



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.

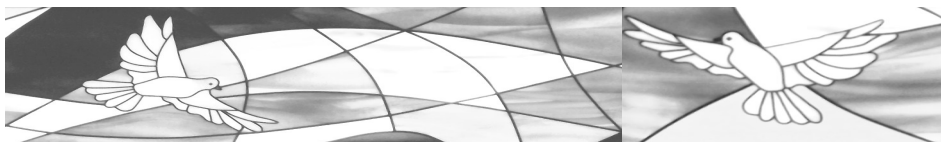
NURSERY CARE

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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost + October 3-4, 2026



OPENING HYMN

5:00 PM *For the Beauty of the Earth*

8:15 AM *For the Beauty of the Earth*

10:30 AM *Gather Us In*

ELW Red Book **#879**

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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

Isaiah 5:1-7

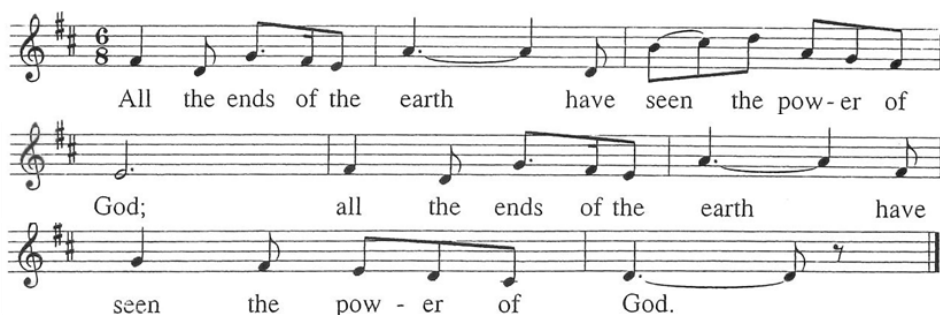
I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning God's vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; God expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 98

All the Ends of the Earth



SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-9

Paul writes: If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For Christ's sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Christ, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel According to Matthew

Jesus said: "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they realized that Jesus was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded Jesus as a prophet.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

✠ THE HOMILY ✠

PASTOR DAN O'BRIEN

8:15 AM RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS

*Joan & Steve Andrusz-Celebrating 50 years of marriage
Married October 2, 1976*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Be Thou My Vision

ELW Red Book #793

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 *Blessed Assurance*

ELW Red Book **#638**

8:15 AM *Blessed Assurance*

ELW Red Book **#638**

10:30 AM *Blessed Assurance*

ELW Red Book **#638**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW Red Book **#674**

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 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

ELW Red Book **#674**

10:30 AM *To Be Your Presence*

ELW Red Book **#546**

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

Joan & Steve Andrusz
In Celebration of Their 50th Wedding
Anniversary

Mike McHugh & Marnee Hafeman
In Celebration of Their Wedding Anniversary

THIS WEEK

October 5-11, 2026



Monday, October 5

Pastor Jeff's Day Off
Triangle Ministry Meal
Justice For a New Day Course

Wednesday, October 7

Morning Bible Study 7:00 AM
YOW ACTIVITY NIGHT 6-8 PM

Thursday, October 8

Men's Fellowship Breakfast..... 9:00 AM
Pew Keepers 900 AM
WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY.....10:30 AM
Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM

Friday, October 9

Pr. Dan's Day Off

Saturday, October 10

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

Sunday, October 11

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Church Council.....October 13
Ladies Lunch BunchOctober 14
YOW onlineOctober 14
Men's Fellowship Breakfast.....October 15
Women's Book Study.....October 15
SAM Hike.....October 16
Boomerang Bag Workshop.....October 20
YOW Field Trip.....October 21
Men's Fellowship Breakfast.....October 22
Women's Book Study.....October 22

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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 Barbara Ash, Kelli Weisinger
Greeter..... Don & Sandi Hendrikse
..... Lori Hendrikse
Reader..... Val Roman
Communion.... Mary Rodger, Kelli Weisinger
..... Val Roman, Melissa Remiker
Ushers..... Remiker Family, Don Hendrikse
..... Bernice Day
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..... Cindy Ellis
Coffee Ministry..... Val Roman
Greeter..... Bernie Hartwig, Shirley Randl
Reader..... Jane Miller
Communion..... Joseph Green, Linda Olson
..... Sharon Ryan, Pam McGranahan
Ushers... Cindy Ellis, Emma Godfrey, Pat Ertel
Musician..... Dean Gardner
Vocalists..... Senior Choir Members
Streaming..... Steve Cheramy
Nursery..... Christina Teschendorf

10:30 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry..... Barbara Martin
Communion Cups..... Becky Skibo
Coffee..... Ray & Kathy Robinson
Greeter... Jacob, Griffin, Lucy, Eleanor Rusch
Reader..... Brittany Rusch
Communion..... Paula Kedzie, Ray Robinson
..... Betty Fitzsimmons, Ronald Mach
..... Organ - Ed DeMeo
..... Lectern - Suzanne Warborg
Ushers ... Ed & Bonnie Maas, Landon Stelzer
..... Ed DeMeo & Suzanne Warborg
Musician..... Dean Gardner
Vocalists..... Celebrate Group
Streaming..... Kristopher Kiel
Nursery..... Christina Teschendorf

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