



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.

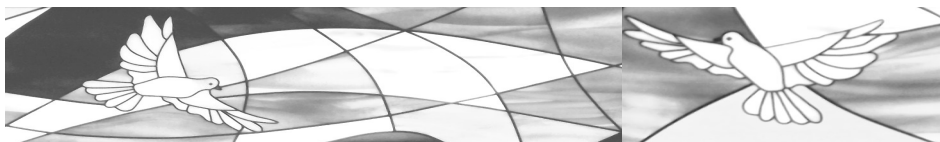
NURSERY CARE

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

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost + August 29 - 30, 2026



OPENING HYMN

5:00 PM *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

8:15 AM *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

10:30 AM *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

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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

Jeremiah 15:15-20

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you, to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord.

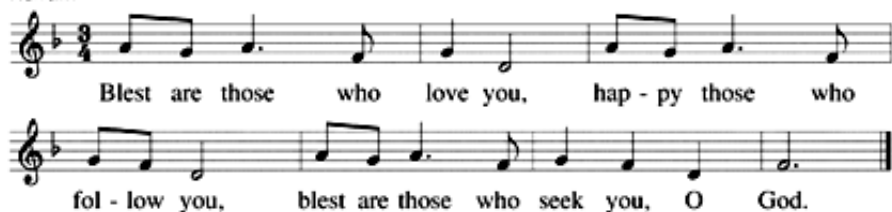
Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 128

Blest Are Those Who Love You

Refrain



SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-26

From that time on, after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

***Congregation:* Praise to you, O Christ.**

‡ THE HOMILY ‡

PASTOR DAN O'BRIEN

5:00 & 8:15 AM HYMN OF THE DAY ELW Red Book #798

Will You Come and Follow Me

10:30 PM HOLY BAPTISM

CALLIE MAE LYGHT

*Today we welcome Callie, child of Megan and Scott
into the Lord's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
Sponsors are Derek & Emily Lyght and Colin & Michaela Salzmann*

BAPTISM SONG

ELW Red Book # 677

This Little Light of Mine

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

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 *Here is Bread*

ELW Red Book **#483**

8:15 AM *Abide With Me*

ELW Red Book **#629**

10:30 AM *Here is Bread*

ELW Red Book **#483**

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

ELW Red Book **#814**

5:00 PM CANDLE LIGHTING AND CLOSING SONG

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

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 *Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

10:30 AM *You Are the Rock*

ELW Red Book #858

W&P Purple Book #161

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

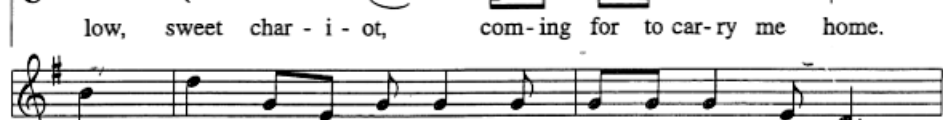
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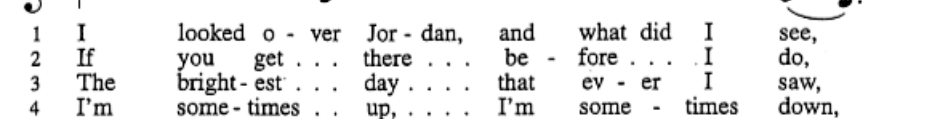
Swing low, sweet char-i-ot, com-ing for to car-ry me home. Swing



low, sweet char-i-ot, com-ing for to car-ry me home.



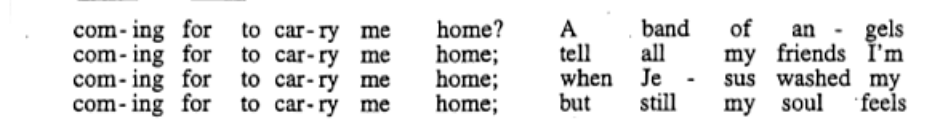
1 I looked o-ver Jor-dan, and what did I see,



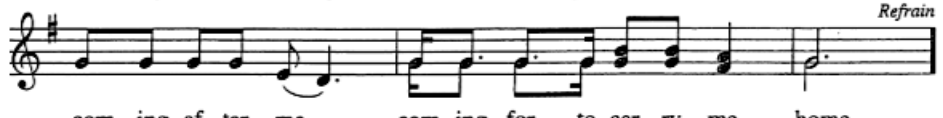
2 If you get . . . there . . . be-fore . . . I do,



