

MESSIAH
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MADISON, ALABAMA
God's People. Reaching Out

January 8, 2023

Baptism of Our Lord



Good Morning and Welcome!

Guests, we are glad you are here.

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Messiah Lutheran Church

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SERVICE of WORSHIP

LBW Setting #2

** Please stand as you are able*

THE PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

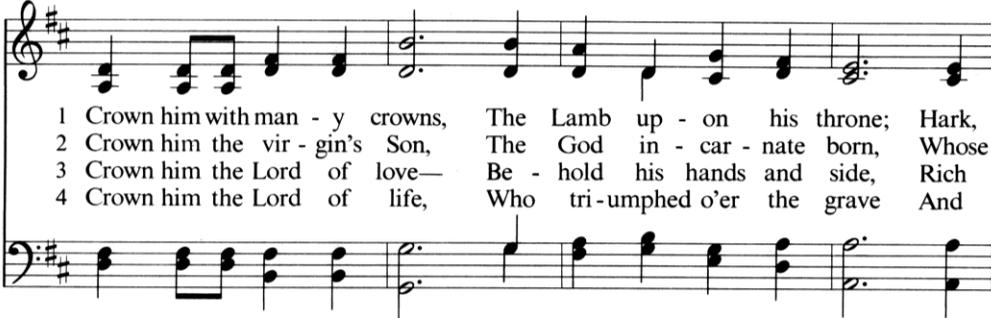
(silence for reflection and self examination)

Most merciful God,

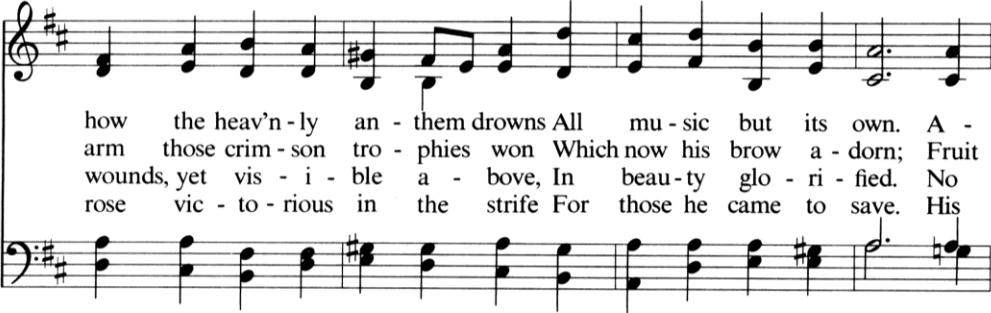
We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

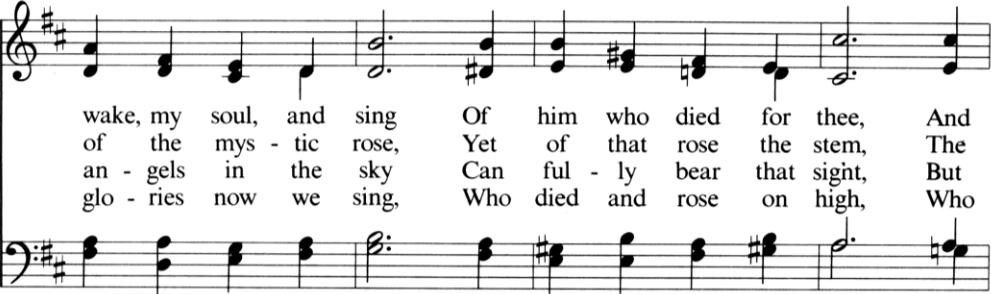
Amen



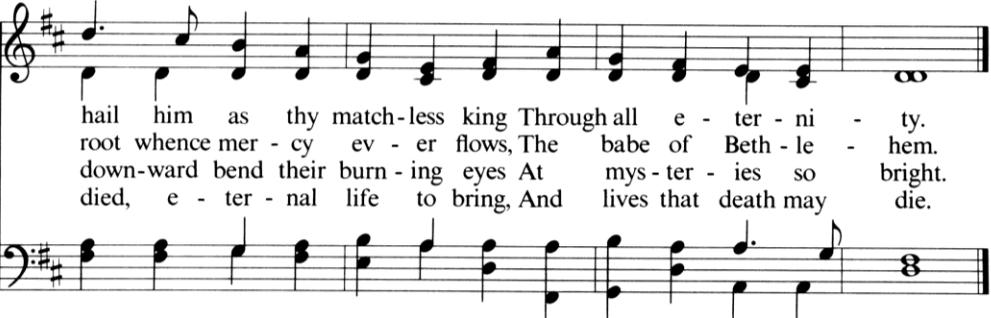
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his throne; Hark,
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born, Whose
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— Be - hold his hands and side, Rich
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave And



