Sundays at 9:30 am)

Join us for a great time of fellowship and study of God's word in the fellowship hall. For the month of February: 6th Pastor Kurt Hoover, 13th Laurel Ling, 20th Tom Bond, 27th Doug Potts.

PRAY JOLIET (Today at 6 pm)

Pray Joliet just around the corner now. On Sunday, March 6 at 6pm we will be at Mosaic Community Church to pray for the needs of the Joliet area. Joliet Needs Jesus! Several churches are on board to join together in unity to pray for God's will in our individual and community lives.

FIRST COMMUNION (March 13 during 9:30 am Service)

All grades are welcome but please plan on attending if your student is in 4/5 grade or has not received instruction. At least one parent is to attend the class with the child, and the class will run for five weeks. On Maundy Thursday April 14, at 7pm, the class will receive their first communion. Please register at bit.ly/1stCommMLC if you plan to attend. Contact Dave Stier for questions at pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org

WEDNESDAY HAPPENINGS

We are having soup suppers on Wednesday nights during Lent. If you would like to bring a soup, please contact the church at 815-741-4488.



Joy through Pain

Wednesday Lent Series

Lenten Soups- 5:30pm-6:30pm

Worship Service- 7:00pm

March 2-April 6, 2022

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY (March 6)

8:00 am Worship
9:30 am Worship/Online Worship
9:30 Insight Life Group
9:30 Mosaic Life Group
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 am HS Sunday School
11 am Worship
11 am Messiah Kids
4:30 pm S.A.L.T.

MONDAY (March 7)

9 am CCHC Homeschool

TUESDAY (March 8)

N/A

WEDNESDAY (March 9)

9 am Classical Conversations Homeschool
5:30 pm Dinner
6 pm Children's Choir
6:15 pm Head2Heart
6:30 pm Awana
7:00 Lenten Service

THURSDAY (March 10)

10 am Prayer Group
11:30 am Staff Meeting

FRIDAY (March 11)

7 pm Mafia
10 pm Indoor Campout

SATURDAY (March 12)

9 am Worship Team Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY (March 13)

8:00 Worship
9:30 am Worship/Online Worship
9:30 Insight Life Group
9:30 Mosaic Life Group
9:30 Sunday School
9:30 am HS Sunday School
11 am Worship
11 am Messiah Kids
4:30 pm S.A.L.T.

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

8:00 am: 54
9:30 am: 74
11:00 am: 75

Online: 115

MSM: 5

Messiah Kids SS: 49

Insight/Mosaic: 18

SALT: 3

Awana Clubbers: 27

Awana Volunteers: 13

All online counts are estimates only.

2022 BUDGET

Yearly Operating Budget: : \$622,145

Average Need Each Week: \$11,964

Received last week: \$10,360

Received year-to-date: \$92,309

Needed year-to-date: \$107,678

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

Hebrews 13:6

"So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to purchase altar flowers, call the office at 815-741-4488. We will not be posting it on the wall anymore. We are just a phone call away!