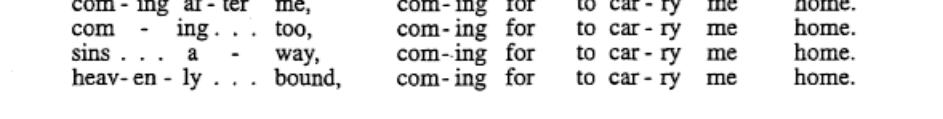
3 The bright-est . . . day . . . that ev-er I saw,



4 I'm some-times . . . up, . . . I'm some-times down,



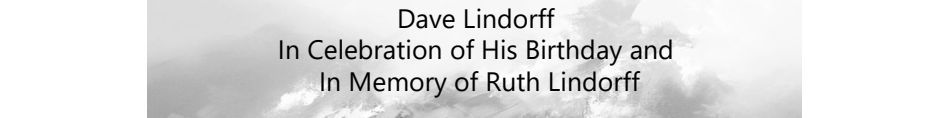
com-ing for to car-ry me home? A band of an-gels



com-ing for to car-ry me home; tell all my friends I'm

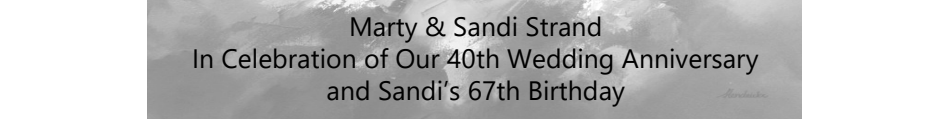


com-ing for to car-ry me home; when Je-sus washed my



com-ing for to car-ry me home; but still my soul feels

Refrain



com-ing af-ter me, com-ing for to car-ry me home.



com-ing . . . too, com-ing for to car-ry me home.



sins . . . a-way, com-ing for to car-ry me home.

heav-en-ly . . . bound, com-ing for to car-ry me home.

Flowers Given By

Dave Lindorff
In Celebration of His Birthday and
In Memory of Ruth Lindorff

Marty & Sandi Strand
In Celebration of Our 40th Wedding Anniversary
and Sandi's 67th Birthday

THIS WEEK

August 31 - September 1, 2026



Healing House Meals...August 30-September 5

Monday, August 31

Pastor Jeff's Day Off

Tuesday, September 1

Wednesday, September 2

Thursday, September 3

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

Pew Keepers 900 AM

Friday, September 4

Pr. Dan's Day Off

Saturday, September 5

Worship Service 5:00 PM

Sunday, September 6

Worship Service 8:15 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM

LOOKING AHEAD

Messiah Council Meeting.....September 8

Men's Fellowship Breakfast.....September 10

Family Camp at Horizons.....September 11-13

Dignity Project Workshop.....September 12

Boomerang Bag Workshop.....September 15

Women's Conversation Group.....September 17

Choir Rehearsal Begins.....September 17

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

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

Community Outreach Team Meeting.....Sept. 24

Spirit Weekend.....September 23-24

Sunday School Begins.....September 27

SAM Opening Luncheon.....September 30

Counters 8/30.....Julie Frey, Tim Coulthart

Lawn Mowing Team 8/30-9/6.....Judy Armelin

.....Joseph Green, Bob Curley

Office and Contact Information

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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...Mark Petersen, Mary Reines

Greeter.....Doug & Jen Dettlaff

Reader.....Jan Hgan

Communion.....Gene & Susan Qualmann

.....Elaine McNeil, Jan Hagan

Ushers.....Kathy Bultman, Val Roman

Musician.....Marian Korth

Vocalists.....Clyde Nyhus, Cara Musick

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

.....Donna Buchert

Streaming.....Jenna Shinstine

8:15 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry.....Cindy Ellis

Coffee Ministry.....Val Roman

Greeter.....Mike Vesperat, Sara Mainquist

Reader.....Cynthia McVay

Communion.....Dawn Olson, Jane Miller

.....Joseph Green, Judy Misfeldt

Ushers...Cindy Ellis, Emma Godfrey, Pat Ertel

Musician.....Marian Korth

Vocalists.....Senior Choir Members

Streaming.....Steve Cheramy

10:30 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry...Gary & Gretchann Dalgaard

Communion Cups.....Becky Skibo

Coffee.....Dawn Olson

Greeter.....Betty Schmidt, Grace Kylo

Reader.....Gary Dalgaard

Communion.....Celine Curley, Dave Lindorff

.....Gary Dalgaard, Karen Clark

.....Organ - Grace Kylo

.....Lectern - Suzanne Warborg

Ushers.....Ed & Bonnie Maas

Landon Stelzer, Ed DeMeo, Suzanne Warborg

Musician.....Camille Conway

Vocalists.....Celebrate Group

Streaming.....Clark Kellogg

Nursery.....Kalli Selchert

