



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 toward members 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.

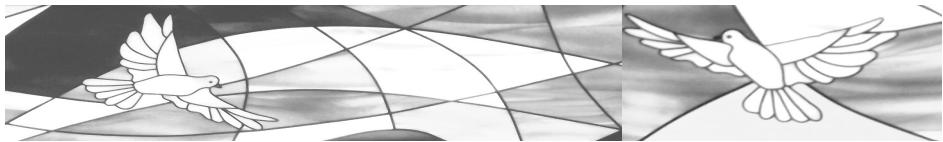
NURSERY CARE

Is available Sunday from 8:00 - 9:20 am and 10:15 - 11:35 am

Ages 6 weeks- 6 years old, downstairs Nursery.

Secure sign-in, parent pagers available

First Sunday in Lent + February 21 - 22, 2026



OPENING HYMN

5:00 PM *Oh Lord, Throughout These Forty Days* ELW Red Book #319

8:15 AM *Oh Lord, Throughout These Forty Days* ELW Red Book #319

10:30 AM *Out in the Wilderness* W&P Purple Book #115

GREETING

KYRIE

Assistant: In peace, in peace...

Assistant: Congregation:
Let us pray — to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (*Congregation sings refrain*)

Assistant: For our people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (*Congregation sings refrain*)

Assistant: Congregation:
Help, save and de - fend us, O God.
A - - - - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray....

Congregation: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the know-ledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

My Soul In Stillness Waits

Refrain



The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. It features a melody line with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics "For you, O Lord, my soul in still - ness" are written below the notes. The bottom staff is in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat. It features a melody line with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics "waits, tru - ly my hope is in you." are written below the notes. The music concludes with a final measure in 2/4 time.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-15

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

S 205

We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' " Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' " Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' " Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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.

SENDING OF HOLY COMMUNION VISITORS

My friends you are sent to extend our communion table into the homes of people who cannot be here. You will bring the Word of God, the Bread of Life, and Cup of Life from this worship center to the sick and shut-in members of our congregational family. Go to them with our love and our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION HYMN

5:00 PM	<i>Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery</i>	ELW Red Book #334
8:15 AM	<i>O God, Why Are You Silent</i>	ELW Red Book #703
10:30 AM	<i>Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery</i> <i>I Want to Be Ready</i>	ELW Red Book #334

I Want to Be Ready

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The first staff is a Refrain section, indicated by the word "Refrain" above the staff. The lyrics for this section are: "I want to be ready, I want to be ready, I want to be ready to walk in Je-ru-sa-lem just like John." The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "I want to be ready to walk in Je-ru-sa-lem just like John." The third staff concludes the melody with the lyrics: "I know, good Lord, I'll meet you there, oh, he was filled with the Ho-ly Ghost, walk in Je-ru-sa-lem just like John." The score is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The music features eighth and sixteenth note patterns, and a variety of chords including major and minor chords.

MEDITATION HYMN

Senior Choir

Speak and We Will Hear

CANDLE LIGHTING AND CLOSING SONG

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

At Evening

1

**Now it is evening: lights of the city
bid us remember Christ is our light.
Many are lonely, who will be neighbor?
Where there is caring, Christ is our light.**

2

**Now it is evening: food on the table
bids us remember Christ is our life.
Many are hungry, who will be neighbor?
Where there is sharing, Christ is our life.**

3

**Now it is evening: little ones sleeping
bid us remember Christ is our peace.
some are neglected, who will be neighbor
Where there is caring, Christ is our peace.**

4

**Now it is evening: here in our meeting
may we remember Christ is our friend.
Some may be strangers, who will be
neighbor? Where there's a welcome,
Christ is our friend.**

BLESSING *Congregation: Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

8:15 AM *In Christ There is No East or West* ELW Red Book #650
10:30 AM *The Church Song* W&P Purple Book #135

DISMISSAL

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



THIS WEEK**Feb. 23 - Mar. 1, 2025****Monday, February 23**

Pastor Jeff's Day Off
 Office Closed - phone & email monitored
 SAM at Second Harvest 11:15 AM

Tuesday, February 24**Wednesday, February 25**

Morning Bible Study 7:00 AM
 SAM Potluck & Presentation 12:00 NOON

Thursday, February 26

Pew Keepers 900 AM
 Women's Conversations 10:00 AM

Friday, February 27

Pr. Dan's Day Off
 Column Mailing Group 9:00 AM

Saturday, February 28

Worship Service 5:00 PM
 YOW Field Trip to St. John's 6:00 PM

Sunday, March 1

Worship Service 8:15 AM
 Adult Education 9:20 AM
 Worship Service 10:30 AM

LOOKING AHEAD

YOW Activity Night March 4
 SAM Second Harvest March 9
 Messiah Council Meeting March 10
 Morning Bible Study March 11
 Ladies Lunch Bunch at Olive Garden March 11
 YOW Online March 11
 Kids/Youth - Lent/Easter Walk March 15
 Counters Lou Ann Kidd, Gayle Daugherty
 Snow Removal 2/22-2/28 John Uselman

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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 Darilee Nelson, Leanne Nelson
Greeter Claire Gensch, Don Hendrikse
Reader Jane Feuerstein
Communion Dan & Nancy Battist
..... Jan Hagen, Pete Wingier
Ushers Doug & Jen Dettlaff
Musician Melissa Vanden Heuvel
Vocalists Clyde Nyhus, Cara Musick
..... Mike Digman, Dave Down
..... Tara Von Dollen, Donna Buchert
Streaming Clark Kellogg

8:15 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry Kathy Lukens
Coffee Ministry Jennifer Stelse
Greeter Marnee Hafeman, Mike McHugh
Reader Bill Langel
Communion Judy Misfeldt, Kathy Lukens
..... Linda Olson, Pam McGranahan
Ushers Tim Coulthart
..... Don & Gloria Hehenberger
Musician Marian Korth
Vocalists Members of Senior Choir
Streaming Steve Cheramy
Nursery Christina Teschendorf

10:30 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry Matthew Uselman
..... John Uselman & Elizabeth Crummy
Communion Cups Becky Skibo
Coffee Jennifer Stelse
Greeter Karl Schweitz, Susan Ashley
Reader Suzanne Warborg
Communion Julia Neppl, Martha Netzloff
..... Suzanne Warborg, Karen Dilley
..... Elizabeth Crummy, Susan Ashley
Ushers Matthew Uselman
..... John Uselman & Elizabeth Crummy
Musician Melissa Vanden Heuvel
Vocalists Celebrate Group
Streaming Michael Savides
Nursery Christina Teschendorf

