

Epiphany



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 after Epiphany + January 17 - 18, 2026



OPENING HYMN

5:00 PM	<i>Holy God We Praise Your Name</i>	ELW Red Book #414
8:15 AM	<i>Holy God We Praise Your Name</i>	ELW Red Book #414
10:30 AM	<i>Lift Up Your Heads</i>	W&P Purple Book #88

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 49:1-2, 6-7

Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb, God named me. The Lord made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of God's hand, I was hid; the Lord made me a polished arrow; in God's quiver I was hid away. The Lord says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 63

I Long For You Lord

Refrain

I long for you, O Lord. With all my soul I thirst for you.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in Christ, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



S205a

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 1:29-39a

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes the One who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that the One might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'The One on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One." The next day, John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" God!" The two disciples heard John say this, and they followed

Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to the disciples, "What are you looking for?" They said to Jesus, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" Jesus said to them, "Come and see."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

‡ THE HOMILY ‡

PASTOR DAN O'BRIEN

HYMN OF THE DAY

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

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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...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 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 HYMNS

5:00 PM	<i>Abide With Me</i>	ELW Red Book #629
8:15 AM	<i>Abide With Me</i>	ELW Red Book #629
10:30 AM	<i>I Am For You</i>	Page 6
10:30 AM	<i>Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land</i>	ELW Red Book #333

5:00 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	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	ELW Red Book #793
10:30 AM	<i>Glory and Praise to Our God</i>	W&P Purple Book #43

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

I Am For You

3

3

1. There is a moun-tain there is a sea.
 2. There was a wom-an small as a star,
 3. There was a man who walked in the storm,
 4. We are a - noint - ed, ser - vants of God;
 5. There is a world that waits in the womb;

3

3

There is a wind with - in all breath-ing,
 Full of the pa - tient dreams of her na - tion,
 Caught in be - tween the waves and the light - ning,
 We have been born a - gain of Spir - it.
 There is a hope un - born God is bear - ing,

3

3

There is an arm to break ev - 'ry chain,
 Wel - com-ing in an an - gel of God,
 Shar - ing his bread with those cast a - side,
 We are the word God speaks to the world,
 Though the powers of death prowl the night,

3

3

There is a fire in all things liv - ing.
 Wel - com - ing in God's bold in - vi - ta - tion.
 Heal - ing by touch the lost and the dy - ing.
 Free - dom and light to all who will hear it.
 There is a day our God is pre - par - ing.

3

There is a voice that speaks from the flame:
 "Let it be done," she sang, "un - to me.
 Send - ing us forth, he says to his friends:
 So let us be the word of the Lord:
 Sing 'round the fire to wa - ken the dawn:

3

"I am for you, I am for you, I am for you is my name."
 I am for you, I am for you, I am for you: let it be."
 "I am for you, I am for you, I am for you to the end."
 I am for you, I am for you, I am for you ev - er - more.
 I am for you, I am for you, I am for you: We are one.

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 Tune: Rory Cooney, b.1952
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Down Galilee's Slow Roadways



1 Down Gal - i - lee's slow road - ways a strang - er trav - eled on
2 A - ris - ing from the riv - er he saw the heav - ens torn;
3 We too have found a road - way; it led us to this place.



from Naz - a - reth to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John.
it seemed the sky so o - pen re - vealed the Spir - it's form.
We all have had to trav - el in search of hope and grace.



He went down to the wa - ters like sol - dier, scribe, and slave,
The ho - ly dove de - scend - ed a - mid a glo - rious voice:
But now be - side this wa - ter a - gain a voice is heard.



“You are my own be - lov - ed, my child, my heart, my choice.”
“You are my own, my cho - sen, be - lov - ed of your Lord.”

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: MERLE'S TUNE, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933

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Flowers Given By

Chris & Ginny Powers
In Celebration of Our 20th Wedding Anniversary

Bernie Hartwig
In Memory of Our Daughter

THIS WEEK

January 19 - 18, 2026



Monday, January 19

Pastor Jeff's Day Off

Office Closed - phone & email monitored

Tuesday, January 20

Wednesday, January 21

Morning Bible Study 7:00 AM

YOW Field Trip Second Harvest 6:00 PM

Thursday, January 22

Pew Keepers 9:00 AM

Women's Book Study 10:00 AM

Friday, January 23

Pr. Dan's Day Off

Saturday, January 24

Worship Service 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 25

Worship Service 8:15 AM

Racial Justice Book Study 9:20 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM

Annual Meeting 11:30 AM

LOOKING AHEAD

SAM at Second Harvest January 26

Prayer Shawl Meeting January 26

Morning Bible Study January 28

SAM Potluck January 28

NO YOW January 28

Women's Book Study January 29

Women's Winter Retreat January 30-

..... February 1

Racial Justice Book Study February 1

Counters Julie Frey, Tim Coulthart

Snow Removal 1/18-1/24 Jeff Nesta

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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 Ministry	.....The Remiker Family
Greeter	.....Jeff & Gina Poster, Kathy Bultman
Reader	.....Kathy Bultman
Communion	.....Gene & Susan Qualmann.....Elaine Stampfli, Melissa Remiker
Ushers	.....Robb & Melissa Remiker.....Essie Remiker, Leighton Remiker
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	.....Kathy Lukens
Coffee Ministry	.....Kathy Bultman
Greeter	.....Karen Komprood, Shirley Rndl
Reader	.....Chris Gingher
Communion	.....Linda Olson, Kathy Lukens.....Nancy Wilson, Pam McGranahan
Ushers	.....Tim Coulthart, Chris & Ginny Powers.....Kalina Powers, Malakai Powers, Lamont Liefke
Musician	.....Dean Gardner
Vocalists	.....Members of Senior Choir
Streaming	.....Steve Cheramy
Nursery	.....Kalli Selchert

10:30 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry	.....Carla Fears
Communion Cups	.....Matthew Uselman.....John Uselman & Elizabeth Crummy
Coffee	.....John Uselman & Elizabeth Crummy.....Matthew Uselman
Greeter	.....Steve & Kathy Lyons
Reader	.....Tom Boehnen
Communion	.....Carla Fears, Norene Shultis.....Ray Robinson, Susan Ashley.....Elizabeth Crummy, John Uselman
Ushers	.....Carla Fears, Matthew Uselman.....John Uselman & Elizabeth Crummy
Musician	.....Melissa Vanden Heuvel
Vocalists	.....Celebrate Group
Streaming	.....Clark Kellogg
Nursery	.....Kalli Selchert

