

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

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).



“Forgive your
brother or sister
from your heart.”

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!

September 17, 2023 – 10:30 AM
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

SONG

Reckless Love

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

(And) O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God yeah

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

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SONG

God Is in This Story

There's torn up pages in this book
Words that tell me I'm no good
Chapters that defined me for so long
But the hands of grace and endless love
Dusted off and picked me up
Told my heart that hope is never gone

God is in this story
God is in the details
Even in the broken parts

He holds my heart
He never fails
When I'm at my weakest
I will trust in Jesus
Always in the highs and lows
The One who goes before me
(God is in this story)

So if the storm you're walking through
Feels like it's too much and you
Wonder if He even cares at all
Hold on tight to what you know
He promised He won't let you go
The song of healing's written in His scars

If it reads like addiction
If it reads like disease
He's the One who frees the prisoner
He's the healer of all things
If it reads like depression
If it reads broken home
He's the One who holds your sorrow
He won't leave you here alone

Always in the highs and lows
The One who goes before me
God is in this story

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

GREETING

SONG

Great Are You, Lord

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord

(REPEAT)

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KIDS' TALK

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:21-35

P The holy gospel according to Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

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

²¹Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded

with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

P The gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GREETING

P Grace, mercy and peace be to you from God our Father and the Lord,
Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Tim Graham

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 Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

COMMUNE ONLINE ATTENDEES

COMMUNION SONG

Blameless

Every situation that comes in life
That seems so bad will not drown my praise
No matter what the circumstance
I will stand and lift my hands for all of my days
Cause You presented me
Blameless how could I go without joy
You presented me blameless
How could I go without joy

I've got joy joy joy deep inside of my heart
I've got joy joy joy deep inside of my heart
Cause I was wandering
Aimless but You presented me blameless
How could I go without joy

Sin has lost its grip on me
Once a slave but now I'm free
You have made me new
Holy righteous unfailing
I bow before You God my King I belong to You
Cause You presented me
Blameless how could I go without joy
You presented me
Blameless how could I go without joy

I've been changed I've been renewed
Because of You
The gift of life
It's free for all
Salvation is here
Salvation is here

I was wandering aimless
But You presented me blameless
Now nothing can separate us

BLESSING

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

SONG

Beautiful One

Wonderful so wonderful is Your unfailing love
Your cross has spoken mercy over me
No eye has seen no ear has heard
No heart could fully know
How glorious how beautiful You are

Beautiful One I love You
Beautiful One I adore
Beautiful One my soul must sing

Powerful so powerful Your glory fills the skies
Your mighty works displayed for all to see
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing
How marvelous how wonderful You are

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew
You captured my heart with this love
'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You

My soul my soul must sing
My soul my soul must sing
My soul my soul must sing
Beautiful One

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BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

Assisting in the service today:

Pastor Tim Graham

Musicians Messiah Worship Team

Communion Assistants Deb Bruick

Ushers Mike & Fran Dager

Technical Director Josh Gumbert

AV Technicians Emily Blackman, Richard Hambrock, Eva Lugo, Cash Robinson-Stewart