

**Welcome To Messiah Lutheran's
Family Praise And Worship Service**

January 4, 2009

11:00 A.M. *(Child care provided)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Team

(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship)

OPENING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

(Please sign the information card and place in the offering plate.)

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH SONG

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your pow'r and love; As we sing holy, holy, holy.

(Chorus)

Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You. *(Repeat All)*

(Parts to be sung at the same time)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. **(Ladies)**

Open the eyes of my heart. **(Ladies)**

I want to see You, **(Ladies)**

I want to see you **(Ladies)**

Holy, Holy, Holy, **(Guys)**

Holy, Holy, Holy, **(Guys)**

Holy, Holy, Holy, **(Guys)**

I want to see You. **(Guys)**

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Indescribable

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea.
Creation's revealing Your majesty. From the colors of fall
To the fragrance of spring. Every creature unique in the song that it sings.
All exclaiming.

Indescribable, uncontainable, You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name. You are amazing God.
All powerful, untamable, awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim. You are amazing God.

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go?
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow.
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light?
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night.
None can fathom.

Indescribable, uncontainable, You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name. You are amazing God.
Incomparable, unchangeable. You see the depths of my heart,
And you love me the same. You are amazing God. *(Repeat)*

You are amazing God.

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Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord. We will wait upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord. *(Repeat)*

Our God, You reign forever. Our hope, our Strong Deliverer.
You are the everlasting God. The everlasting God. You do not faint,
You won't grow weary.

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord. We will wait upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord. *(Repeat)*

Our God, You reign forever. Our hope, our Strong Deliverer.

You are the everlasting God. The everlasting God. You do not faint,
You won't grow weary.

You're the defender of the weak. You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

You are the everlasting God. The everlasting God. You do not faint,
You won't grow weary.

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord. We will wait upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord.

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WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING GOD'S WORD

Ephesians 1:3-14, pew Bible p. 827

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things upon the earth. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of Your salvation - having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, Who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

John 1:1-4, 10-18; pew Bible p. 750

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him; and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. ...He was in the world and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become the children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness of Him, and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'" For of His fullness we have received, and grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time; the Only Begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.

WORSHIP THROUGH THE HEARTS OF OUR CHILDREN

We invite our children to come forward for a message prepared just for them by Dave Stier.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Our visitors today are not expected to take part in presenting an offering unless it is their desire. We appreciate your participation in worshipping God with us very much. The financial support of our ministries and mission is the responsibility of our members.

MESSAGE

***"THE LIGHT OF THE WORD MADE FLESH -
WITH US IN THE NEW YEAR"***

Pastor Daniel Metzger

(Copies of this sermon and others can be found on our sermon table in the church entryway.)

WORSHIP THROUGH SONG

Grace Like Rain

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found was blind, but now I see, so clearly.

(Chorus) Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away, they're washed away.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. *(Repeat Chorus)*

When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing Your praise than when we first begun.

Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away. *(Repeat)*

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away. They're washed away.

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WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSON

PASTOR: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

ALL: Gracious God, have mercy on me. I confess that I have turned from you and given myself into the power of sin. I am truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive me my sins, known and unknown, things I have done and things I have failed to do. Turn me again to you, and uphold me by your Spirit, so that I may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord. Amen.

PASTOR: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you are saved. By the blood of Jesus Christ, and your faith in Him, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. (taken from Service of the Word p. 211-212 ELCA)

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We invite you to pray quietly in your heart as our pastor brings the names and needs of our community before the Lord in prayer.

WORSHIP THROUGH COMMUNION

What we believe concerning the Lord's Supper

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Benediction

Trading My Sorrows

(Chorus) I'm trading my sorrows. I'm trading my shame.
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.
I'm trading my sickness. I'm trading my pain.
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, Yes, yes, Lord. Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord.
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, Yes, yes, Lord, amen.

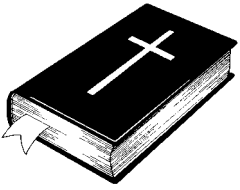
I am pressed but not crushed, persecuted, not abandoned,
Struck down but not destroyed. I am blessed beyond the curse
For His promise will endure, that His joy's gonna be my strength.
Though the sorrow may last for the night, His joy comes with the morning.

I'm trading my sorrows. I'm trading my shame.
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.
I'm trading my sickness. I'm trading my pain.
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, Yes, yes, Lord. Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord.
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, Yes, yes, Lord, amen. *(Repeat)*

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**God Will Never Lead You To A Place
Where His Grace Cannot Keep You!**



Today's Personal Sermon Notes