



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 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

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

Third Sunday of Advent + December 13 - 14, 2025



OPENING HYMN

5:00 PM *The King Shall Come*

ELW Red Book #**260**

8:15 AM *Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn* ELW Red Book #**242**

10:30 AM *Out in the Wilderness*

W&P Purple Book #**115**

GREETING

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Faithful God...

Congregation: **We confess that we have been unfaithful to you. Like dry leaves and withered grass, our lives are blown about by our brokenness and the darkness that so often surrounds us. Restore us, O God; let the light of your face shine on us, and we shall be saved. Amen.**

ADVENT READING

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Light One Candle

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray....

***Congregation:* Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and shouting. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be opened; then the

lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp; the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

Keep Me Safe, O God



SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, siblings, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the 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

Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

✠ THE HOMILY ✠
PASTOR JEFF VANDEN HEUVEL

10:30 PM HOLY BAPTISM

EVERLY MARIE WYKLE

*Today we welcome Everly, child of Ryan & Morgan
into the Lord's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
Sponsor is Kate Kummer*

BAPTISM SONG

ELW Red Book #172

Halle, Halle, Halle

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

All Respond after each prayer: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor:we pray all of this through Christ our Lord.

***Congregation:* Amen**

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

***Congregation:* And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

***Congregation:* We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***Congregation:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

All are welcome to 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 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* ELW Red Book #254

8:15 AM *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* ELW Red Book #257

10:30 AM *Save Us, O Lord* **Page 7**

8:15 AM COMMUNION MEDITATION

Senior Choir

Emmanuel, God With Us

10:30 AM COMMUNION MEDITATION

Charlotte Miller

Be Born in Me

5:00 PM 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 *Hark the Glad Sound* ELW Red Book #239

10:30 AM *People Look East* ELW Red Book #248

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Save Us, O Lord

REFRAIN

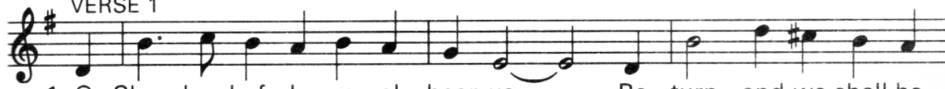


Save us, O Lord; car-ry us back. Rouse your pow-er and come. __



Res-cue your peo-ple; show us your face. Bring us back. ____ *Fine*

VERSE 1



1. O Shep-herd of Is - ra - el, hear us. ____ Re - turn and we shall be

to Refrain



1. saved. ____ A - rise, O Lord; hear our cries, O Lord; bring us back!

VERSE 2



2. How long will you hide from your peo-ple? ____ We long to

to Refrain



2. see your face. ____ Give ear to us. Draw near to us, Lord God of hosts!

VERSE 3



3. Turn ____ a-gain; care for your vine; pro - tect what your



3. right hand has plant-ed. ____ Your vine-yards are tram-pled, up -



3. root-ed, and burned. Come to us, Fa - ther of might! ____

to Refrain

Flowers Given By

Jeff & Paula Stadtmueller
In Memory of Our Niece Renee Art

Tisa Kremer & Steve Blair
In Celebration of Our Families

THIS WEEK

Dec. 15 - Dec. 21, 2025



Monday, December 15

Office Closed - Phone & email monitored
SAM at Second Harvest..... 12:15 PM

Tuesday, December 16

NO Boomerang Bag Group Meeting.....
NewBridge Senior Meal..... 12:00 PM
Divine Yoga..... 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 17

Men's Bible Study 7:00 AM
SAM Christmas Party..... 12:00 NOON
YOW Online 6:15 PM

Thursday, December 18

Pew Keepers 9:00 AM
Women's Ministry Chat Group 10:30 AM

Friday, December 19

Pr. Dan's Day Off

Saturday, December 20

Worship Service 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 21

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

LOOKING AHEAD

SAM Christmas Meal Delivery...December 23
Divine Yoga.....December 23
Christmas Eve Services.....December 24
Christmas Day Service.....December 25
Office Closed.....December 25-26
Counters..... Glenn Schmitz, Samantha Taylor
Snow Remover 12/14-20.....Jeff Nesta

Office and Contact Information

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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.....Dan & Nancy Battist
.....Doreen Hinrichs
Reader.....Paula Stadtmueller
Communion.....Dan & Nancy Battist
.....Elaine McNeil, Kelli Weisinger
Ushers.....Robb & Melissa Remiker
.....Leighton Remiker, Essie Remiker
Musician.....Amy Ziebell
Vocalists.....Clyde Nyhus, Cara Musick
.....Mike Digman, Dave Down
.....Tara Von Dollen, Donna Buchert
Streaming.....Jenna Shinstine
LL&L.....The Remiker Family

8:15 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry.....Kathy Lukens
Coffee Ministry.....Kim Radovan
Greeter.....Karen Komprood, Maren Anderson
Reader.....Ginny Powers
Communion.....Dawn Olson, Pat Ertel
.....Judy Misfeldt, Kathy Lukens
Ushers.....Tim Coulthart, Lamont Liefke
.....Christopher, Malakai & Kalina Powers
Musician.....Marian Korth
Vocalists.....Members of Senior Choir
Streaming.....Steve Cheramy
Nursery.....Christina Teschendorf

10:30 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry.....Carla Fears
Communion Cups.....Crummy/Uselman Family
Coffee Ministry.....Deb Plantz
Greeter.....Andy Schauer, Carla Fears
Reader.....Jessica Newberry
Communion.....Clyde & Holly Tunak
.....Carla Fears, Karen Clark
Ushers.....Matthew Uselman
.....Elizabeth Crummy & John Uselman
Musician.....Melissa Vanden Heuvel
Vocalists.....Celebrate Group
Streaming.....Clark Kellogg
Nursery.....Christina Teschendorf



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