

An illustration of the Epiphany scene. Three wise men on camels are silhouetted against a bright orange and yellow sunset sky. A bright, multi-pointed star is visible in the dark blue night sky above them. The word "Epiphany" is written in a white, elegant script font in the upper left corner of the image.

*Epiphany*

## **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

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany + January 31 - February 1, 2026**



## OPENING HYMN

**5:00 PM**    *Rise Up O Sanits of God*    ELW Red Book **#669**  
**8:15 AM**    *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*    ELW Red Book **#674**  
**10:30 AM**    *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*    ELW Red Book **#674**

## 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

Micah 6:1-3; 6-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! "With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

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

## PSALM 128

### *Blest Are Those Who Love You*

Refrain



## SECOND READING

Corinthians 1:18, 20-25, 30-31

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. Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

*Reader:* Word of God, word of Life

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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## **.HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

*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**    *Lord Whose Love in Humble Service*    ELW Red Book #712

**8:15 AM**    *Lord Whose Love in Humble Service*    ELW Red Book #712

**10:30 AM**    *Save Us O Lord*

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**10:30 AM**    *The Summons*

ELW Red Book #798

## 5:00 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**    *Now Thank We All Our God*

ELW Red Book #840

**10:30 AM**    *City of God*

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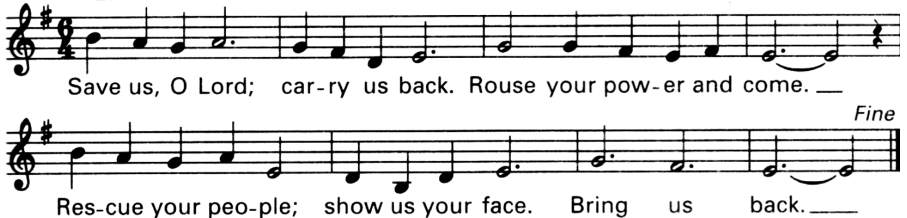
# DISMISSAL

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

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

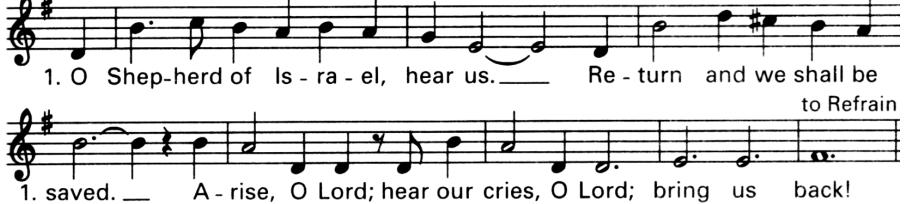
## Save Us O Lord

### REFRAIN



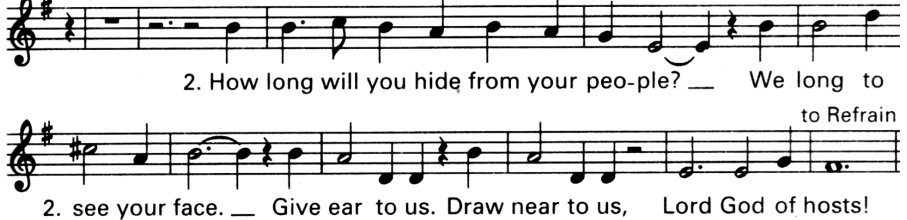
Save us, O Lord; car-ry us back. Rouse your pow-er and come. —  
Res-cue your peo-ple; show us your face. Bring us back. — *Fine*

### 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-protect what your  
3. right hand has plant-ed. — Your vine-yards are tram-pled, up -  
to Refrain  
3. root-ed, and burned. Come to us, Fa-ther of might! —

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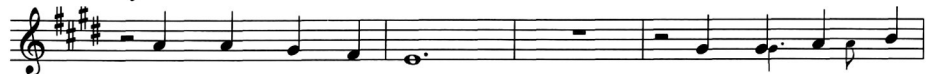
## City of God



1. A-wake from your slum-ber! A - rise from your  
2. We are sons of the morn-ing; we are daugh-ters of



sleep! A new day is dawn - ing  
day. The One who has loved us



for all those who weep. The peo - ple in  
has bright-ened our way. The Lord of all



dark-ness have seen a great light. The Lord of our  
kind-ness has called us to be a light for all



long - ing has con-quired the night.  
peo - ple to set their hearts free.

