



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.

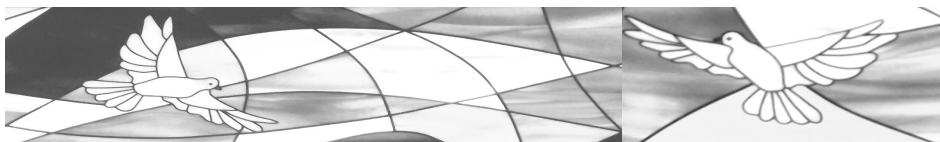
We stand together against the prejudice toward members of the LGBTQIA+ community and for anti-racism, indigenous respect, environmental justice, anti-trafficking, and on behalf of all those marginalized in our society.

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

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost + September 5-6, 2026



OPENING HYMN

5:00 PM *This is My Song*

8:15 AM *This is My Song*

10:30 AM *This is My Song*

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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

Ezekiel 33:7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 80

The Vinyard of the Lord

Refrain

The vine-yard of the Lord is the house of Is-ra-el.

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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 18:15-20

Jesus said to the disciples: "If your sibling sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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 *I Am the Bread of Life*

ELW Red Book #485

8:15 AM *I Am the Bread of Life*

ELW Red Book #485

10:30 AM *God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

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Jesus, Name Above All Names

W&P Purple Book #77

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 *Now Thank We All Our God*

ELW Red Book #840

10:30 AM *Be Bold, Be Strong*

W&P Purple Book #15

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

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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

Charlie & Bonnie Eastman
In Celebration of Our Grandchildren

Wawrzyniak/Dettlaff Family
In Memory of

THIS WEEK

September 7-13, 2026



Monday, September 7

Pastor Jeff's Day Off

Tuesday, September 8

Church Council Meeting 6:45 PM

Wednesday, September 9

Thursday, September 10

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

Pew Keepers 900 AM

Friday, September 11

Pr. Dan's Day Off

Family Camp WeekendFriday - Sunday

Saturday, September 12

Worship Service 5:00 PM

Dignity Project Workshop..... 9:00 AM

Sunday, September 13

Worship Service 8:15 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM

LOOKING AHEAD

Boomerang Bag Workshop.....September 15

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

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 WeekendSeptember 26-27

Sunday School Begins.....September 27

SAM Opening LuncheonSeptember 30

Counters 9/6Lou Ann Kidd, Gayle Daughterity

Lawn Mowing Team 9/6-912 Clyde Tunak

..... Peter Wingier, Karen Hinickle

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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 Sue Meng

Greeter Jill Tecalero, Eli Tecalero

Reader Kathryn Wingier

Communion..... Phil & Char Lawler

..... Jan Hagen, Pete Wingier

Ushers..... Joe & Sherri Neill, Michelle Jabs

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 Barbara Ash

Coffee MinistryJill Tecalero, Eli Tecalero

Greeter..... Lynn Gingier, Maren Anderson

ReaderDavid Down

Communion Dawn Olson, Linda Olson

..... Jane Miller, Patricia Ertel

Ushers..... Charlie & Bonnie Eastman

.....Bill Gingier, Brandon Gingier

Musician..... Dean Gardner

Vocalists..... Senior Choir Members

Streaming..... Steve Cheramy

10:30 AM SERVICE

Altar MinistryKaren Dille

Communion Cups.....

..... Gary & Gretchann Dalgaard

Coffee..... Dawn Olson

Greeter..... Betty Schmidt, Charlotte Miller

ReaderTisa Kremer

CommunionKaren Dille, Julia Neppi

..... Betty Fitzsimmons, Susan Ashley

..... Organ - Gary Dalgaard

..... Lectern - Paula Kedzie

UshersEd & Karen Bosold

..... Gary Dalgaard, Don Hindrikse

Musician Melissa Vanden Heuvel

Vocalists..... Celebrate Group

Streaming Kristopher Kiel

Nursery Christina Teschendorf

