

May the First Candle of Advent

Light Your Heart with Hope

Be strong,
and let your heart take courage,
all you who hope in the LORD.

Welcome to Messiah!

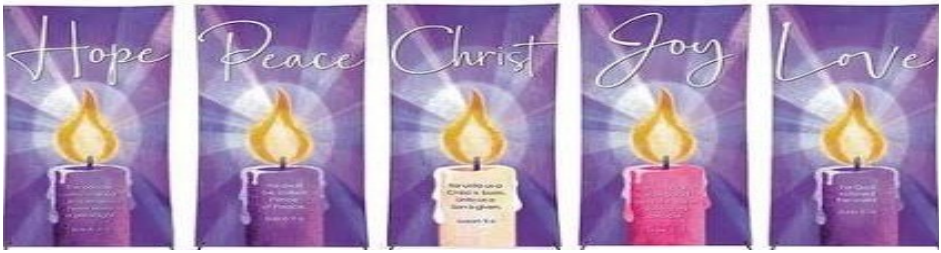
You are a beloved child of God who is unique and special. You are respected and accepted for who you are, with all your differences and gifts, including: sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, race, ability, culture, and economic status. Join us in acts of reconciliation and joyful celebration of our diversity, not only as members of our faith community but as volunteers and leaders.

We stand together against the prejudice of the LGBTQIA+ community and for anti-racism, indigenous respect, environmental justice, anti-trafficking, and on behalf of all those marginalized in our society.

By working together and being open with each other, we develop our faith and follow the example of Christ by humbly loving one another as God loves all of us.

Nursery Care

Available Sunday from 10:15 - 11:35 AM
Ages 6 weeks - 6 years old, downstairs Nursery.
Secure sign-in, parent pagers available



Opening Hymn

5:00 pm *The King Shall Come* ELW Red Book #**260**
8:15 am *The King Shall Come* ELW Red Book #**260**
10:30 am *Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn* ELW Red Book #**242**

Greeting

Brief Order of Confession

Pastor: Faithful God…
Congregation: **We confess that we have been unfaithful to you. Like dry leaves and withered grass, our lives are blown about by our brokenness and the darkness that so often surrounds us. Restore us, O God; let the light of your face shine on us, and we shall be saved. Amen.**

Blessing of the Advent Wreath and Lighting of the Advent Candle

Light One Candle

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray….
Congregation: **Amen.**

First Reading

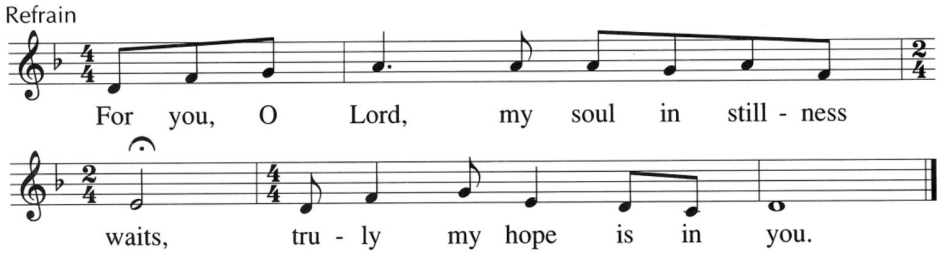
Isaiah 64:1a,-4-8

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you, for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Divine Parent; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 95

My Soul in Stillness Waits



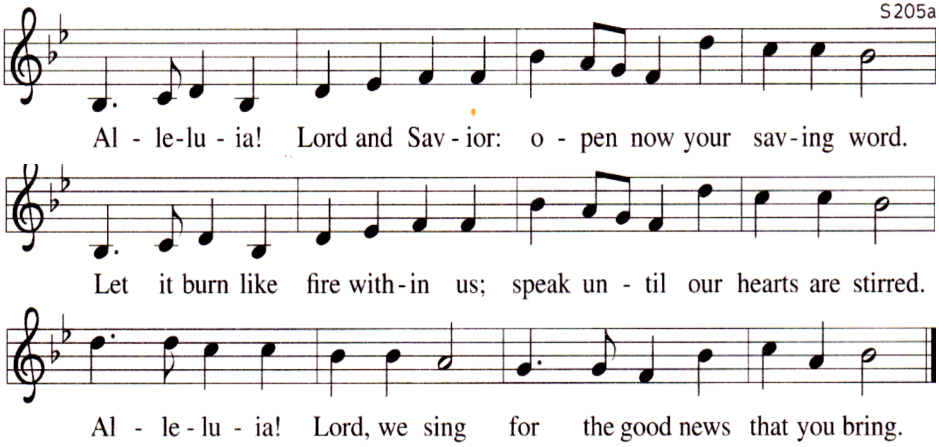
Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind, just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you, so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said: "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

