

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

Organ Prelude	“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” (Linker)	Doug Hicks
Greetings & Announcements		
Opening Hymn*	“O Word of God Incarnate”	No. 541
Confession & Forgiveness		screen/insert
Kyrie		page 120
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

First Reading	(see black tab on hymnal margin)	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm		Psalm 27
Second Reading		Philippians 3:17-4:1
Gospel Acclamation*	“Let Your Steadfast Love”	page 125
The Holy Gospel		Luke 13:31-35
Children’s Message		
Sermon*		Pastor Woyen
Hymn of the Day	“Holy Wings”	No. 613
Apostle’s Creed		page 127
Passing of the Peace		

SERVICE

Piano Offertory	“Sweet Hour of Prayer” (arr. Joel Raney)	Doug Hicks
Offertory Hymn*	“The Doxology”	No. 884
Offertory Prayer		

SENDING

Prayers of the People		
The Lord’s Prayer		page 134
The Benediction		page 136
Dismissal		
Sending Hymn	“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (vs. 1,2,4)	No. 631
Sending Prayer		
Postlude	“The Lord is My Shepherd” (arr. Gordon Young)	Doug Hicks

*please stand as you are able

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

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
Doug Hicks, Music Director

Lay Reader: Brenda Porter
Acolyte: Audrey Johnson

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 February 28th:

Greeter: Patty & Mark Ondecker
Lay Reader: Steve McCloskey
Acolyte: Christian Shover

Every Wednesday in Lent, we will be joining in **Fellowship and Worship**. A simple Soup and Salad **dinner** will begin at **6:00** (Please sign up to share your soup). We will join in **Worship at 6:45**. We are using the Theme: **OPEN MY LIFE, LORD**. We will be musically led by Jim Six and Mike Unger. As we worship and study God’s Word, we will also have interactive moments.

THIS WEDNESDAY:

Week of Lent 2: Open My Hands, Lord

We use our hands to pick up a child, to serve a meal, to play an instrument, to wipe away a tear. Jesus used his hands for healing and for deeds of great power, and the psalmist reminds us that we are always held fast in God's hands. In Deuteronomy, Moses encourages us to open our hands in service to others.