

Welcome to Messiah!



**RECONCILING IN CHRIST
SUNDAY 2026**

**Celebrating Diversity
as God's Children**



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 after Epiphany + January 24 - 25, 2026



OPENING HYMN

5:00 PM *Gather Us In*
8:15 AM *Praise to the Lord*
10:30 AM *Gather Us In*

ELW Red Book **#532**
 ELW Red Book **#858**
 ELW Red Book **#532**

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

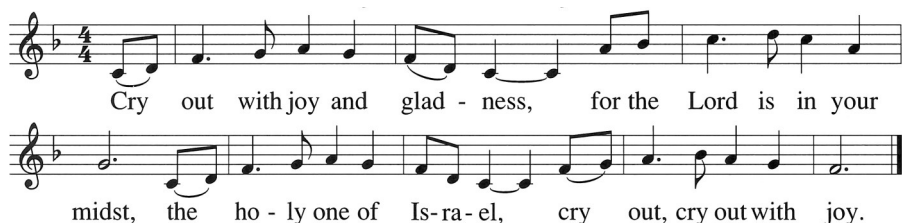
Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time the Lord will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined. You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

ISAIAH 12

Cry Out With Joy and Gladness



SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, my siblings, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my siblings. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As Jesus went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

✠ THE HOMILY ✠

PASTOR JEFF VANDEN HEUVEL

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...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 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 HYMNS

5:00 PM	<i>As the Wind Song</i>	Page 6
8:15 AM	<i>When Peace Like a River</i>	ELW Red Book #785
10:30 AM	<i>One Bread One Body</i>	W&P Purple Book #111
10:30 AM	<i>As the Wind Song</i>	Page 6

5:00 CANDLE LIGHTING AND CLOSING SONG **Page 7**

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

BLESSING ***Congregation: Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN

8:15 AM	<i>Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us</i>	ELW Red Book #707
10:30 AM	<i>Soon and Very Soon</i>	ELW Red Book #439

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
mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come



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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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.

Flowers Given By

Jody Dahmen
In Memory of Jen Justeson

Messiah Lutheran Church
In Thanksgiving for Our Church Council

THIS WEEK

January 26- February 1, 2026



Monday, January 26

Pastor Jeff's Day Off
Office Closed - phone & email monitored
SAM at Second Harvest..... 12:15 PM
Prayer Shawl Meeting..... 1:00 PM

Tuesday, January 27

Wednesday, January 28

Morning Bible Study..... 7:00 AM
SAM Potluck..... 12:00 NOON
NO YOW.....

Thursday, January 29

Pew Keepers..... 900 AM
Women's Book Study..... 10:00 AM

Friday, January 30

Pr. Dan's Day Off
Women's Winter Retreat..... 2:00 PM

Saturday, January 31

Worship Service..... 5:00 PM
Women's Winter Retreat..... All Day

Sunday, February 1

Worship Service..... 8:15 AM
Racial Justice Book Study..... 9:20 AM
Worship Service..... 10:30 AM
Women's Winter Retreat.....

LOOKING AHEAD

Racial Justice Book Study..... February 1
Morning Bible Study..... February
Women's Book Study..... February

Counters..... Lou Ann Kidd, Gayle Daugherty
Snow Removal 1/25-1/31..... John Uselman

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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..... Mary Reines
Greeter..... Barry Strauss, Sally Carpenter
Reader.....
Communion..... John & Carol Otterson
..... Steve & Diane Nelson
Ushers..... Philip & Charlene Lawler
Musician..... Melissa Vanden Heuvel
Vocalists..... Clyde Nyhus, Cara Musick
..... Mike Digman, Dave Down
..... Tara Von Dollen, Donna Buchert
Streaming..... Mary Reines

8:15 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry..... Cindy Ellis
Coffee Ministry..... Mary Reines
Greeter..... Jim Alsmo, Shirley Randl
Reader..... Cynthia McVay
Communion..... Cindy Ellis, Judy Misfeldt
..... Cynthia McVay, Glenn Schmitz
Ushers..... Chip Plummer
..... Tim Ryan, David Anthony
Musician..... Marian Korth
Vocalists..... Members of Senior Choir
Streaming..... Steve Cheramy
Nursery..... Christina Teschendorf

10:30 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry..... Martha Netzloff
Communion Cups..... Becky Skibo
Coffee..... Paul & Jo Vanderbloemen
Greeter..... Jo & Jeremy Vanderbloemen
Reader..... Ray Robinson
Communion..... Dave Lindorff, Teri Terry
..... Martha Netzloff, Paula Kedzie
..... Ray Robinson, Olivia Netzloff
Ushers..... John Uselman
..... Olivia Netzloff, Walt Herrod
Musician..... Melissa Vanden Heuvel
Vocalists..... Celebrate Group
Streaming..... Clark Kellogg
Nursery..... Christina Teschendorf

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