



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 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

Available Sunday 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 18 - 19, 2025



OPENING HYMN

5:00 PM *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* ELW Red Book #588

8:15 AM *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* ELW Red Book #588

10:30 AM *Sing Out, Earth and Sky* W&P Purple Book #126

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

Genesis 32: 22-31

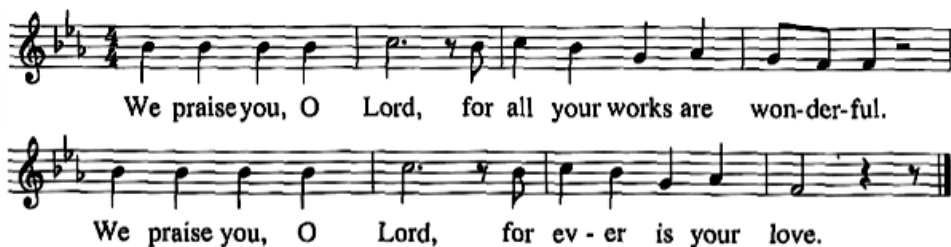
The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then the man said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have wrestled with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

***Congregation:* Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 91

We Praise You, O Lord



SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2-5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it Proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life

***Congregation:* Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. Jesus said, "In a certain city, there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city, there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while, he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to those who cry to the Lord day and night? Will God delay long in helping them? I tell you, God will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

✠ THE HOMILY ✠ PASTOR DAN O'BRIEN

HYMN OF THE DAY

W&P Purple Book #97

May You Run and Not Be Weary

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

All Respond after each prayer: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor:we pray all of this through Christ our Lord.

***Congregation:* Amen**

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...Bread of Life.

***Congregation:* Blessed be God forever.**

Wine: Pastor: Blessed are you Lord God of all creation...Spiritual Drink.

***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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

All are welcome to 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 Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

ELW Red Book #325

8:15 AM *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

ELW Red Book #623

10:30 AM *Do Not Fear Hope*

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Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

ELW Red Book #333

5:00 PM CANDLE LIGHTING AND CLOSING SONG Page 6

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

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.

BLESSING *Congregation: Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

8:15 AM *Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

ELW Red Book **#547**

10:30 AM *Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

ELW Red Book **#547**

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Do Not Fear to Hope

Refrain



Do not fear to hope tho' the wick-ed rage and rise, our
God sees not as we see, suc - cess is not the prize. Do not
fear to hope for tho' the night be long, the race shall not be
to the swift, the fight not to the strong.

Verses



1. Look to God when you are sure
2. Look to God when vic - to - ry
3. Look to God when cyn - ics say
4. Look to God when rea - son fails

your sin is great - er than grace.
seems out of jus - tice' sight.
our plan - et's doom is sealed.
and ter - ror reigns in the night.

Look to God whose love is gift. Be - lieve and
Look to God whose might - y hand brought forth the
Look to God by whose great pow'r the dead were
Look up-on the cru - ci - fied and see be -

D.C.
you can be - hold him face to face.
day from the cha - os of the night.
raised and the lep - ers were healed.
yond in - to Eas - ter's dawn - ing light.

Flowers Given By

Judy Armelin & Pam Shellberg
In Celebration of Our Birthdays

Dick & Karen Verhagen

Celebrating our 41st Wedding Anniversary and
giving thanks for Messiah Church, family and friends.

THIS WEEK

Oct. 20 - Oct. 26 , 2025



Monday, October 20

Office Closed - Phone & email monitored
SAM at Second Harvest Food Bank 12:15 PM

Tuesday, October 21

Boomerang Bag Workshop 10:00 AM
NewBridge Senior Meal..... 12:00 PM

Wednesday, October 22

Men's Bible Study..... 7:00 AM
SAM Hike at CamRock County Park 10:00 AM
Women's Book Study 4:00 PM
YOW 6:00 PM

Thursday, October 23

Pew Keepers 900 AM
Women's Ministry Chat Group..... 10:30 AM
NewBridge Senior Meal 12:00 PM
Senior Choir Practice..... 7:30 PM

Friday, October 24

Pr. Dan's Day Off

Saturday, October 25

Worship Service 5:00 PM

Sunday, October 26

Worship Service 8:15 AM
Sunday School 9:20 AM
Adult Education 9:20 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM
Trunk-or-Treat 11:30am

LOOKING AHEAD

SAM Potluck & Program.....Oct. 29
SAM Hike-Owen Conservation Park....Oct. 31
Craft & Bake Sale.....Nov. 1
SAM Virtual Pie Sale beginsNov. 1

CountersGlenn Schmitz, Samantha Taylor
Lawn MowersJohn Nerad, Bill Durkin
...Don Hehenberger, Deb Dewald, Peter Buchert

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Office closed - email/phone checked
Tuesday - 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 MinistryDarilee Nelson, Leanne Nelson
Greeter.....Randy & Mary Rodger
Reader.....Peggy Petersen
Communion.....Kathryn & Pete Wingier
.....Jan Hagen, Kathy Bultman
Ushers.....John & Carol Otterson
Musician.....Amy Ziebell
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.....Jan Hagen
Greeter.....Lamont & Corinne Liefke
Reader.....Karen Clark
Communion.....Dawn Olson, Sharon Ryan
.....Pam McGranahan, Cynthia McVay
Ushers.....Cindy Ellis, Emma Godfrey
.....Nancy Wilson, Patricia Ertel
Musician.....Dean Gardner
Vocalists.....Members of Senior Choir
Streaming.....Clark Kellogg
Nursery.....Kalli Selchert

10:30 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry.....Karen Dilley
Communion Cups.....Karen Dilley
Coffee.....Dawn Olson
Greeter.....Suzanne Warborg, Teri Terry
Reader.....Elizabeth Sabaka
Communion.....Lee Nelson, Teri Terry
.....Karen Dilley, Dave Lindorff
Ushers.....Ed & Bonnie Maas
.....Ed DeMeo, Landon Stelzer
Musician.....Camille Conway
Vocalists.....Celebrate Group
Streaming.....Clark Kellogg

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