



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.

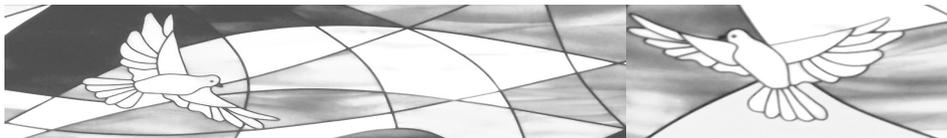
We stand together against the prejudice toward members of the LGBTQIA+ community and for anti-racism, indigenous respect, environmental justice, anti-trafficking, and on behalf of all those marginalized in our society.

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 in Lent + March 7 - 8, 2026



OPENING HYMN

5:00 PM O Christ Your Heart Compassionate ELW Red Book #722

8:15 AM O Christ Your Heart Compassionate ELW Red Book #722

10:30 AM They Will Know We Are Christians **Page 7**

GREETING

KYRIE

Assistant: In peace, in peace...

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray — to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world for the unity of all... (*Congregation sings refrain*)

Assistant: For our people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (*Congregation sings refrain*)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O God.

Congregation:

A - - - - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray....

Congregation: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:3-7

But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Return to God

Refrain



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and



mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

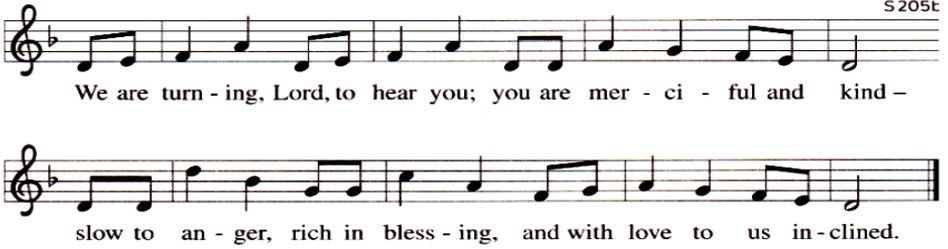
Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many

more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

✠ THE HOMILY ✠

PASTOR JEFF VANDEN HEUVEL

5:00 PM HOLY BAPTISM

ROMAN JULIAN JAMES DELL ISOLA

Today we welcome Roman, child of Vanessa and Anthony into the Lord's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Sponsors are Michael Dell Isola, Nicholas Dell Isola, Jessica Acosta

BAPTISM SONG

ELW Red Book # 595

Jesus Loves Me

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	<i>Healer of Our Every Ill</i>	ELW Red Book #612
8:15 AM	<i>Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling</i>	ELW Red Book #608
10:30 AM	<i>Healer of Our Every Ill</i>	ELW Red Book #612
	<i>Jesus Remember Me</i>	ELW Red Book #616

CANDLE LIGHTING AND CLOSING SONG

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

At Evening

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| 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. | 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. |
| 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. | 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	<i>Almighty God Your Word is Cast</i>	ELW Red Book #516
10:30 AM	<i>Take My Life That I May Be</i>	ELW Red Book #583

DISMISSAL

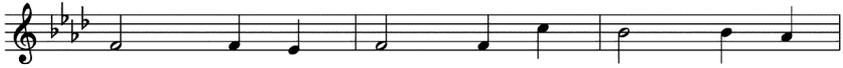
Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

They Will Know We Are Christians



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from



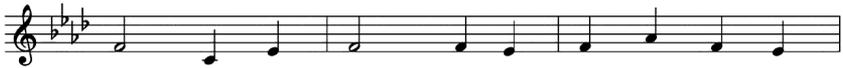
one in the Lord, We are one in the
walk hand in hand, We will walk with each
work side by side, We will work with each
whom all things come, And all praise to Christ



Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we
oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -
oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll
Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
guard hu - man's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's
praise to the Spir - it, who makes us



stored:
land:
pride: And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
one:



love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are



Chris - tians by our love.

THIS WEEK

March 9 - March 15, 2026



Monday, March 9

Pastor Jeff's Day Off

Office Closed - phone & email monitored
SAM at Second Harvest..... 11:15 AM

Tuesday, March 10

Divine Yoga..... 6:00 PM
Messiah Council Meeting..... 6:45 PM

Wednesday, March 11

Morning Bible Study 7:00 AM
Ladies Lunch Bunch at Olive Garden ... 11:30 AM
YOW Online 6:00 PM

Thursday, March 12

Pew Keepers 900 AM
Women's Conversations..... 10:00 AM

Friday, March 13

Pr. Dan's Day Off

Saturday, March 14

Worship Service 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 15

Worship Service 8:15 AM
Kids/Youth - Lent/Easter Walk..... 9:20 AM
Adult Education 9:20 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM

LOOKING AHEAD

Divine Yoga..... March 17
YOW Field Trip..... March 18
Sew to Give..... March 21
Safe Gun Surrender at St. Paul March 21
SAM at Second Harvest March 23
SAM Potluck March 25

Counters..... Tim Coulthart, Julie Frey
Snow Removal 3/8-3/14 Dan Battist

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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

Flowers Given By

Neppel Family

We celebrate Dora and her gotcha sisters as they turn 20 this year

5:00 PM SERVICE

Altar MinistryMark Petersen
Greeter.....Doug & Jen Dettlaff
Reader.....Peggy Petersen
Communion.....Dan & Nancy Battist
.....Gene & Susan Qualmann
Ushers.....Bernice Day, Kathy Bultman
Musician.....Marian Korth
Vocalists.....Clyde Nyhus, Cara Musick
.....Mike Digman, Dave Down
.....Tara Von Dollen, Donna Buchert
Streaming.....Jenna Shinstine

8:15 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry.....Schmitz/Russell Family
Coffee Ministry.....Kathy Bultman
Greeter.....Jim Alsmo, Maren Anderson
Reader.....Ginny Powers
Communion.....Glenn Schmitz, Jane Miller
.....Linda Olson, Pam McGranahan
Ushers.....Cindy Ellis, Emma Godfrey
.....Nancy Wilson, Patricia Ertel
Musician.....Marian Korth
Vocalists.....Members of Senior Choir
Streaming.....Steve Cheramy
NurseryChristina Teschendorf

10:30 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry.....Karen Dilley
Communion CupsKaren Dilley
Coffee.....Ray & Kathy Robinson
Greeter.....Don Hendrikse, Teri Terry
Reader.....Elizabeth Sabaka
Communion.....Teri Terry, Julia Neppel
.....Gretchen Wahl, Mary Marshall
.....Paula Kedzie, Ray Robinson
Ushers.....Ted Savides, Walt Herrod
Musician.....Melissa Vanden Heuvel
Vocalists.....Celebrate Group
Streaming.....Clark Kellogg
NurseryChristina Teschendorf