✠ The Homily ✠

Pastor Jeff Vanden Heuvel

Prayers of Intercession

All Respond after each prayer: **Hear our prayer.**

Sign of Peace *Greet one another with:* **Peace be with you.**

Berakah (Ancient Hebrew Blessing)

Bread: Pastor: Blessed are you Lord God of all creation…
Congregation: **Blessed be God forever.**

Wine: Pastor: Blessed are you Lord God of all creation…
Congregation: **Blessed be God forever.**

Gratitude of The Offering

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful God…

Congregation: **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, our life and our breath, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *Sung by All*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Holy Communion

Here at Messiah, we believe that Christ is the host of this meal. Regardless of your background or tradition, we believe that all are welcome at the Lord's Table.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Grape juice is available on the trays in the central cups. Gluten-free wafers are available in the gold container on the stand between the bread distributors.

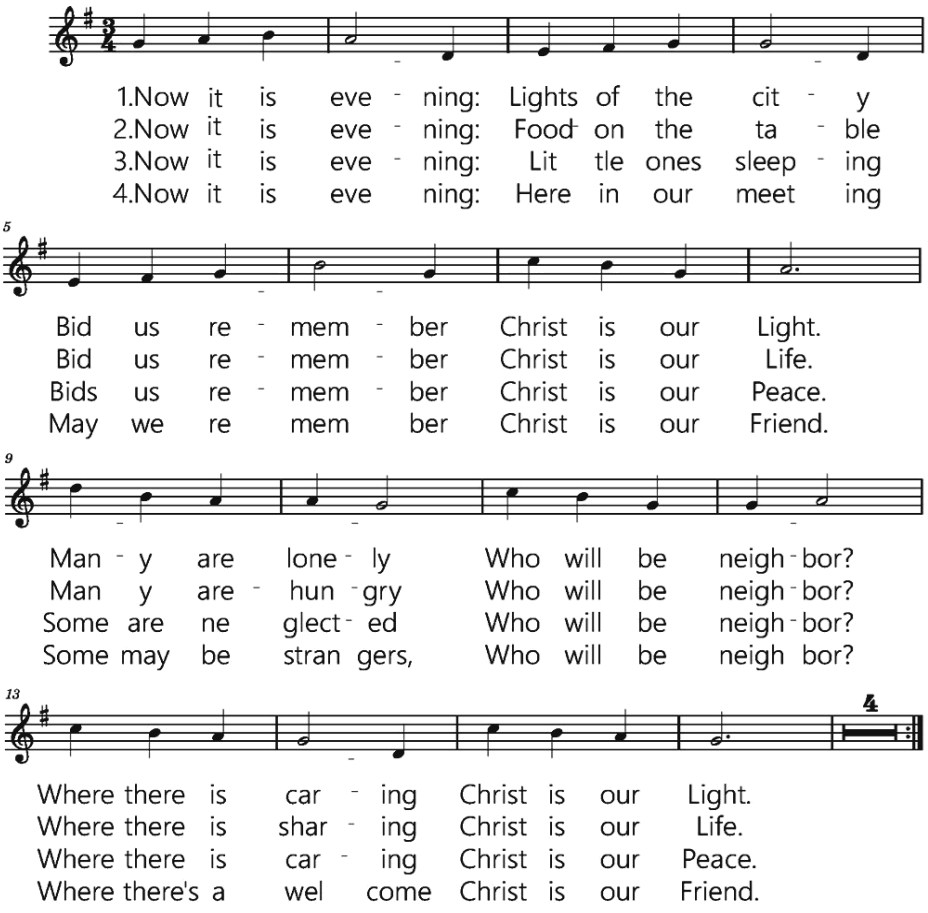
Communion Hymn

5:00 pm	*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*	ELW Red Book #**257**
8:15 am	*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*	ELW Red Book #**257**
10:30 am	*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*	ELW Red Book #**257**
	Lord, Be Glorified	ELW Red Book #**744**

5:00 pm Candle Lighting and Closing Song

Please keep lit candles upright
and tip unlit candle to light it from another.

