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.

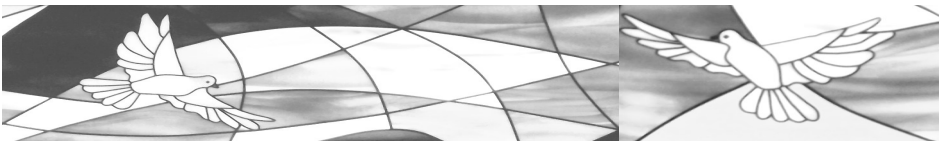
We stand together against the prejudice toward members of the LGBTQIA+ community and for anti-racism, indigenous respect, environmental justice, anti-trafficking, and on behalf of all those marginalized in our society.

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 in Lent + March 14 - 15, 2026



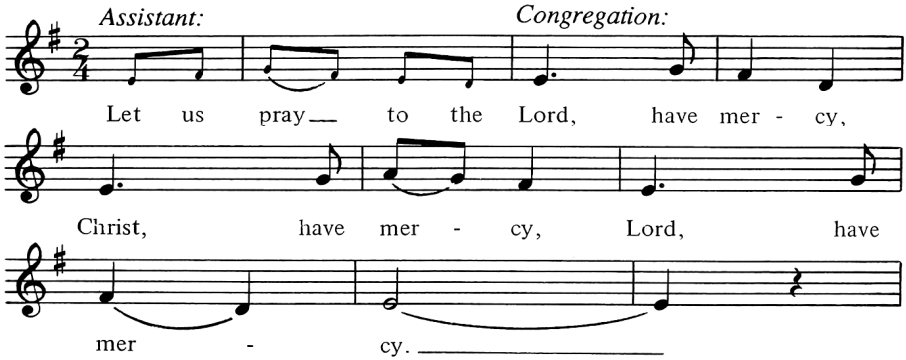
Opening Hymn

5:00 PM	*Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*	ELW Red Book **#412**
8:15 AM	*Holy, Holy, Holy*	ELW Red Book **#413**
10:30 AM	*Sing Out Earth and Skies*	W&P Purple Book **#126**

Greeting

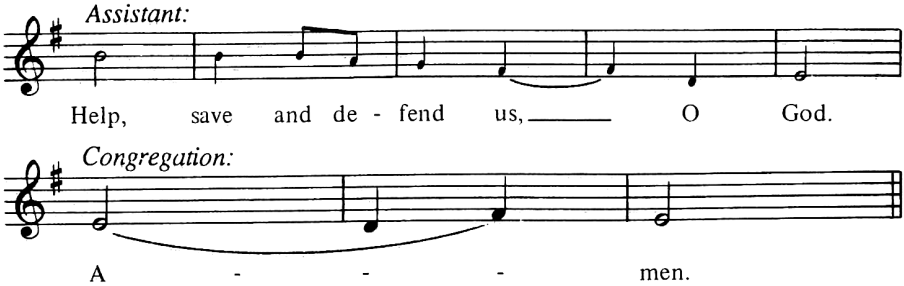
Kyrie

Assistant: In peace, in peace...



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)*



Prayer of the Day

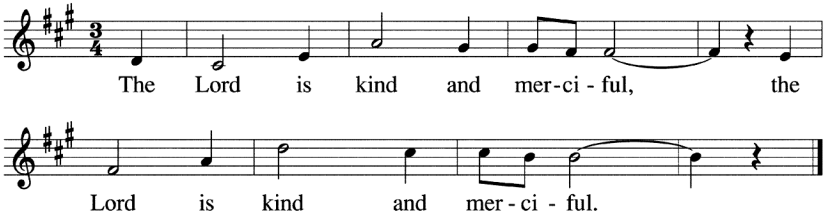
Pastor: Let us pray....
Congregation: **Amen.**

First Reading — Exodus

Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are *all your sons here?"* And Jesse said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward.

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

Psalm 103 — *The Lord is Kind and Merciful*

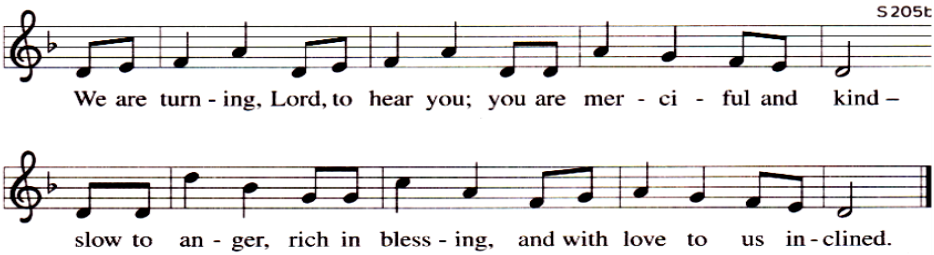


Second Reading — Romans

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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

Gospel Acclamation



Holy Gospel

John 9:1,6-7,13-17, 34-38

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. When Jesus had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to the man, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask the man how he had received his sight. He said to them, "Jesus put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when Jesus found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" The man answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

✠ The Homily ✠

Pastor Preston Fields
UW Madison Campus Pastor and Executive Director

5:00 pm, 8:15 am Hymn of the Day

Precious Lord, take my hand ELW Red Book **#773**

10:30 pm Holy Baptism

Rebecca Anne Brinkmeier

Today we welcome Rebecca, child of Abigail and Karl
into the Lord's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
Sponsors are Candice Hagen, Laura Prestigiacomo
Dave Brinkmeier, Don K. Brinkmeier

Baptism Song

ELW Red Book **# 438**

My Lord, What a Morning

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	*Here I Am Lord*	ELW Red Book **#574**
8:15 am	*Here I Am Lord*	ELW Red Book **#574**
10:30 am	*God Be the Love to Search and Guide Me*	**Page 7**
	Our Confidence is in the Lord	ELW Red Book **#114**

Meditation Hymn *Senior Choir*

Jesus, at Your Holy Table

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**.

