



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.

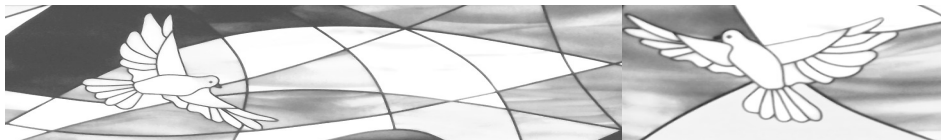
We stand together against the prejudice toward members of the LGBTQIA+ community and for anti-racism, indigenous respect, environmental justice, anti-trafficking, and on behalf of all those marginalized in our society.

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 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

Second Sunday of Easter + April 11 - 12, 2026



OPENING HYMN

5:00 PM *The Day of Resurrection*

8:15 AM *The Day of Resurrection*

10:30 AM **CHILDREN SINGING**

ELW Red Book **#361**

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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

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor King David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 138

The Fragrance of Christ

Lord, may our prayer rise like in-cense in your sight, may this
place be filled with the fra-grance of Christ.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God's great mercy we have been given a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

‡ THE HOMILY ‡

PASTOR JEFF VANDEN HEUVEL

BRIDGET CREMIN

SOCIAL WORKER AT KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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 *One Bread, One Body*

ELW Red Book **#496**

8:15 AM *When Peace Like a River*

ELW Red Book **#785**

10:30 AM *Taste and See
Holy, Holy*

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W&P Purple Book **#60**

CANDLE LIGHTING AND CLOSING SONG

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

At Evening

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 *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!*

10:30 AM *Soon and Very Soon*

ELW Red Book #393

W&P Purple Book #128

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

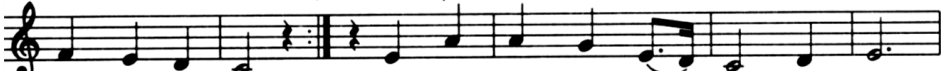
Taste and See

REFRAIN




Taste and see, O _ taste _ and see, taste and see _ the

Fine VERSES 1, 2




good-ness of God. 1. Glo - ry, glo - ry to _ God most high,
2. Who has fash-ioned the _ earth and sky,



1. glo - ry, bless-ing and praise. With one voice, O peo-ple, re-
2. who cre - a - ted the deep, who ex - alts the low - ly and

to Refrain



1. joice in our God, who hears _ the cry of all _ in need. _ O
2. sets cap-tives free, who o-pens the door to all those who seek. _ O

VERSE 3



3. Oh, the love _ of God! _ Be-come flesh of our flesh,

to Refrain



3. so that we might live in glo - ry. _ O

Flowers Given By

Susan Ashley & Jim Hall

In Celebration of Our 43rd Wedding Anniversary

Becky Skibo

In Honor of

THIS WEEK

April 13 - 19, 2026



Monday, April 13

Pastor Jeff's Day Off
Office Closed - phone & email monitored
Men's Breakfast Group..... 9:00 AM

Tuesday, April 14

Messiah Council Meeting..... 6:45 PM

Wednesday, April 15

Morning Bible Study 7:00 AM
NO YOW

Thursday, April 16

Pew Keepers 9:00 AM
Women's Book Study 10:00 AM
Grief Group 4:30 PM

Friday, April 17

Pr. Dan's Day Off

Saturday, April 18

Camp Weekend
Worship Service 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 19

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Men's Breakfast Group.....April 20
Morning Bible StudyApril 22
YOW Activity Night.....April 22
First Communion at 10:30April 26
Healing House Meal Week..... April 26-May 2
SAM Luncheon & Presentation.....April 29
Counters..... Julie Frey, Tim Coulthart

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 MinistryPete Wingier, Mary Reines
Greeter.....Cara Musick, Doreen Hinrichs
Reader.....Kathy Bultman
Communion.....Dan & Nancy Battist
.....Kathy Bultman, Jan Hagen
Ushers.....Pete Wingier, Kelli Weisinger
Musician.....Amy Zibell
Vocalists.....Clyde Nyhus, Cara Musick
.....Mike Digman, Dave Down
.....Tara Von Dollen, Donna Buchert
Streaming.....Mary Reines
Love, Laughter, LibationsThe Remikers

8:15 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry.....Cindy Ellis
Coffee Ministry.....Melissa Remiker
Greeter.....Julie Hanson, Kathy Lukens
Reader.....Cynthia Mc Vay
Communion.....Cindy Ellis, Julie Hanson
.....Kathy Lukens, Lynn Brandt
Ushers.....Cindy Ellis, Emma Godfrey
.....Nancy Wilson, Patricia Ertel
Musician.....Marian Korth
Vocalists.....Members of Senior Choir
Streaming.....Steve Cheramy
NurseryKalli Selchert

10:30 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry.....The Hollar Family
Communion CupsTara Von Dollen
Coffee.....Paul & Jo Vanderbloemen
Greeter.....Barbara Martin, Karen Smith
Reader.....Tisa Kremer
Communion.....Julia Neppl, Paula Kedzie
.....Barbara Martin, Gretchen Wahl
.....Suzanne Warborg, Susan Ashley
Ushers.....Walt Herrod, Ed DeMeo
.....Landon Stelzer, Suzanne Warborg
Musician.....Melissa Vanden Heuvel
Vocalists.....Celebrate Group
Streaming.....Clark Kellogg
NurseryKalli Selchert

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