how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own. A -
 arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now his brow a - dorn; Fruit
 wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No
 rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those he came to save. His



wake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee, And
 of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
 an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
 glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
 down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, And lives that death may die.

*THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

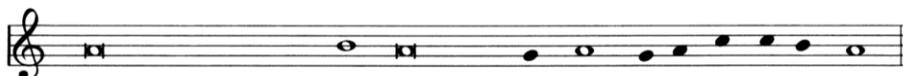
*THE KYRIE



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



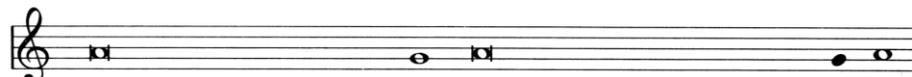
G Lord, have mer - cy.



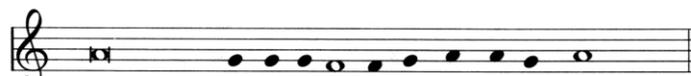
A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



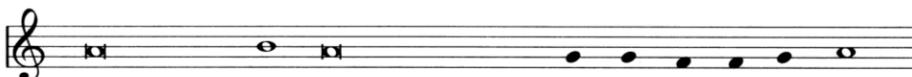
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



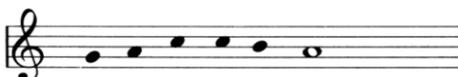
and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



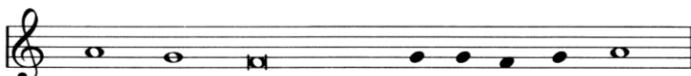
A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



G A - men

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

NOTABELLA HANDBELLS: *It Is Well With My Soul*

Stephanie Gillespie(Flute)

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Lisa Bartel

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

1 On Jor - dan's banks the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, And make us

that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
 way for God with - in, And let us all our
 and our great re - ward; With - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; Oh, let your face up -

for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine And fill the world with love di - vine.

5 All praise to you, eternal Son,
 Whose advent has our freedom won,
 Whom with the Father we adore,
 And Holy Spirit, evermore.

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

*THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

THE OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM: *The Wings of an Eagle*

by Lois Graff

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING and THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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 AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

*THE DISTRIBUTION

F Gm/F F Dm F B^b F

1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
 2 We who bring them long for nur - ture; by your milk may we be fed.
 3 Oh, how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - im - ag - ined, all your ways!

F Gm/F F Dm F B^b F

Num - ber them a - mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a - go.
 Let us join your feast, par - tak-ing cup of bless - ing, liv - ing bread.
 To your name be glo - ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!

F C Dm Am F B^b

Weave them gar - ments bright and spark - ling; com- pass them with love and light.
 God, re - new us, guide our foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares,
 We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter-washed and Spir - it - born.

C Dm B^b F Gm⁷ Am Gm⁷ F

Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
 one with Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
 By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

HYMN: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

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1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con - fess - ing, The
 2 With praise and thanks-giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing, The

peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take leave.
 tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed The
 Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing, Em -

fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve. The
 brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and race. With

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - 'ry - one what
he has done. Let ev - 'ry - one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear his name. He re - calls his prom - is -
es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

PROCLAMATION & CONGREGATIONAL GIFT

GODSPEED - Lois Graff

CHOIR: *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

by Peter Christian Lutkin

*THE BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE

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WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Please refer to the Prayers of the Church.

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Paul Quade in loving memory of his wife, Linda; and by Messiah Lutheran Church in honor of Lois Graff. We wish to thank her for decades of care and service to our congregation.

THANK YOU to Pastor Keith Cook for preaching and leading worship today and Bonnie Mueller for accompanying.

A NURSERY, staffed by Katrina Strand, is through the double doors in the narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms.

