



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.

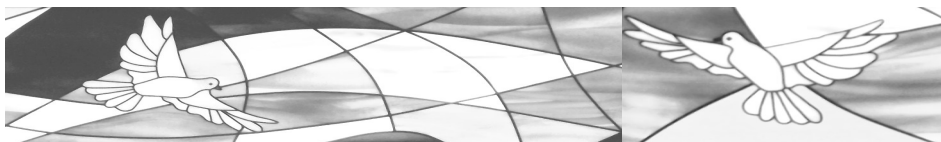
NURSERY CARE

Is available 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

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost + September 26-27, 2026



OPENING HYMN

5:00 PM *Canticle of the Turning*
8:15 AM *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*
10:30 AM *Canticle of the Turning*

W&P Purple Book #26
ELW Red Book #533
W&P Purple Book #26

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 18: 25-32

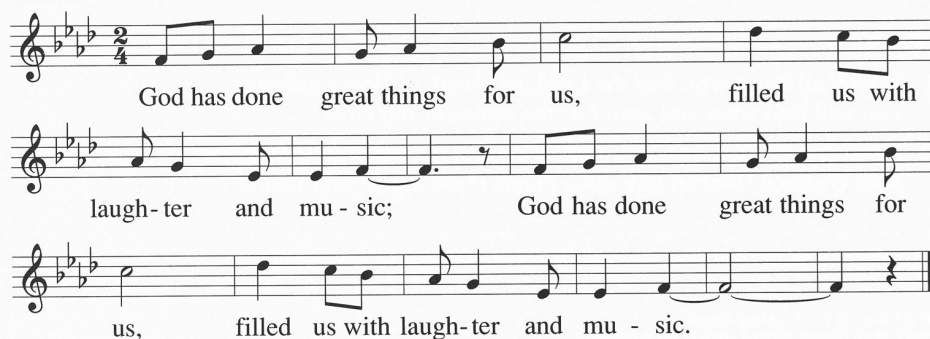
Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they have condemned themselves. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

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

PSALM 126

God Has Done Great Things for Us

Refrain



God has done great things for us, filled us with
laugh-ter and mu-sic; God has done great things for
us, filled us with laugh-ter and mu-sic.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-13

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 21:23,28-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and Jesus said to them: , "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe 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

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 *Be Not Afraid*
8:15 AM *Here I Am Lord*
10:30 AM *Bread of Life From Heaven*
Holy, Holy

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ELW Red Book **#474**
W&P Purple Book **#60**

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Jonathan Thornton - pianist
Jesus at Your Holy Table *Senior Choir*

5:00 PM CANDLE LIGHTING AND CLOSING SONG **Page 7**

*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 *In Christ There is No East or West*
10:30 AM *Victory is Mine*

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Victory is Mine

1 Vic - to - ry is mine; vic - to - ry is mine;
2 Joy is mine; joy is mine;
3 Peace is mine; peace is mine;

vic - to - ry to - day is mine.
joy to - day is mine.
peace to - day is mine.

I told Sa - tan, "Get thee be - hind."
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Vic - to - ry to - day is mine.
Joy to - day is mine.
Peace to - day is mine.

1, 2 3

Flowers Given By

Janet Woider & Jim

In Memory of In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Olson,
Mr. & Mrs. Larson, and Skip Woider

Shirley Anderson
In Memory of Lyle Anderson

Be Not Afraid

Verse 1

1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you
shall not die of thirst. You shall wan-der far in
safe-ty though you do not know the way. You shall
speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-
stand. You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain

Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways. Come, fol-low
me, and I will give you rest.

Verse 2

2. If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the
sea, you shall not drown. If you walk a-mid the burn-ing flames,
you shall not be harmed. If you stand be-fore the
pow'r of hell and death is at your side, know that I am
with you through it all. D.S.

verse 3

3. Bless-ed are your poor, for the king-dom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall
laugh. And if wick-ed tongues in-sult and hate you
all be-cause of me, bless-ed.
bless-ed are you! D.S.

THIS WEEK

Sept. 28 - Oct. 4, 2026



Monday, September 28

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

Tuesday, September 29

Wednesday, September 30

Morning Bible Study..... 7:00 AM
SAM Opening Luncheon..... 12:00 NOON

Thursday, October 1

Men's Fellowship Breakfast..... 9:00 AM
Pew Keepers..... 9:00 AM
Choir Rehearsal..... 7:30 PM

Friday, October 2

Pr. Dan's Day Off

Saturday, October 3

Worship Service..... 5:00 PM
Dignity Project Workshop..... 9:00 AM

Sunday, October 4

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Triangle Ministry Meal.....
Men's Fellowship Breakfast..... October 8
Dignity Project..... October 10
Women's Conversation Group..... October 15
Boomerang Bag Workshop..... October 20
Trunk or Treat..... October 25
Prayer Shawl Meeting..... October 26

Counters 9/27..... Julie Frey, Tim Coulthart
Lawn Mowing Team 9/27-10/3..... Bill Durkin
..... Don Hehenberger, Pr. Dan

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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.....Mary Reines
Greeter.....Steve & Diane Nelson
Reader.....Kathy Bultman
Communion.....Steve & Diane Nelson
.....Kathy Bultman, Kelli Weisinger
Ushers.....Doreen Hinrichs, Terri Mullens
Musician.....Melissa Vanden Heuvel
Vocalists.....Clyde Nyhus, Cara Musick
.....Mike Digman, Dave Down, Tara Von Dollen,
.....Donna Buchert
Streaming.....Mary Reines

8:15 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry.....Cindy Ellis
Coffee Ministry.....Mary Reines
Greeter.....Cindy Ellis
Reader.....Mike Cornelius
Communion.....Cindy Ellis, Judy Misfeldt
.....Nancy Wilson, Sharon Ryan
Ushers.....Chip Plummer, Tim Ryan
.....David Anthony
Musician.....Marian Korth
Vocalists.....Senior Choir Members
Streaming.....Steve Cheramy
Nursery.....Christina Teschendorf

10:30 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry.....Martha Netzloff
Communion Cups.....Becky Skibo
Coffee.....Ray & Kathy Robinson
Greeter.....Andy Schauer, Karen Dille
Reader.....Jessica Newberry
Communion.....Dave Lindorff, Karen Dille
.....Ray Robinson, Ronald Mach
.....Organ - Duane Beszhak
.....Lectern - Olivia Netzloff
Ushers.....Duane Beszhak, Walt Herrod
.....Martha Netzloff, Olivia Netzloff
Musician.....Melissa Vanden Heuvel
Vocalists.....Celebrate Group
Streaming.....Clark Kellogg
Nursery.....Christina Teschendorf

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