At Evening



Blessing *Congregation:* **Amen**.

Closing Hymn

8:15 am	*People Look East*	ELW Red Book **#248**
10:30 am	*The King of Glory*	W&P Purple Book **#136**

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Flowers Given By

Tim & Sharon Ryan
In loving memory of our daughter, Jennifer, as we remember her birthday on November 30th. Forever loved and always in our hearts.

Mary Kay Clauder
In Memory of Ron & Sharon Seely

This Week

Nov. 30 - Dec. 6, 2026



Monday, November 30

Pastor Jeff's Day Off
Prayer Shawl Ministry ..... 1:00 PM

Tuesday, December 1

Divine Yoga ..... 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 2

Morning Bible Study - Acts ..... 7:00 AM
YOW Activity Night ..... 6:00 PM

Thursday, December 3

Pew Keepers ..... 900 AM
Men's Fellowship Breakfast (offsite) ..... 9:00 AM

Friday, December 4

Pastor Dan's Day Off

Saturday, December 5

Worship Service ..... 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 6

Worship Service ..... 8:15 AM
Adult Education ..... 9:20 AM
Worship Service ..... 10:30 AM
Sunday School Christmas Program 12:00 NOON

Looking Ahead

Church Council Meeting ..... December 7
Divine Yoga ..... December 8
Morning Bible Study - Acts ..... December 8
YOW Online Lesson ..... December 8
Ladies Lunch Bunch - Black Bear .... December 9
Men's Fellowship Breakfast (offsite) December 10
Dignity Project Workshop ..... December 12
Prayer Shawl Meeting ..... December 14

Counters 11/29 Lou Ann Kidd, Gayle Daugherity
Snow Removal 11/29-12/5Paul Vanderbloemen

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday.....8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Friday.....8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Office Correspondence Drop Box
to the left of the main front entrance

5:00 PM Service

Altar Ministry ..... Nancy Battist
Greeter .... Doreen Hinrichs, Maren Anderson
Reader ..... Phil Lawler
Communion ..... Phil & Charlene Lawler
..... Elaine McNeil, Jan Hagen
Ushers ..... Steve & Diane Nelson
Musician ..... Marian Korth
Vocalists ..... Clyde Nyhus, Cara Musick
Mike Digman, Dave Down, Tara Von Dollen,
..... Donna Buchert
Streaming ..... Clark Kellogg

8:15 AM Service

Altar Ministry ..... Russell/Schmitz Family
Coffee Ministry ..... Jan Hagen
Greeter ..... Mike & Sara Veserat
Reader ..... Glenn Schmitz, Jonah Schmitz
Communion ..... Dawn Olson, Linda Olson
..... Glenn Schmitz, Karen Wenger
Ushers ..... Don & Gloria Hehenberger
..... Lamont Liefke, Tim Coulthart
Musician ..... Marian Korth
Vocalists ..... Senior Choir Members
Streaming ..... Steve Cheramy

10:30 AM Service

Altar Ministry ..... Carla Fears
Communion Cups ..... Karen Dilley
Coffee ..... Deb Plantz
Greeter ..... Bob & Irene Rauwald
Reader ..... Karen Clark
Communion ..... Carla Fears, Julie Neppl
..... Karen Clark, Karen Dilley
Organ-Jody Dahmen **Lectern**-Susan Ashley
Ushers ..... Carla Fears
..... John Uselman & Elizabeth Crummy
Musician ..... Melissa Vanden Heuvel
Vocalists ..... Celebrate Group
Streaming ..... Kristopher Kiel
Nursery ..... Kalli Slechert

