



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.

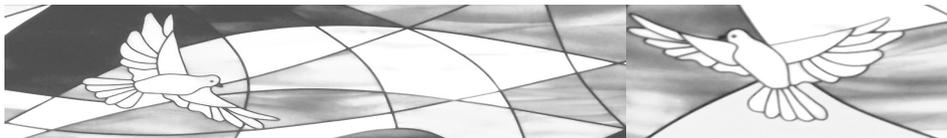
NURSERY CARE

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 in Lent + February 28 - March 1, 2026



OPENING HYMN

5:00 PM *The Glory of These Forty Days* ELW Red Book #320

8:15 AM *The Glory of These Forty Days* ELW Red Book #320

10:30 AM *Seek the Lord*

Seek the Lord

Refrain

Seek the Lord whose mer-cy a-bounds;

call a-loud to God who is near.

Verses 1-3

1 To-day is the day — and now the prop-er hour to for-
 2 As high as the sky — is a-bove the earth, ♪ so
 3 ♪ O-pen your heart — to hear the voice of God, ♪ whose

1 sake our sin - ful lives — and turn to the Lord.
 2 high a-bove our ways, — the ways of the Lord.
 3 words, whose ways ♪ lead us to life.

Verse 4

4 Some-day we'll live in the house of God;

hearts full of praise for God's gra-cious love.

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GREETING

KYRIE

Assistant: In peace, in peace...

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world for the unity of all... (*Congregation sings refrain*)

Assistant: For our people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (*Congregation sings refrain*)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O God.

Congregation:

A - - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray...

Congregation: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you, I will curse, and in you, all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 33

Let Your Mercy Be On Us



SECOND READING

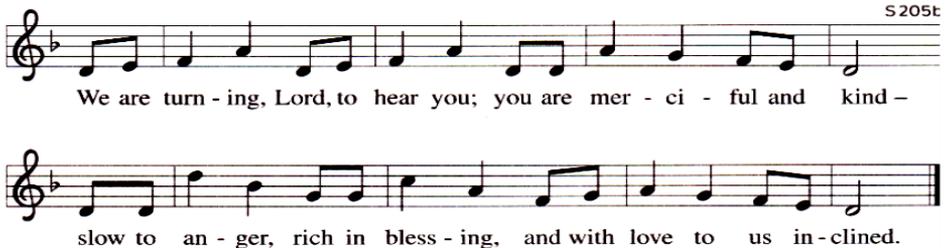
Romans 4:13-17

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null, and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. For this reason, the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all of his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom Abraham believed, who gives life to the dead, and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:8-17

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and

you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in the Son of Man may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that God gave their only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son of Man into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

‡ THE HOMILY ‡

PASTOR DAN O'BRIEN

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	<i>Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross</i>	ELW Red Book #335
8:15 AM	<i>Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross</i>	ELW Red Book #335
10:30 AM	<i>As the Wind Song</i>	Page 7
	<i>Lamb of God (Your Only Son)</i>	ELW Red Book #336

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>Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ</i>	ELW Red Book #674
10:30 AM	<i>You Are the Rock of My Salvation</i>	W&P Purple Book #161

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

As the Wind Song



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -



breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God,
gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the voice with - in the
as the green in the . . . spring, as a kite on a . . .



storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has come
mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace



blown bring - ing life, bring - ing pow'r to the world,
true, bring - ing gifts, bring - ing love to the world,



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the . . .



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

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THIS WEEK

March 2 - March 8, 2026



Monday, March 2

Pastor Jeff's Day Off

Office Closed - phone & email monitored

Tuesday, March 3

Wednesday, March 4

Morning Bible Study 7:00 AM

YOW Activity Night..... 6:00 PM

Thursday, March 5

Pew Keepers 9:00 AM

Women's Conversations..... 10:00 AM

Friday, March 6

Pr. Dan's Day Off

Saturday, March 7

Worship Service 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 8

Worship Service 8:15 AM

Adult Education 9:20 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM

LOOKING AHEAD

SAM Second Harvest..... March 9

Messiah Council Meeting..... March 10

Morning Bible Study..... March 11

Ladies Lunch Bunch at Olive Garden .. March 11

YOW Online..... March 11

Kids/Youth - Lent/Easter Walk..... March 15

YOW Field Trip..... March 18

Safe Gun Surrender at St. Paul March 21

SAM at Second Harvest..... March 23

SAM Potluck March 25

Counters..... Nancy Schmidt, Dan Battist

Snow Removal 3/1-3/7 Dan Battist

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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

Flowers Given By

Sarah Firchow, Martha Netzloff,
Hannah Dobke, Rebekah Herman,
and their families

In Loving Memory of Their Dad,
Fred Dobke, on His 85th birthday.

5:00 PM SERVICE

Altar MinistryThe Remiker Family

Greeter.....John & Carol Otterson

Reader.....Briley Radovan

Communion.....John & Carol Otterson

.....Gene & Susan Qualmann

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.....Cindy Ellis

Coffee Ministry.....John & Carol Otterson

Greeter.....Marnee Hafeman, Mike McHugh

Reader.....Mike Cornelius

Communion.....Cindy Ellis, Cynthia McVay

.....Karen Wenger, Sharon Ryan

Ushers.....Chip Plummer, Tim Ryan

.....David Anthony

Musician.....Dean Gardner

Vocalists.....Members of Senior Choir

Streaming.....Steve Cheramy

NurseryKalli Selchert

10:30 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry.....Sue Whitish

Communion CupsBecky Skibo

Coffee.....Jennifer Stelse

Greeter.....Evelyn Stelzer Susan Ashley

.....Suzanne Warborg

Reader.....Karen Dillely

Communion.....Karen Clark, Karen Dillely

.....Ray Robinson, Betty Fitzsimmons

.....Dave Lindorff, Susan Ashley

Ushers.....Dick White, Walt Herrod

.....Martha Netzloff, Olivia Netzloff

Musician.....Chris Powers

Vocalists.....Celebrate Group

Streaming.....Clark Kellogg

NurseryKalli Selchert