

**MESSIAH IN MISSION
SERVICE OF THE WORD
GATHERING**

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*_please stand as you are able

The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again, for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

We welcome you to **Messiah Lutheran Church**. We pray that you find Jesus in our gathering and worship. A Nursery is available for small children. Large print bulletins are available at the entrance. If you have any questions, feel free to ask one of our ushers, the person sitting next to you, or our pastor.

God bless you today and this week!

Serving in Worship Today

The Rev. Eileen L. Woyen
Dean Newton, Guitar

Greeter: Steve McCloskey
Lay Reader: Laura Conley
Acolyte: Audrey Johnson
Altar Flowers: OPEN

Pastor Eileen's Office Hours: Pastor Eileen is in the office Monday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feel free to call her at 330/962-9492, Email her at pastor@messiahlutheran.cc, or friend her on Facebook.

Worship Responsibilities for January 17th:

Greeter: OPEN
Lay Reader: OPEN
Acolyte: Christian Shover
Altar Flowers: OPEN

Mark your calendars! The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be Sunday, Jan. 24th after worship. We will be sharing our plans and dreams for 2016. Please bring something to share for a Potluck meal.

Love Offering

Thank you for your support of our Youthers adoption of a local family for Christmas. We donated over \$700 of gifts to our family. God bless you.