



8:15 AM

*Dear Friends,*

# Welcome

Welcome to our parish community!

We are thrilled to have you with us. Your presence at Messiah Church is a true treasure and we open our hearts to you with a deep sense of hospitality. We hope that you will make yourself at home. Please get involved in whatever catches your attention and imagination. Even more so, please share with us whatever gift and talent that you bring to Messiah. Please fill out the Welcome Card found in the pew pocket if you would like to be contacted by me or by the office. May you and your loved ones know the rich blessings of our loving God.

*Pastor Jeff Vanden Heuvel*

## **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

**Fifth Sunday in Lent + March 17, 2024**



## Sunday 8:15 Worship Service

### OPENING HYMN

ELW Red Book #838

*Beautiful Savior*

### GREETING

#### KYRIE

*Pastor: In Peace, in peace .....*

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

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

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

*Pastor:* 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

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

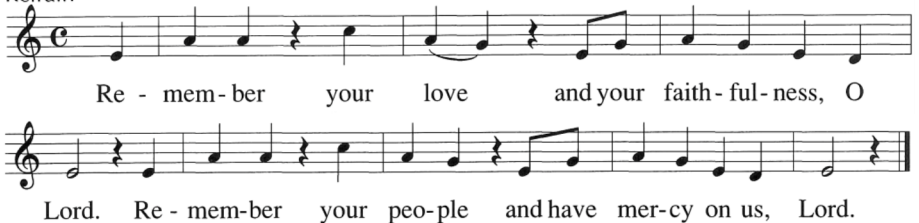
*Reader:* Word of God, word of Life.

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

## PSALM 27

*Remember Your Love*

Refrain



## SECOND READING

Hebrews 5: 5-10

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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*Reader:* Word of God, word of Life

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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 12:20-26

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

*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.**

*Pastor:* .....we pray all of this through Christ our Lord.

*Congregation:* **Amen**

**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 GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

*Congregation:* **And also with you.**

*Pastor:* Lift up your hearts.

*Congregation:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Congregation:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **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**

*All are welcome to 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.*

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**COMMUNION HYMN**

ELW Red Book #785

*When Peace Like a River*

**BLESSING**

*Congregation: Amen.*

**CLOSING HYMN**

ELW Red Book #733

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

**DISMISSAL**

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

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

**Palm Sunday/Holy Week  
Easter Schedule**

**March 24 Palm Sunday**

5:00 pm Worship

8:15 AM, 10:30 AM Worship Services

**March 28 Maundy Thursday**

7:00 PM Worship

**March 29 Good Friday**

1:00 PM Worship

**March 30 Vigil of Easter**

5:00 pm Worship

**March 31 Easter Sunday**

8:15 AM, 10:30 AM Worship Services

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### Worship Assistants

**Altar Ministry**.....Cindy Ellis  
**Coffee Ministry**.....Susan Whitish  
**Greeter**.....Karen & Richard Shultis  
**Reader**.....Bill Langel  
**Communion**.....Karen & Richard Shultis  
.....Cindy Ellis, Patricia Ertel  
**Ushers**.....Nancy Wilson  
.....Don & Gloria Hehenberger  
**Musician**.....Dean Gardner  
**Vocalists**.....Members of Messiah Senior Choir  
**Streaming**.....Steve Cheramy



### *Flowers Given By*

John & Carol Otterson  
In Memory of Edith Plummer (Carol's mother)



## THIS WEEK

March 18 - 24, 2024



### Monday, March 18

Pastor Jeff's Day Off

### Tuesday, March 19

Boomerang Bag Workshop ... 10:00 AM-Noon

NewBridge Senior Meal..... 12:00 PM

### Wednesday, March 20

Ladies Lunch Bunch..... Noon at Murphy's

### Thursday, March 21

Pew Keepers..... 900 AM

NewBridge Senior Meal..... 12:00 PM

### Friday, March 22

Pastor Dan's Day Off

### Saturday, March 23

Worship Service ..... 5:00 PM

Dignity Project Workshop..... 9:30 AM

### Sunday, March 24

Worship Service ..... 8:15 AM

Sacred Circle ..... 9:20 AM

Worship Service ..... 10:30 AM

## LOOKING AHEAD

Prayer Shawl Meeting..... March 25

SAM Potluck and Program..... March 27

Ladies Lunch Bunch..... April 10

Dignity Project Workshop..... April 13

Boomerang Bag Workshop ..... April 19

Camp Sunday..... April 21

Sacred Circle ..... April 28

Counters..... Julie Frey, Tim Coulthart

Snow Removal -3/17 - 3/23..... Kelli Weisinger

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