

# RE•FORMATION

## THEN • NOW • ALWAYS

### ***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.*

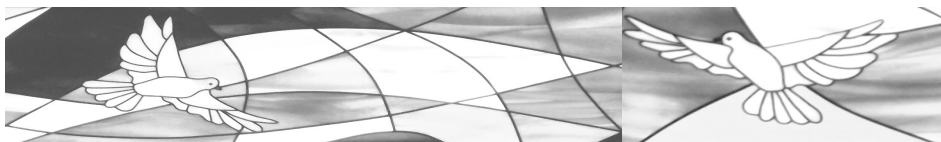
*By working together and being open with each other, we develop our faith and follow the example of Christ by humbly loving one another as God loves all of us.*

#### **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



**Reformation Sunday + October 24-25, 2026**



## OPENING HYMN

**5:00 PM** *On Jordan's Stormy Bank*  
**8:15 AM** *The Church's One Foundation*  
**10:30 AM** *Seek the Lord*

ELW Red Book **#437**  
 ELW Red Book **#654**  
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## GREETING

## HYMN OF PRAISE

**5:00 PM, 8:15 AM** *This is the Feast* ELW Red Book **Page 140**  
**10:30 AM** *Glory to God* W&P Purple Book **Page 45**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Pastor:* Let us pray....  
*Congregation:* **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

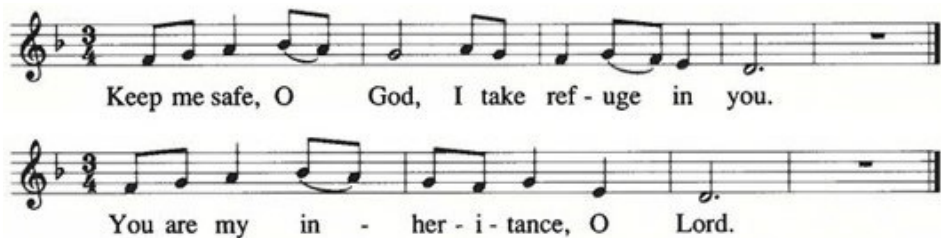
Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

*Reader:* Word of God, word of Life.  
*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God**

## PSALM 16

*Keep Me Safe, O God*



## SECOND READING

Romans 3:23-28

For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by God's grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by Christ's blood, effective through faith. God did this to demonstrate God's righteousness, because in God's divine forbearance God had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to demonstrate at the present time God's own righteousness, so that God is righteous and Go justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

*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 8:31-36

Jesus said to the Judeans who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

# ‡ THE HOMILY ‡

PASTOR DAN O'BRIEN

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Spirit Open My Heart*

*Refrain*

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of  
liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing  
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.  
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.

*Refrain*

## 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** *Let Us Break Bread Together*

ELW Red Book **#471**

**8:15 AM** *Abide With Me*

ELW Red Book **#629**

**10:30 AM** *We Are Many Parts  
Holy, Holy*

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W&P Purple Book **#60**

# 8:15 AM MEDITATION HYMN

*Senior Choir*

*Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone*

# 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,  
**5** Christ is our friend.

# 10:30 AM ALL HALLOWS EVE BLESSING

**BLESSING**     *Congregation: Amen.*

## CLOSING HYMN

**8:15 AM**     *A Mighty Fortress*

**10:30 AM**     *The Church Song*

ELW Red Book **#504**

W&P Purple Book **#135**

## DISMISSAL

*Pastor:*     Go in peace, serve the Lord.

*Congregation:*     **Thanks be to God!**

*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

**to Refrain**

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.

**to Refrain**

## We Are Many Parts

### Refrain

We are man - y parts, we are all one bod - y,  
 and the gifts we have we are giv - en to share.  
 May the Spir - it of love make us one in - deed;  
 one, the love that we share, one, our hope in de - spair,  
 one, the cross that we bear.

### Verses

1. God of all, we look to you, we would be your  
 2. So my pain is pain for you, in your joy is  
 3. All you seek - ers, great and small, seek the great - est  
 D.C.  
 ser-vants true, let us be your love to all the world.  
 my joy, too; all is brought to - geth - er in the Lord.  
 gift of all; if you love, then you will know the Lord.

## *Flowers Given By*

Sandy Perry & Her Grandson Lewis  
In Celebration of Their 77th & 6th Birthdays

Gloria Hehenberger  
In Celebration of Gloria Hehenberger  
and Michelle Burdick's birthdays

## THIS WEEK

Oct. 26-Nov.1, 2026



### Monday, October 26

Pastor Jeff's Day Off  
SAM Hike at McCarthy Park ..... 10:00 AM  
Prayer Shawl Meeting ..... 1:00 PM  
Justice for a New Day Class off site.. 6:00 PM

### Tuesday, October 27

Divine Yoga..... 6:00 PM

### Wednesday, October 28

Morning Bible Study ..... 7:00 AM  
YOW No Class.....

### Thursday, October 29

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 30

Pr. Dan's Day Off

### Saturday, October 31

Worship Service ..... 5:00 PM

### Sunday, November 1

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

## LOOKING AHEAD

Divine Yoga..... November 3  
YOW Activity Night ..... November 4  
Men's Fellowship Breakfast..... November 5  
Women's Ministry Book Study.. November 5  
YOW Concession Prep ..... November 6  
Craft Fair & Bake Sale..... November 7  
Church Council Meeting ..... November 10  
Counters 10/25..... Julie Frey, Tim Coulthart  
Lawn Mowing Team..... Dan Battist, John Nerad

## Office and Contact Information

**OFFICE PHONE**.....608-222-3833

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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**.....Nancy Battist  
**Greeter**..... Phil & Charlene Lawler  
**Reader**.....Cara Musick  
**Communion**..... Phil & Charlene Lawler  
..... Dan & Nancy Battist  
**Ushers**.....Doug & Jen Dettlauff  
**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**.... The Schmitz/Russell Family  
**Coffee Ministry** ..... Mary Reines  
**Greeter**..... Jim Alsmo, Dee Schwoegler  
**Reader**.....Glenn Schmitz, Violet Schmitz  
**Communion** ..... Dawn Olson, Glenn Schmitz  
..... Karen Wenger, Patricia Ertel  
**Ushers**..... Lamont Liefke,  
..... Mike Vesperat & Sara Mainquist  
**Musician**..... Marian Korth  
**Vocalists**.....Senior Choir Members  
**Streaming**..... Steve Cheramy  
**Nursery** .....Kalli Selchert

## 10:30 AM SERVICE

**Altar Ministry**..... Susan Whitish  
**Communion Cups**.....Becky Skibo  
**Coffee**..... Susan Whitish  
**Greeter**..... Carla Fears  
Jo Vanderbloemen, Jeremy Vanderbloemen  
**Reader**..... Celine Curley  
**Communion**..... Celine Curley, Dave Lindorff  
..... Gary Dalgaard, Karen Clark  
..... Organ - Susan Ashley  
..... Lectern - Elizabeth Crummy  
**Ushers** ..... Carla Fears, Doreen Hinrichs  
..... John Uselman & Elizabeth Crummy  
**Musician** ..... Camille Conway  
**Vocalists**..... Celebrate Group  
**Streaming**..... Clark Kellogg  
**Nursery** ..... Kalli Selchert

