

MESSIAH
LUTHERAN
CHURCH ♡

Family Praise and Worship
February 9, 2025
11:00 am

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

*Do not judge,
or you too
will be judged.*

Matthew 7:1



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WORSHIP TODAY

Call To Worship

Opening Prayer

Welcome

Worship Through Song

Worship Through Giving

Children's Message

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Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Message

"6 Habits of Highly Effective Christians:

Do Not Judge Others"

by Pastor David Nygard

Worship Through Song

Prayers of Intercession

Prayer of Confession & Forgiveness

Worship Through the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Closing Song

OUR FIRST GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 7:1-5 (NIV)

Reader: Tom Bond

¹ "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

³ "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴ How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

OUR SECOND GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:36-38 (NIV)

³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Join me in confessing our sins and our need for God's forgiveness.

All: Dear Lord, I confess that I sin every day in my thoughts, words and actions. Please forgive my stubbornness, selfishness and attitudes. I pray for the gift of Your amazing grace.

Pastor: It is by God's grace that I declare to you that Jesus died to bring us forgiveness. In Jesus' name and by His mercy, your sins are forgiven and washed away. Thanks, and praise to God.

All: 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; and 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.



Celebration Sunday at Messiah

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13

We'll celebrate with a combined worship service
at 10 am in the Family Life Center
and our annual Youth Parade.

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Mark your calendar!
Invite family, friends and neighbors!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONNECT WITH MESSIAH

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 Connect Card, and give online. Scan it now to connect with MLC:



OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open Monday-Friday from 9 am-3 pm, or by appointment. Holiday weeks may vary.

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.

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Items for the bulletin are due by the end of the day each Tuesday, and newsletter material is due the 20th of each month.

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

ADULT "INSIGHT" BIBLE STUDY

We meet in Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings at 9:30. Our newest series, which will continue into spring, is being led by Kenyon Gjerde and Tom Bond. We'll focus on Ezekiel through the month of February. Come join us and participate in the discussion!

ALTAR FLOWERS - SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX

Our Altar flowers sign up chart is on the Connect Wall in the Narthex. If you'd like to help beautify our Sanctuary and sponsor Altar flowers in honor of a special occasion or to memorialize someone important in your life, please sign up! Arrangements are \$25 each and may be taken home with you after the 11:00 service.

DAYBREAK SHELTER

Volunteers are needed to serve dinner to needy people at Daybreak Homeless Shelter in Joliet. The commitment is from 5:30-7:00 pm on the second Monday of each month. Food donations are also needed. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Messiah members will be serving at Daybreak on Monday, February 10th.

FAITH & BODY THURSDAYS

Tie up your shoes and meet in the Family Life Center for Faith & Body! We meet every Thursday morning from 9-10. It's exciting to think how many miles we will walk this year while simultaneously strengthening our faith! Please register here:

<https://messiahlutheranchurch.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2426227>

MEMORY BEARS

Messiah's Memory Bears Group meets here at the church from 9 am-noon once a month (sometimes twice!). We would love to have you join us! We have jobs that do not require sewing! Our next meeting is on **February 25th**. Text Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 or email to regency118@comcast.net for more info.

MEN'S MINISTRY (3M)

Men, mark your calendars... We meet again on Tuesday, **February 11th** in the book of Exodus. Email Mike Brown at gonzopal2017@cheerful.com for more info.

MOMCo (Formerly MOPS)

Attention moms of little ones! MOMCo meets on Friday mornings, twice a month from 9:15-11:15. Our next meetup is on **February 21st**.

OWLS (OLDER WISER LOVING SENIORS)

Join us the second Tuesday of every month (September-May) at noon. We ask that everyone **SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX** to bring an appetizer, snack, salad, or dessert (light finger-foods). Our next luncheon will be on **February 11th**. In February, we welcome the return of the UKELELE STRUMMERS!

PRAYER CHAIN

Messiah uses an email-based (not in-person) Prayer Chain made up of people willing to pray for our members, community, and nation in times of crisis. Prayers are shared amongst the group via email and are confidential and anonymous as much as possible. Text Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 or email to regency118@comcast.net for more info.

PRAYER TEAM

Our in-person Prayer Team meets weekly in the Fireside Room for approximately one hour to pray together over our prayer request list. For more info, text Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 or by email to regency118@comcast.net or Beth Hohisel at bhohisel@hotmail.com.

QUILTERS

Quilters will meet again on **February 18th**! We meet from 9 am-2 pm in Fellowship Hall. We have a lot of quilts ready to complete and, if you can tie a knot, you can help us out! We even have jobs you can do sitting down. Think about stopping in to see what we do. If you are unable to join us and would like to sew at home, we have kits available and can show you how easy it is to put a quilt top together. Contact Kathy Mueller (815) 953-6601 at scpbklane@aol.com for more information or any questions you may have. Hope to see you on **February 18th**!

STAY-N-PLAY

Stay-N-Play, our **FREE weekly play group** for kids five and under along with their parent/guardian, meets every Tuesday morning in the FLC from 9:30-11!

