

Fifth Sunday in Lent: A Service of Holy Communion

Leader's Guide

At 10:00am we'll go live on Facebook. Pastor Dustin will be inside the sanctuary. Rich will be doing the amazing magic behind the screen and camera.

At 10:20am Pastor Dustin will be with the opening welcome.

And here's who's doing what:

Pastor Dustin

Video

GATHERING

*Weekly Announcements	(begin at 10:05 a)
*Prelude	(begins at 10:15a)
Welcome	Pastor Dustin (begins at 10:20a)

Messiah Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and welcomes all people into full participation in the body of Christ without regard to race, nationality, ethnicity, ability, marital status, gender identity or sexual orientation.

Kyrie Eleison

VIDEO

P. Holy and merciful God,
we come to you confessing we have sinned in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone....

A.

Greek Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
English Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

P. We have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, and strength.
 We have not expressed the mind of Christ.
 We have not stayed in step with the Spirit....

**A. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
 Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

P. Our lives are distorted and the lives of others diminished by our self-indulgence and sloth, pride and privilege, fearfulness and faithlessness, avoidance of our kin, apathy towards other species, degradation of your creation, and disregard for future generations....

**A. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
 Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

P. O God our Savior, amidst our being overwhelmed by our individual and collective transgressions, by the harm that we have caused our neighbors near and far, by the persistence of evil in our lives and in the world, we seek your mercy, illumination, and might....

**A. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
 Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

P. Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord, guide us by your Word, and strengthen us in your Spirit, so that we may increasingly discern and do the fast acceptable to you and so embody your love for the world.
 Amen.

Gathering Hymn – *Come Holy Ghost*

VIDEO

Welcome

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

A. And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P. O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A. Amen.

P. We shall continue with our first reading.

WORD

First Reading – Jeremiah 31:31-34

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The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Musical Meditation

VIDEO music with overlay video

Gospel Reading - John 12:20-33

Rev. Dustin Wright

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Sermon

Rev. Dustin Wright

Hymn of the Day – *Shout To The Lord*

VIDEO

Prayers of Intercession

P. We ask that you lift up your prayers in the comments section of Facebook Live (or in your hearts) at this time.

P. Hear us, O God

A. Your mercy is great.

Intro to Response to God’s Call: Lord You Are My Strength

P. In this Lenten Season, we are reminded of the brokenness of this world and our need for God. But we are also reminded that we are called by God to enter into this world and to respond to the brokenness. We call for God to strengthen us in our response.

Response to God’s Call: Lord You Are My Strength

VIDEO

Peace

P. And may the peace of Christ be with you always.

A. And also with you.

P. Let us share a sign of God’s peace with one another.

MEAL

Contact Us and Offering***

TWO SLIDES

P. We know that some are joining us here at Messiah for the first time. If you’d like to learn more about our ministries and activities, or for any one with questions about Messiah, please contact us by email or by phone. At this time, if you’d like to make an online gift using tithe.ly or via mail to Messiah, feel free to do so.

Offering interlude music and slide

VIDEO

Offering Prayer

P. Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

VIDEO

Lord's Prayer

VIDEO

Eucharistic Prayer

VIDEO

P. On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Invitation to Communion

VIDEO

P. Even when we cannot be physically together, we are one in Christ Jesus united around a common table. Indeed, at this table, Jesus gathers us all together: the humble and the proud, the joyful and the grieving, the pious and the profane, those of strong faith and those who only long for faith, to everyone, without exception. Come siblings in faith, and join in Spirit filled community!

Distribution of the Sacrament

VIDEO

At this time, all may share Holy Communion amongst their families.

Post Communion Blessing

VIDEO

P. The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious blood strengthen you, and keep you in God's Grace. Amen.

A. Amen.

Prayer After Communion

P. God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

P. You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you
✠ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

Sending Hymn – *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

VIDEO

Benediction

P. Go in peace. Share the good news.

A. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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