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The Messiah Messenger



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Sunday service @ 9am
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100TH ANNIVERSARY CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, April 30, 11:30
Messiah Lutheran Church
816 Roy St., Houston

Prepared by Our Past
To Embrace Our Future

*Join us for an
afternoon of food,
fun, and fellowship*

Daily – Doggedly – Daringly
Embracing Our Neighbors with Jesus' Unconditional Love



Gabriel's Glad Tidings



Hey friends,

Did you know that dogs like music?

Reggae, soft rock, and classical music can help us calm down in stressful times.

I also like songs about dogs.

My favorite is the song about the farmer with a dog named BINGO!

Pastor and Miss Kim have been talking about Bingo the last few weeks, but they're not singing his song.

It's when they are talking about the Anniversary Picnic.

So maybe that farmer is going to be there with his dog. I'd like to meet him if that's the case. Otherwise, I've got nothing.

My Jesus likes music, too.

He even sang a hymn with His friends before they went to a garden after they had dinner (Mark 14:26).

My Jesus has a beautiful singing voice, the most beautiful voice ever.

My Jesus likes to hear us sing, too.

He tells us, "***Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises***" (Psalm 47:3).

Singing about my Jesus and praising Him is even better than singing about a dog named Bingo!

Isn't that PAWSOME?!?

Your friend Gabriel



From the Pastor



Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

*Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens,
Let Your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me,
Let each promise still my fear.
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife,
Wars against Your Word of life;
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor
That I cling to You forever!*

*Lord, Your words are waters living
When my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving;
On Your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your words will be my light
through death's cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing
And my cup of joy unfailing!*

*As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
Let Your words in me take root.
May Your Spirit e'er be near me
That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise,
From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given
In the endless joy of heaven.*

Anna Sophia von Hessen-Darmstadt



"Listen to Him"

Lenten Psalm and Gospel Readings

Dear Friends in Christ,

In a few weeks we will enter the holy season of Lent.

The word "lent" actually comes from an old English word that meant "to lengthen" and referred to the lengthening of the days in spring as summer approached.

This Lenten season, I'm going to challenge myself and you to lengthen our time in God's Word.

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, you and I are going to read through the book of Psalms and the Gospels of Mark and John during the forty days of Lent.

This might sound daunting. After all, there are one hundred fifty psalms in the Bible and thirty seven chapters in Mark and John combined.

However, over the course of Lent's forty days, that's only four psalms and one Gospel chapter a day, or about fifteen minutes of your time.

Each week there will be a reading guide in the bulletin to lead you through your week.

One more thing. On Sunday morning during Bible study, we will talk about what we've read. Think of it as a book club where you can ask questions or share thoughts about the previous week's reading.

That's my challenge to you. Two and a half hours a week during Lent to lengthen our time in God's Word. Fifteen minutes a day Monday—Saturday and one hour on Sunday.

I know that we can do it.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Engel