Refrain 



Let us build the cit-y of God. May our tears be



turned in - to danc - ing! For the Lord, our light and our



love, has turned the night in - to day!

### *Flowers Given By*

Tisa Kremer  
In Celebration of Tisa & Dane's Birthday  
Paul & Jo Vanderbloemen  
In Memory of Diane Vanderbloemen

## THIS WEEK

February 2 - February 8, 2026



### Monday, February 2

Pastor Jeff's Day Off

Office Closed - phone & email monitored

### Tuesday, February 3

### Wednesday, February 4

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

YOW Activity Night..... 6:00 PM

### Thursday, February 5

Pew Keepers ..... 900 AM

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

### Friday, February 6

Pr. Dan's Day Off

### Saturday, February 7

Worship Service ..... 5:00 PM

### Sunday, February 8

Worship Service ..... 8:15 AM

Adult Education (Guns to Gardens)... 9:20 AM

Worship Service ..... 10:30 AM

### 5:00 PM SERVICE

**Altar Ministry**.....Nancy Battist  
**Greeter**.....Jill & Eli Tecalero  
**Reader**.....Cara Musick  
**Communion**.....Dan & Nancy Battist  
.....Elaine McNeil, Sue Meng  
**Ushers**.....Bernice Day, Michaelle Eeg  
.....Pete Wingier  
**Musician**.....Amy Ziebell  
**Vocalists**.....Clyde Nyhus, Cara Musick  
.....Mike Digman, Dave Down  
.....Tara Von Dollen, Donna Buchert  
**Streaming**.....Ellie Meng

### 8:15 AM SERVICE

**Altar Ministry**.....Cindy Ellis  
**Coffee Ministry**.....Jill & Eli Tecalero  
**Greeter**.....Julie Hanson, Bernie Hartwig  
**Reader**.....Pam McGranahan  
**Communion**.....Julie Hanson, Sharon Ryan  
.....Karen Wenger, Pam McGranahan  
**Ushers**.....Cindy Ellis, Patricia Ertel  
.....Emma Godfrey, Nancy Wilson  
**Musician**.....Dean Gardner  
**Vocalists**.....Members of Senior Choir  
**Streaming**.....Steve Cheramy  
**Nursery**.....Kalli Selchert

## LOOKING AHEAD

SAM Second Harvest .....February 9

Messiah Council Meeting.....February 10

Morning Bible Study.....February 11

Ladies Valentine Lunch Bunch .....February 11

YOW Online.....February 11

Women's Book Study .....February 12

Family Mardi Gras Celebration ....February 15

Visitation Ministry Sacred Circle .February 15

Counters..... Nancy Schmidt, Dan Battist

Snow Removal 2/1-2/7 ..... Dan Battist

### 10:30 AM SERVICE

**Altar Ministry**.....Karen Dille  
**Communion Cups** .....Karen Dille  
**Coffee**.....Deb Plantz  
**Greeter**.....Charlotte Miller, Doreen Hinrichs  
**Reader**.....Phil Neppi  
**Communion**...Dave Lindorff, Martha Netzloff  
.....Ray Robinson, Karen Dille  
.....Doreen Hinrichs, Paula Kedzie  
**Ushers**.....Ed DeMeo & Suzanne Warborg  
.....Landon Stelzer  
**Musician**.....Melissa Vanden Heuvel  
**Vocalists**.....Celebrate Group  
**Streaming**.....Clark Kellogg  
**Nursery**.....Kalli Selchert

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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



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