ALL ARE INVITED to enjoy coffee, tea, and fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

LOIS GRAFF THANK YOU RECEPTION is being held today in the Parish Hall at 9:45 a.m. Lois accompanied MLC's first service of worship on April 23, 1989 and concluded her years at MLC on Dec. 25. You may leave cards and gifts in the basket. Thank you Lois for your service.

TOWN HALL MEETING will be held between services next week at 9:45 a.m., and again on February 5th to discuss the Parsonage.

WATCH PARTY for the Bishop's Commemorative Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship Service will be Sunday January 15, at 3 p.m. in Room 12. All members and friends are invited.

MLK JR. DAY OF SERVICE There will be a congregational **Weekend Food Program bag-packing** event on Sunday, January 15th after late service in the Fellowship Hall. Also, **please bring your plastic caps to church next Sunday**. Caps can be any size or color but must be the twist on type. These will be taken to the world's largest plastic recycling plant in Troy, Alabama, where they are repurposed into paint containers.

THROUGH THIS TRANSITION Pulpit Supply has been secured through the end of February. Worship & Music Rep Laura Peterson and Randall Fields are coordinating this effort. Until our next pastor arrives, Pastor Diana Bottin will provide pastoral care for urgent matters that may arise. Please contact Claire or the Church Office if you need Pastoral Care.

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - 4 oz. Dark Towels **FOOD PANTRY** - Pasta & Sauce

COORDINATORS ARE NEEDED for Coffee Makers & Wednesday Night Dinners in 2023.

<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Acolytes</u>	Natalie Zesinger (8:30)
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		(11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Greeters</u>	Pitchko Family (8:30)
	Meredith Kilby		Bartel Family (11:00)
<u>Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields	<u>Ushers</u>	Mark Thompson, Owen Wasmoen (8:30)
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Katrina Strand		Bruce Machamer, Bruce Peter (11:00)
<u>Accompanist</u>	Bonnie Mueller	<u>Lectors</u>	Bonnie Flowers (8:30)
			Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	Janet Smith, Janell Zesinger (8:30)
			Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
		<u>Stream Team</u>	Meredith Kilby, Paul Zutter (11:00)
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Janice Aldaco, Jan Murphy

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, January 8

- 9:45 a.m. - Appreciation & Farewell Reception for Lois Graff
- 10:15 a.m. - Sunday School for ages (abbreviated due to reception)
- 4:00 p.m. - 1st Year Confirmation
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr. & Sr. Youth

Tuesday, January 10

- 9:00 a.m. - Comforters

Wednesday, January 11

- 5:00 p.m. - 2nd Year Confirmation Class
- 5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir
- 6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir
- 6:30 p.m. - Notabella
- 7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir

Thursday, January 12

- 9:00 a.m. - Bridge Club
- 7:00 p.m. - Church Council
- 7:00 p.m. - Kit Ministries

Sunday, January 15

- 8:30 a.m. - Service of Worship: *LBW Setting 1* w/the Lord's Supper
 - 9:45 a.m. - Town Hall Meeting Parsonage Discussions
 - 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Kit Ministry Packing
 - 11:00 a.m. - *Service of Worship: *Contemporary Service* w/the Lord's Supper
 - 12:00 p.m. - Weekend Food Program Bag-Packing
 - 3:00 p.m. - Bishop's Commemorative MLK Jr. Worship Service Watch Party
- *These services are live streamed on mlutheran.org*

LOOKING AHEAD

January 16 - Martin Luther King Day - Church Office Closed

Feb 5, 2023 - Town Hall Meeting / Parsonage Discussions

February 12, 2023 - Special Congregation Meeting (Parsonage)

Attendance:

December 25 Online: - 154

January 1: 8:30 a.m. - 31, 11:00 a.m. - 29

Offerings Counted January 1, 2023 (Includes E-Giving for Dec)

Church Ministries	Advent
Current Mortgages	ELCA Good Gifts
Sanctuary Debt	Madison Area Interfaith Mission Svc.
Initial Offering	Outreach
Flowers	Senior Youth
Lutheran World Relief	Inspiritus
On Eagle's Wings	German Food Festival
Comforters	ENABLE Ramp Builders
Weekend Food Program	Property
Christ Kiswahili Mission - Nashville	Facility Usage
Kids to Love - Davison Farms	Lunches for Learning
Owen's House	Messiah Mugs
Kit Ministries	

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