



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.

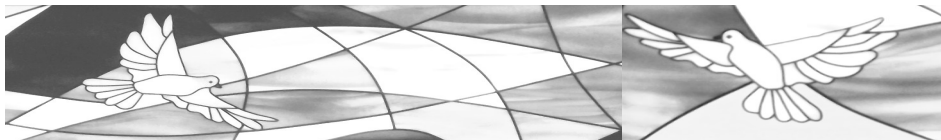
NURSERY CARE

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter + May 2 - 3, 2026



OPENING HYMN

5:00 PM *Sing to the Mountains*

8:15 AM *Holy God We Praise Your Name*

10:30 AM *Sing to the Mountains*

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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

Acts -7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them. "When he had said this, he died.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 27

Remember Your Love

Refrain

Re - mem - ber your love and your faith - ful - ness, O

Lord. Re - mem - ber your peo - ple and have mer - cy on us, Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

John 14:1-14

Jesus said to the disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

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...

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 *Christ Be Our Light*

ELW Red Book #715

8:15 AM *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

ELW Red Book #620

10:30 AM *Christ Be Our Light*

ELW Red Book #715

Eat This Bread

ELW Red Book #472

8:15 AM COMMUNION MEDITATION

Senior Choir

Jonathan Thornton - pianist

Make My Life an Alleluia

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 *The Church's One Foundation*

10:30 AM *Lord My Strength*

ELW Red Book #654

W&P Purple Book #93

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Flowers Given By

Mike & Kathy Digman

In Celebration of Our Daughter Erin's Birthday

Deborah Speckman

In Celebration of My Birthday

Sing to the Mountains

REFRAIN

Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea. Raise your voices,
lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the
earth rejoice. Let all the earth rejoice.

to Verses Last time Fine

VERSE 1

1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have
answered my plea. You have saved my
soul from death. You are my strength and my song.

to Refrain

VERSE 2

2. Holy, holy, holy Lord. Heaven
and earth are full of your glory.

to Refrain

VERSE 3

3. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice.
Death has lost and all is life. Sing of the glory of God.

to Refrain

THIS WEEK

May 4 - 10, 2026



Monday, May 4

Pastor Jeff's Day Off
Men's Fellowship Breakfast.....9:00 AM
SAM at Second Harvest Food Bank....12:15PM

Tuesday, May 5

Wednesday, May 6

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

Thursday, May 7

Annual Day of Prayer.....6:00AM - 10:00PM
Pew Keepers900 AM
Women's Book Study10:00 AM
Senior Choir Practice7:30 PM

Friday, May 8

Pr. Dan's Day Off

Saturday, May 9

Dignity Project Workshop.....9:00AM
Worship Service5:00 PM
Confirmation.....5:00 PM

Sunday, May 10

Worship Service8:15 AM
Adult Education.....9:20 AM
Worship Service10:30 AM

LOOKING AHEAD

Men's Fellowship Breakfast..... May 11
Messiah Church Council Meeting..... May 12
Lunch Bunch May 13
Grief Group..... May 14
Community Outreach Meeting May 14
Prayer Shawl Meeting May 18
Boomerang Bag Workshop..... May 19
Sacred Circle May 25
SAM Luncheon & Speaker May 27
Counters 5/3.. Glenn Schmidt, Samantha Taylor
Lawn Mowing Team..... Lamont Liefke
.....Adam Green, Jim Miller

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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

5:00 PM SERVICE

Altar Ministry Kelli Weisinger, Kathy Lukens
GreeterClaire Gensch, Pete Wingier
Reader Val Roman
Communion..... Gene & Susan Qualmann
..... Kelli Weisinger, Val Roman
Ushers..... Michele Jabs, Joe & Sherri Neill
Musician.....Melissa Vanden Heuvel
Vocalists..... Clyde Nyhus, Cara Musick
Mike Digman, Dave Down, Tara Von Dollen,
.....Donna Buchert
Streaming.....Jenna Shinstine

8:15 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry..... Kathy Lukens
Coffee Ministry..... Val Roman
Greeter .. Dee Schwoegler, Maren Anderson
ReaderPam McGranahan
Communion.....Dawn Olson, Judy Misfeldt
..... Kathy Lukens, Pam McGranahan
Ushers The Powers Family
MusicianDean Gardner
Vocalists..... Senior Choir Members
Streaming.....Steve Cheramy
Nursery..... Kalli Selchert

10:30 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry Carla Fears
Communion CupsDoreen Hinrichs
Coffee Matthew Uselman
..... Elizabeth Crummy & John Uselman
Greeter.....Doreen Hinrichs, Andy Schauer
ReaderJessica Newberry
Communion. Mary Marshall, Barbara Martin
..... Martha Netzloff, Betty Fitzsimmons
..... John Uselman, Doreen Hinrichs
Ushers.....Carla Fears, Matthew Uselman
..... Elizabeth Crummy & John Uselman
Musician..... Melissa Vanden Heuvel
Vocalists.....Celebrate Group
Streaming..... Clark Kellogg
Nursery Kalli Selchert

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