



## ***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.*

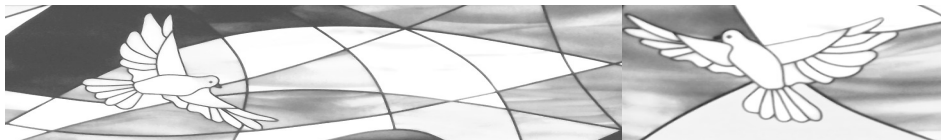
*We stand together against the prejudice toward members of the LGBTQIA+ community and for anti-racism, indigenous respect, environmental justice, anti-trafficking, and on behalf of all those marginalized in our society.*

*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

**Third Sunday of Easter + April 18 - 19, 2026**



## OPENING HYMN

**5:00 PM** *Now the Green Blade Rises*

ELW Red Book #379

**8:15 AM** *Now the Green Blade Rises*

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**10:30 AM** *Now the Green Blade Rises*

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## 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

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Siblings, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls." And Peter testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*Reader:* Word of God, word of Life.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM 128

## Blest Are Those Who Love You

Refrain

Blest are those who love you, hap - py those who  
fol - low you, blest are those who seek you, O God.

### SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-23

You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that Jesus was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then Jesus said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*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** *Drawn to the Light*

**8:15 AM** *When Peace Like a River*

**10:30 AM** *Drawn to the Light*  
*Wade in the Water*

ELW Red Book #593

ELW Red Book #785

ELW Red Book #593

ELW Red Book #459

## 8:15 COMMUNION MEDITATION

*Senior Choir*

*Forever and Until*

## 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 eve - ning: Lights of the cit - y  
2. Now it is eve - ning: Food on the ta - ble  
3. Now it is eve - ning: Lit tle ones sleep - ing  
4. Now it is eve ning: Here in our meet ing



Bid us re - mem - ber Christ is our Light.  
Bid us re - mem - ber Christ is our Life.  
Bids us re - mem - ber Christ is our Peace.  
May we re mem ber Christ is our Friend.



Man - y are lone - ly Who will be neigh - bor?  
Man y are - hun - gry Who will be neigh - bor?  
Some are ne glect - ed Who will be neigh - bor?  
Some may be stran gers, Who will be neigh bor?



Where there is car - ing Christ is our Light.  
Where there is shar - ing Christ is our Life.  
Where there is car - ing Christ is our Peace.  
Where there's a wel come Christ is our Friend.

**BLESSING**      *Congregation: Amen.*

**CLOSING HYMN**

**8:15 AM**    *Lift High the Cross*

**10:30 AM**   *Shine Jesus Shine*

ELW Red Book #660

ELW Red Book #671

**DISMISSAL**

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

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

*Pass it On*

**It only takes a spark to get a fire going.  
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.  
That's how it is with God's love, once we've experienced it.  
We spread God's love to everyone, we want to pass it on.**

**What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding.  
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.  
That's how it is with God's love, once we've experienced it.  
We want to sing, it's fresh like spring, we want to pass it on.**

**We wish for you my friends, this happiness that we've found.  
We can depend on God, it matters not where we're bound.  
Let us shout it from the mountain top, we want the world to know,  
The Lord of love has come to us, so go and pass it on.**

*Flowers Given By*

Delores Zeeh

Zeeh Family Special Prayers

Michael & Barbara Palovcsik

In Memory of Our Beloved Son Michael Palovcsik

## THIS WEEK

April 20 - 26, 2026



### Monday, April 20

Pastor Jeff's Day Off

Office Closed - phone & email monitored

Men's Breakfast Group..... 9:00 AM

SAM at Second Harvest..... 12:15 PM

### Tuesday, April 21

Messiah Council Meeting..... 6:45 PM

### Wednesday, April 22

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

YOW End of Year Party..... 6:00 PM

### Thursday, April 23

Pew Keepers..... 900 AM

Women's Book Study..... 10:00 AM

### Friday, April 24

Pr. Dan's Day Off

### Saturday, April 25

Worship Service..... 5:00 PM

### Sunday, April 26

Worship Service..... 8:15 AM

Adult Education..... 9:20 AM

Worship Service..... 10:30 AM

First Communion..... 10:30 AM

## LOOKING AHEAD

Healing House Meal Week..... April 26-May 2

Men's Breakfast Group..... April 27

Morning Bible Study..... April 29

SAM Luncheon & Presentation..... April 29

Women's Book Study..... April 30

Grief Group..... April 30

Confirmation..... May 9

Counters..... Lou Ann Kidd, Gayle Daugherity

## 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**Darilee Nelson, Leanne Nelson

**Greeter**.....Doug & Jen Dettlaff

**Reader**.....Pam Shellberg

**Communion**.....John & Carol Otterson

.....Steve & Diane Nelson

**Ushers**.....Philip & Char Lawler

**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**.....Dawn Olson

**Greeter**.....Dee Schwoegler, Lynn Gingham

**Reader**.....Corey Randl

**Communion**.....Dawn Olson, Judy Misfeldt

.....Glenn Schmitz, Patricia Ertel

**Ushers**.....Bill Gingham, Brandon Gingham

.....Charlie & Bonnie Eastman

**Musician**.....Dean Gardner

**Vocalists**.....Members of Senior Choir

**Streaming**.....Steve Cheramy

**Nursery**.....Christina Teschendorf

### 10:30 AM SERVICE

**Altar Ministry**.....Barbara Martin

**Communion Cups**.....Becky Skibo

**Coffee**.....Dawn Olson

**Greeter**.....Betty Schmidt, Charlotte Miller

**Reader**.....Mary Marshall

**Communion**.....Karen Clark, Norene Shultis

.....Ray Robinson, Suzanne Warborg

.....Mary Marshall, Duane Beszhak

**Ushers**.....Edward & Karen Bosold

.....Pat & Judith Goldschmidt

**Musician**.....Melissa Vanden Heuvel

**Vocalists**.....Celebrate Group

**Streaming**.....Michael Savides

**Nursery**.....Christian Teschendorf

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