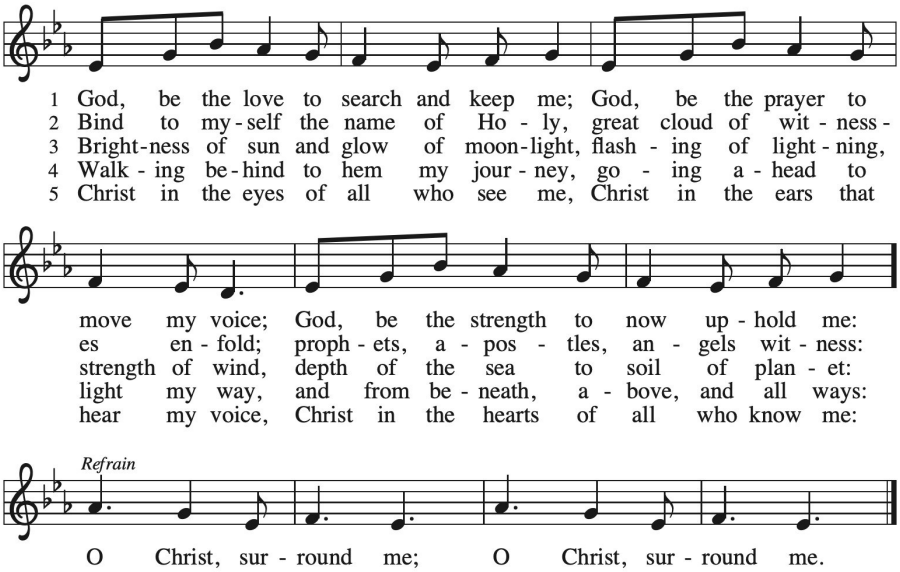
Closing Hymn

8:15 AM *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* ELW Red Book **#551**
10:30 AM *On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand* ELW Red Book **#437**

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me



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Flowers Given By

Walt & Barbara Herrod

In Thanksgiving for the dedicated staff
and leaders who serve Messiah

Delores Zeeh

Zeeh family special prayers

This Week

March 16 - 22, 2026

Monday, March 16

Pastor Jeff's Day Off
Office Closed - phone & email monitored

Tuesday, March 17

Divine Yoga..... 6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 18

Morning Bible Study ..... 7:00 AM
YOW Field Trip..... 6:00 PM

Thursday, March 19

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

Friday, March 20

Pr. Dan's Day Off

Saturday, March 21

Sew to Give..... 9:00 AM
Guns to Gardens Safe Surrender..... 9:00 AM
Worship Service ..... 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 22

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

Looking Ahead

SAM at Second Harvest..... March 23
Divine Yoga..... March 24
SAM Potluck ..... March 25
No YOW Spring Break..... March 25

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

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Office Correspondence Drop Box
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5:00 PM Service

Altar Ministry .....Mary Reines
Greeter.....Phil & Char Lawler
Reader.....Tara Von Dollen
Communion.....Char & Phil Lawler
.....Carol Otterson, Sue Meng
Ushers.Carol & John Otterson, Michaelle Eeg
Musician.....Amy Ziebell
Vocalists.....Clyde Nyhus, Cara Musick
.....Mike Digman, Dave Down
.....Tara Von Dollen, Donna Buchert
Streaming.....Ellie Meng
Love, Laughter & Libations.....Kim Radovan
.....Pete Wingier

8:15 AM Service

Altar Ministry.....Schmitz/Russell Family
Coffee Ministry...Kim Radovan, Pete Wingier
Greeter.....Kathy Lukens, Lynn Gingher
Reader.....Glenn Schmitz, Violet Schmitz
Communion.....Glenn Schmitz, Jane Miller
.....Judy Misfeldt, Kathy Lukens
Ushers.....Bonnie & Charlie Eastman
.....Brandon Gingher, Bill Gingher
Musician.....Dean Gardner
Vocalists.....Members of Senior Choir
Streaming.....Steve Cheramy
Nursery .....Kalli Selchert

10:30 AM Service

Altar Ministry.....Carla Fears
Communion Cups .....Doreen Hinrichs
Coffee.....Deb Plantz
Greeter.....Doreen Hinrichs, Carla Fears
Reader.....Ted Savides
Communion.....Dave Lindorff, Norene Shultis
.....Ray Robinson, Suzanne Warborg
.....Doreen Hinrichs, Duane Beszhak
Ushers.....Edward & Karen Bosold
.....Pat & Judy Goldschmidt
Musician.....Melissa Vanden Heuvel
Vocalists.....Celebrate Group
Streaming.....Lucas Grondin
Nursery .....Kalli Selchert