STROLLER FIT MOM'S CLUB

Attention moms with stroller-aged children! Bring your littles with you in the stroller for an opportunity to socialize & GET EXERCISE with other like-minded moms! We generally meet every-other Friday morning at the church from 9:30-10:30. We will walk outdoors, weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, we'll meet in the Family Life Center. We meet once in February, on the 28th. Please reach out to Season Lawler for more info.

WEDNESDAY FAMILY DINNERS

Our Wednesday dinners are in need of hosts! **If you would like to host** a future Wednesday Night Dinner, please reach out to Terry Anzalone or Pastor Kurt.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Our next **Bunco** night will be on **March 7th**. For more info or to RSVP, please reach out to Beth at bhohisel@hotmail.com.

Women's Bible Study meets in Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Fireside Room.

ASPIRE 2025

Attention Messiah women! You're invited! One night, three hours - Just for women! an evening full of laughter, learning, stories and music! Saturday, **April 5th** from 6-9 pm at Springbrook Community Church in Huntley. We will coordinate carpooling from Messiah and are planning dinner together at Panera Bread in Huntley at 5 pm. Your payment of \$25 can be made online or dropped off at the church office, "Women's Aspire Event" in the memo line.

Register here **by March 5:**



MESSIAH KIDS (pre-K to 5th grades)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

February rehearsal is on the 9th, and we'll perform on **February 16th** at the 9:30 service.



DADDY DAUGHTER SWEETHEARTS DANCE

Join us Friday, **February 28th** from 6:30-8:30 in the FLC! There will be dancing, photography, snacks & refreshments. Semi-formal attire requested. **FREE EVENT!**

J-CHURCH

Our newest ministry for Messiah youth of all ages (kids, tweens & teens)! J-Church is the **third Sunday of every month** at 11:00 in the FLC.

MESSIAH KIDS WEDNESDAYS (MKW)

Kids in K-5th grades are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Contact Beth Hohisel bhohisel@hotmail.com or (815) 735-7897 for more info. See you there!

MILE MARKER WORKSHOPS for parents and kids

Second grade: "My New Bible"

Sessions: February 16th & 23rd (Sunday School)

Presentation: March 2nd (9:30 service)

To register, follow this link:



Fourth grade: "First Communion"

Sessions: March 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th & 13th (Sunday School)

Breaking Bread: Messiah kitchen, April 13th at 9 am

First Communion: Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Make sure to bring your children to Sunday school, upstairs in our youth classrooms, on Sunday mornings at 9:30.

For more info on ministries for kids pre-K through 5th grade, email Leslie McFarland, Children's Min. Director, at childrensmin@mlcjoliet.org or Kimber Drummond, Christian Ed. Director, at christianed@mlcjoliet.org.

MESSIAH STUDENT MINISTRIES (6th to 12th grades)

BIBLE STUDY

6th-8th graders are invited to the Youth Room on Sunday mornings at 9:30. Our high schoolers meet in Classroom #101 off of Fellowship Hall.

DODGEBALL!

Join us for an evening of fun and dodgeball on Saturday, **March 15th** from 6-9 pm.

HEAD2HEART

H2H (otherwise known as Confirmation) meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. All 6th-8th graders are welcome!

YOUTH MINISTRY: F.A.M.

Students in high school & beyond are invited to be a part of our Wednesday evening student ministry program - Friends and Mentors = **F.A.M.** Students. We meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-8 pm.

For more info on ministries for students 6th through 12th grade, email Kersten Stier, Youth Director, at stumin@mlcjoliet.org.

COFFEE SHOP!

Messiah Student Ministries Coffee Shop fundraiser returns on Sundays, **February 23rd and March 30th**

Back by popular demand, our baristas will be whipping up your favorite flavored coffee drinks on 02/23 and 03/30! Please come see us at the church kitchen counter from 8 -11 am & get your customized hot or cold drinks!



ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor Altar flowers, please sign up in the Narthex or call the office at 815-741-4488. Arrangements are \$25 each.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

SUNDAY (February 9)

8 am Worship
9:30 am Worship (+online),
Sunday School & Bible Study for All Ages
11 am Family Praise & Worship
1:00 pm Cristo Rey

MONDAY (February 10)

7:30-2 Homeschool Group (full campus)

TUESDAY (February 11)

9:30 am Stay-N-Play
12 pm OWLS
6:30 pm 3M

WEDNESDAY (February 12)

6:30 pm FAM, H2H, MKW,
Women's Bible Study

THURSDAY (February 13)

9 am Faith & Body
10:15 Prayer Team
11:30 am Staff Meeting
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY (February 14)

n/a

SATURDAY (February 15)

9 am Worship Team Rehearsal

SUNDAY (February 16)

8 am Worship
9:30 am Worship (+online),
Sunday School & Bible Study for All Ages
11 am Family Praise & Worship,
J-Church
1 pm Cristo Rey

ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

8:00 am: 57
9:30 am: 82
11:00 am: 43
Online: 32

MSM (6th-12th): 8

Messiah Kids (K-5th): 7

Insight: 14

2025 GIVING

Operating Budget: \$680,068

YTD Operating Budget: \$65,391

YTD Giving Received: \$70,005

Average Weekly Need: \$13,078

Received Last Week: \$10,433

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

Psalm 28:7

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.