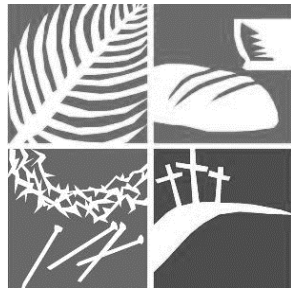


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Our Lenten Series:

HOW GOD FIXED WHAT WE BROKE

WEDNESDAYS February 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 9

GOOD FRIDAY - April 10

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY - April 5

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: EASTER SUNDAY - April 12

Welcome Guests!

If you are a visitor to Messiah Lutheran Church, please leave a record of your visit using this short form, below.

[Guest Form](#)

We hope you will visit us in person when we resume worshipping together.

Members – [Reserve and dedicate your Easter Lilies](#) by March 30<sup>th</sup>.

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE

“HOW GOD FIXED WHAT BE BROKE”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INVOCATION

HYMN: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” vs 1,2,4,6

The King of Love My Shepherd Is 456

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, Whose good-ness  
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, My ran-somed  
3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With thee, dear

fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if  
soul he lead-eth And, where the ver-dant  
love he sought me, And on his shoul-der  
Lord, be-side me, Thy rod and staff my

I am his And he is mine for-ev-er.  
pas-tures grow, With food ce-les-tial feed-eth.  
gent-ly laid, And home, re-joic-ing, brought me.  
com-fort still; Thy cross be-fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
From thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
Thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
Within thy house forever.

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FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-14a, 16

7 Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, 2 the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” 3 Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.” 4 But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: 5 Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? 6 I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. 7 Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” 8 Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; 9 and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. 10 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, 11 from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. 12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. 16 Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

THE PSALM: Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;  
3 though its waters roar and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.  
4 The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

6 God is in the midst of her, she shall not be overthrown;  
God shall help her at the break of day.

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8 The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,  
what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 It is he who makes wars to cease in all the world;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire!

11 “Be still, then, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.”

12 The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-30

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; 20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; 23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. 30

And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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**1** An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

**17** So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

**18** Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. **19** Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. **20** But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

**21** She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." **22** All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

**23** "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

**SPECIAL MUSIC: *He Was a Rock Star***

Randall Fields

He was a Rock Star! It showed from the start.  
Yeah! He was a Rock Star! This king stole the Lord's heart.  
One glimpse old Samuel knew, this child was the king who ....

With just a rock and a sling, a boy facing a giant of a man.  
But one fling from his sling in a flash, down came Goliath with a crash.  
His legend grew with him. He's the apple of God's eye.  
His psalms, they melted hard hearts. Grown men broke down and cried. *Refrain.*

A star drew three wise men. They sought the king the prophets had foretold.  
They brought gifts for the king, myrrh and gold.  
Down came our Lord God in the flesh.  
He grew up strong and wise. He was the promised Savior.  
He came to open our eyes. Christ the King, David's star. *Refrain.*

The Rock of ages cleft for me. On Christ the solid Rock now I will stand.  
Other ground is just sinking sand. God keeps His promises, this I know.  
The Bible tells me so. He's my beacon, God's true light.  
My star, He shines through dark nights. David's Son is my Lord.

Jesus the Rock Star! He showed the Lord's heart.  
Yeah! Jesus the Rock Star! There with God from the start.  
Now we know this Rock Star, this man was the Lord Jesus Christ!

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HYMN: "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" vs 1,3,5

**34** Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

5 Oh, come, O Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery. *Refrain*

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OFFERING

TEMPLE TALK: Christ Kiswahili Mission – Nashville, TN  
*From: Pastor Esther Ngomuo*

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.**

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

**Thank you watching this evening's service. Worshiping together is a blessing, even if we cannot be together.**

If you are visitor, please let us know you worshiped with us by filling out this short [online guest form](#).

**Special thanks to Leslie Leeper, Lector and Sarah McCutcheon, & Randall Fields for their singing.**

The song "He Was a Rock Star" is from the upcoming 2020 Music Camp musical "The Forever Adventure". The musical is written by Pastor Scott Peterson and Lois Graff. Music at Lyrics by Lois Graff, Director of Worship and Music at Messiah Lutheran Church, Madison, AL.

For more information about this year's Music Camp please visit [www.musiccamp.mlutheran.org](http://www.musiccamp.mlutheran.org)

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