



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.

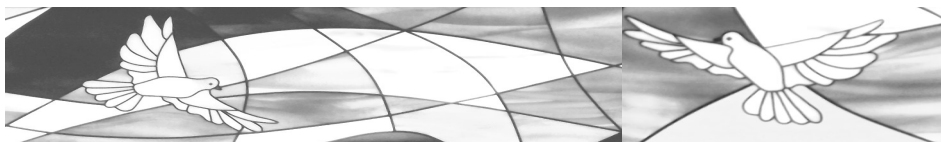
NURSERY CARE

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

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost + October 17-18, 2026



OPENING HYMN

5:00 PM *Holy, Holy, Holy*

ELW Red Book #413

8:15 AM *All Creatures, Worship God Most High!* ELW Red Book #835

10:30 AM *Glory and Praise to Our God*

W&P Purple Book #43

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 45:1-7

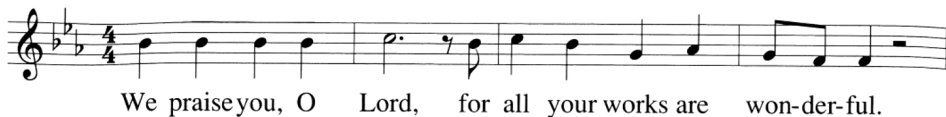
Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him, and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who calls you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM

We Praise You O Lord



SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, siblings beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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

Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

‡ THE HOMILY ‡

PASTOR JEFF VANDEN HEUVEL

10:30 PM HOLY BAPTISM

CALLAHAN HARLAN SHEPHERD

*Today we welcome Callahan, child of Emily & Anthony
into the Lord's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
Sponsors are Melissa Brix and Amanda Chase*

BAPTISM SONG

ELW Red Book #172

Halle, Halle, Halle

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

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 *If We Live, We Live to the Lord*

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8:15 AM *Now We Join the Celebration*

ELW Red Book **#462**

10:30 AM *If We Live, We Live to the Lord
Eat This Bread*

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ELW Red Book **#472**

5:00 PM CANDLE LIGHTING AND CLOSING SONG

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

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 *To Be Your Presence*

10:30 AM *We Bow Down*

ELW Red Book #546
W&P Purple Book #149

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

If We Live to the Lord

If we live, we live to the Lord. If we

die, we die to the Lord. So then, wheth-er we live or

wheth-er we die, we are the Lord's.

Let There Be Peace on Earth

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Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With

God as our Fa - ther, broth - ers
fam - 'ly all are we.

Let me us walk with my broth - er
each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment now.

With ev - 'ry step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow; To

take each mo - ment, and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly!

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

Flowers Given By

Dick & Karen Verhagen
In Celebration of Our 42nd Wedding Anniversary

Judy Armelin & Pam Shellberg
In Celebration of Our Birthdays

THIS WEEK

October 19-25, 2026



Monday, October 19

Pastor Jeff's Day Off

Tuesday, October 20

Boomerang Bag Workshop..... 10:00 AM

Wednesday, October 21

Morning Bible Study..... 7:00 AM

YOW Field Trip to The Road Home... 6:00 PM

Thursday, October 22

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 23

Pr. Dan's Day Off

Saturday, October 24

Worship Service 5:00 PM

Sunday, October 25

Worship Service 8:15 AM

Adult Education..... 9:20 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM

Trunk or Treat.....starting at the 10:30 service

High School Night..... 6:30 PM

LOOKING AHEAD

YOW No Class.....October 28

Men's Fellowship Breakfast.....October 29

Women's Book Study OCTOBER 29

Prayer Shawl Meeting..... October 26

SAM Hike at Mc Carthy Park October 26

Lenten Devotions Due..... October 31

Church Council Meeting November 10

Counters 10/18..... Glenn Schmitz, Sam Taylor

Lawn Mowing Team..... Dan Battist, John Nerad

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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.....Darilee Nelson Leanne Nelson

Greeter.....Randy & Mary Rodger

Reader.....Tara Von Dollen

Communion.....Elaine McNeil, Mary Rodger

..... Kathryn & Pete Wingier

Ushers..... Bernice Day, Kathy Bultman

Musician.....Melissa Vanden Heuvel

Vocalists.....Clyde Nyhus, Cara Musick

.....Mike Digman, Dave Down, Tara Von Dollen,

.....Donna Buchert

Streaming.....Jenna Shinstine

8:15 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry..... Cindy Ellis

Coffee Ministry..... Kathy Bultman

Greeter.....Lamont & Corrine Liefke

Reader.....Chris Gingher

Communion..... Dawn Olson, Linda Olson

..... Jane Miller, Cynthia McVay

Ushers.....Cindy Ellis, Nancy Wilson

Musician..... Dean Gardner

Vocalists.....Senior Choir Members

Streaming..... Steve Cheramy

Nursery Kalli Selchert

10:30 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry.....Karen Dilley

Communion Cups.....Karen Dilley

Coffee.....Jennifer Stelse

Greeter..... Barbara Herrod, Susan Ashley

Reader..... Ron Mach

Communion..... Julie Neppl, Susan Ashley

.....Norene Shultis, Suzanne Warborg

Organ - Dave Lindorff Lectern - Lee Nelson

Ushers Jody Dahmen,

.....Lee Nelson, Walt Herrod

Musician Melissa Vanden Heuvel

Vocalists.....Celebrate Group

Streaming Clark Kellogg

Nursery Kalli Selchert

