

**Our Vision:** To forever change lives through the Gospel of Jesus by becoming an equipping, empowering, and mobilizing church in our community that displays the love of Christ and connects with people of all walks of life through worship, communion, service, fellowship, and compassion, led by the Holy Spirit and focused on the Great Commission (Mt 28.18-20).



As long  
as I am  
in the  
WORLD,  
I am the  
LIGHT  
of the  
WORLD.

*John 9:5*

Welcome to Messiah's Praise Service! This service is intended to be laid back, less formal, and down to earth. So, come as you are. Praise takes shape in many forms...lifting your hands, singing along, dancing, saying amen out loud, smiling, and cheering others. We hope you are comfortable to Praise God as the Spirit moves you. We are also hopeful that the Spirit will move you to respond outside your comfort zone! Thank you for joining us!

The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 19, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Our Mission: To help people grow a faith in Jesus Christ that works in real life.*

## SONG

*Love Will Never Fail (1 Corinthians 13)*

[Chorus]

Love will never, never fail  
Love will never, never fail  
Love will never, never fail  
Love will never fail

[Verse 1]

Love is patient, love is kind  
It has no arrogance or pride  
It seeks the good of others first  
It keeps no record of wrong or hurt  
It finds no joy in wickedness  
But rejoices in the truth  
Through it all, it will endure  
Love will never fail

[Chorus]

Love will never, never fail  
Love will never, never fail  
Love will never, never fail  
Love will never fail

[Verse 2]

Though all prophecy will cease  
Though all knowledge, it will fade  
Oh, an end will come to speech  
Even death will pass away  
We will see You face to face  
And Your mercy will prevail  
Faith and hope they will remain,  
Love will never fail

[Chorus]

Love will never, never fail  
Love will never, never fail  
Love will never, never fail  
Love will never fail

SONG

*Come and Rest*

CHORUS:

Come and rest  
Come and rest  
Come and rest  
In the love of God

Verse 1

Have you been trying to move a mountain  
And the mountain it will not move  
Have you been struggling  
To remember somebody is looking out for you

CHORUS:

Come and rest  
Come and rest  
Come and rest  
In the love of God

Verse 2

Do you need a mother  
Do you need a father  
Oh everybody needs a friend  
And are you looking for the way home  
Do you wanna feel that peace again

CHORUS:

Come and rest  
Come and rest  
Come and rest  
In the love of God

Bridge:

There's a time for all your working  
There's a time to put your hand to the plow  
Can you hear it?  
Jesus is singing  
Come and lay your burdens down  
Come and lay your burdens down  
Come and lay your burdens down

## CHORUS:

Come and rest  
Come and rest  
Come and rest  
In the love of God

Dwan Hill Jessica Ray Langdon, Natalie Taylor Leonhardt

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYER

## SONG

*Path of Sorrow*

Along this path of sorrow  
Along this winding road  
I find myself traveling  
Where sorrow is unknown  
Chaos calls to chaos  
Below the waterfalls  
All Your waves crash o'er me  
I'm crushed beneath it all

I know, I know  
You remain the same  
Even in, even in  
My wandering

Sometimes I often wonder  
If You have let me down  
Why does it seem I walk alone  
Where trouble finds me out  
But sorrow as my company  
I fix my eyes on You  
Soon again I'll praise Your name  
And feel my soul renewed

I know, I know  
You remain the same  
Even in, even in  
My wandering

A traveler never reaches  
 That sacred place alone  
 A light to always guide you  
 Along the narrow road  
 So steadily I keep my stride  
 Through every briar and thorn  
 Although my flesh will falter  
 My hope is in the Lord

I know, I know  
 You remain the same  
 Even in, even in  
 My wandering

Songwriters: Leslie Anne Jordan / David Alan Leonard  
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BAPTISM

August Matthew Schroeder

KIDS' TALK

GOSPEL

JOHN 9:1-41

**P** The gospel according to John, the ninth chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and

now I see.” <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup>His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup>He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup>They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup>He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup>The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup>They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup>He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” <sup>38</sup>He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## COMMUNION

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P We give thanks to you, O God, for your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who, in the night in which he was betrayed, 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.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray. . .

**C 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.**

## INVITATION

P Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

## COMMUNE ONLINE ATTENDEES

## COMMUNION SONG

*The Silence of God*

It's enough to drive us all crazy; it'll break a person's faith  
 It's enough to make us wonder if we've ever been sane  
 When we're bleating for comfort from Thy staff and Thy rod  
 And heaven's only answer is the silence of God

It'll shake all our timbers when we lose our heart  
 When we have to remember what broke us apart  
 This yoke may be easy, but this burden is not  
 When the crying fields are frozen by the silence of God

And if we have to listen to the voices of the mob  
 Who are reeling in the throes of all the happiness they've got

When they tell us all their troubles have been nailed up to that cross  
Then what about the times when even followers get lost?  
'Cause we all get lost sometimes...

There's a statue of Jesus on a monastery knoll  
In the hills of Kentucky, all quiet and cold  
And He's kneeling in the garden, as silent as a Stone  
All His friends are sleeping and He's weeping all alone  
And the man of all sorrows, he never forgot  
What sorrow is carried by the hearts that he bought  
So when the questions dissolve into the silence of God  
The aching may remain, but the breaking does not  
The aching may remain, but the breaking does not  
In the holy, lonesome echo of the silence of God

Songwriters: Andrew Peterson  
The Silence of God Lyrics © New Spring Publishing, Inc.

## BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you  
in his grace.  
**C** **Amen.**

## SONG

### *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

When darkness veils His lovely face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand



His oath, His covenant, and blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When every earthly prop gives way  
He then is all my Hope and Stay  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh, may I then in Him be found  
Clothed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

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Assisting in the service today:

Pastor Tim Graham  
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