



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.

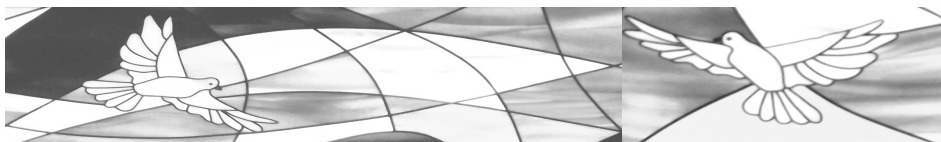
We stand together against the prejudice toward members of the LGBTQIA+ community and for anti-racism, indigenous respect, environmental justice, anti-trafficking, and on behalf of all those marginalized in our society.

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 during the Summer Sunday from 10:15 - 11:45 am
Ages 6 weeks- 6 years old, downstairs Nursery.
Secure sign-in, parent pagers available

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost + August 15 - 16, 2026



OPENING HYMN

5:00 PM *Rock of Ages*

8:15 AM *Rock of Ages*

10:30 AM *All Are Welcome*

ELW Red Book **#623**

ELW Red Book **#623**

ELW Red Book **#641**

GREETING

KYRIE

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Christe, Christe eleison. Christe, Christe eleison.

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, eleison.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray....

Congregation: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 7-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. These I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 85

Come, O Lord, and Set Us Free



Come, O Lord, and set us free. Come, and set us free.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Paul writes: I ask, then, has God rejected the chosen people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham and Sarah, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected the chosen people who were foreknown long ago. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of Israel's disobedience, so also Israel has now been disobedient, in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that God may be merciful to all.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



S205a

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 15:10-11, 15-18, 21-28

Jesus called the crowd and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles."

But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon."

But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

‡ THE HOMILY ‡

PASTOR DAN O'BRIEN

MIKAH MEYERS

HYMN OF THE DAY

They Will Know We Are Christians

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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	<i>Jerusalem, My Happy Home</i>	ELW Red Book #628
8:15 AM	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	ELW Red Book #631
10:30 AM	<i>For Everyone Born</i>	inside back cover of ELW
	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	W&P Purple Book #112

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Give Me Jesus

Mikah Meyer

5:00 PM CANDLE LIGHTING AND CLOSING SONG Page 7

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

BLESSING *Congregation: Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

8:15 AM	<i>Go My Children With My Blessing</i>	ELW Red Book #543
10:30 AM	<i>Bring Forth the Kingdom</i>	W&P Purple Book #22

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

At Evening



1. Now it is eve - ning: Lights of the cit - y
2. Now it is eve - ning: Food on the ta - ble
3. Now it is eve - ning: Lit tle ones sleep - ing
4. Now it is eve - ning: Here in our meet ing



Bid us re - mem - ber Christ is our Light.
Bid us re - mem - ber Christ is our Life.
Bids us re - mem - ber Christ is our Peace.
May we re mem ber Christ is our Friend.



Man - y are lone - ly Who will be neigh - bor?
Man y are - hun - gry Who will be neigh - bor?
Some are ne glect - ed Who will be neigh - bor?
Some may be stran gers, Who will be neigh bor?



Where there is car - ing Christ is our Light.
Where there is shar - ing Christ is our Life.
Where there is car - ing Christ is our Peace.
Where there's a wel come Christ is our Friend.

Flowers Given By

Tisa Kremer

In Celebration Lorraine Flowers 90th Birthday
Tisa's Grandmother

Dawn Olson

In Memory of Chris Olson, Her Special Friend

They Will Know We Are Christians



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from



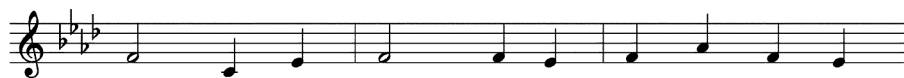
one in the Lord, We are one in the
 walk hand in hand, We will walk with each
 work side by side, We will work with each
 whom all things come, And all praise to Christ



Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we
 oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -
 oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll
 Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -
 geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
 guard hu - man's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's
 praise to the Spir - it, who makes us



stored:
 land: And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
 pride:
 one:



love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are



Chris - tians by our love.

THIS WEEK

August 17 - 23, 2026



Monday, August 17

Pastor Jeff's Day Off

Tuesday, August 18

Boomerang Bag Workshop..... 10:00 AM

Wednesday, August 19

Thursday, August 20

Men's Fellowship Breakfast..... 9:00 AM

Pew Keepers 900 AM

Women's Conversation Group 10:00 AM

Friday, August 21

Pr. Dan's Day Off

Saturday, August 22

Worship Service 5:00 PM

Sunday, August 23

Worship Service 8:15 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM

LOOKING AHEAD

Men's Fellowship Breakfast.....August 27

Hope 4 Kids Presentation.....August 30

Healing House Meals...August 30-September 5

Family Camp at HorizonsSeptember 11-13

Dignity Project Workshop.....September 12

Boomerang Bag Workshop.....September 15

Choir Rehearsal BeginsSeptember 17

The Road Home co-preach.....September 19-20

SAM Second Harvest Open House.....Sept. 21

Community Outreach Team MeetingSept. 24

Spirit Weekend.....September 23-24

Sunday School Begins.....September 27

SAM Opening LuncheonSeptember 30

Counters 8/16 Nancy Schmidt, Dan Battist

Lawn Mowing Team 8/16-22..... Dan Battist

..... Terry Rieck, Roger Marty

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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 Darilee & Leanne Nelson

Greeter Don, Sandi & Lori Hendrikse

Reader Phil Lawler

Communion..... Phil & Char Lawler

..... Elaine McNeil, Mary Rodger

Ushers..... Steve & Diane Nelson

Musician..... Marian Korth

Vocalists Clyde Nyhus, Cara Musick

..... Mike Digman, Dave Down, Tara Von Dollen,

..... Donna Buchert

Streaming..... Clark Kellogg

Love, Laughter & Libations Kim Radovan

8:15 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry Kathy Lukens

Coffee Ministry Steve & Diane Nelson

Greeter Dee Schwoegler, Jim Alsmo

Reader Bill Langel

Communion Karen Wenger, Kathy Lukens

..... Pam McGranahan, Sharon Ryan

Ushers..... Don & Gloria Hehenberger

..... Lamont Liefke, Tim Coulthart

Musician..... Dean Gardner

Vocalists..... Senior Choir Members

Streaming..... Steve Cheramy

10:30 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry Elizabeth Crummy

..... John Uselman

Communion Cups Elizabeth Crummy

..... John Uselman

Coffee..... Elizabeth Crummy & John Uselman

Greeter..... Evelyn Stelzer, Suzanne Warborg

Reader Karen Dille

Communion Ronald Mach, Susan Ashley

..... Karen Dille, Suzanne Warborg

Organ-Dave Lindorff, Podium-Duane Beszhak

Ushers ...Elizabeth Crummy & John Uselman

Musician Melissa Vanden Heuvel

Vocalists..... Celebrate Group

Streaming Kristopher Kiel

Nursery Kalli Selchert



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