

An illustration of the Epiphany scene. Three figures on camels are silhouetted against a bright orange and yellow sunset or sunrise 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.

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.

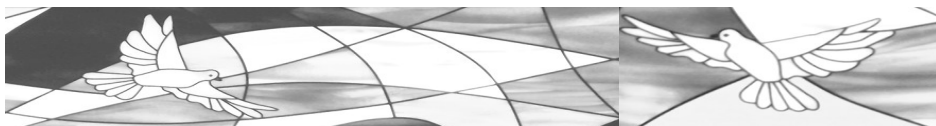
We stand together against the prejudice toward members of the LGBTQIA+ community and for anti-racism, indigenous respect, environmental justice, anti-trafficking, and on behalf of all those marginalized in our society.

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

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany + February 7-8, 2026



OPENING HYMN

5:00 PM *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

ELW Red Book **#521**

8:15 AM *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

ELW Red Book **#521**

10:30 AM *Bring Forth the Kingdom*

W&P Purple Book **#22**

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

Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. But they say "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, says the Lord you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go

before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and the Lord will say, "Here I am."

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25

To You O Lord



SECOND READING

First Corinthians 2:4-10

My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what the Lord has prepared for those who love God", God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

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

Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said: "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under a bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, who-ever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

✠ THE HOMILY ✠

PASTOR DAN O'BRIEN

HYMN OF THE DAY

Drawn to the Light

ELW Red Book #593

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

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 HYMNS

5:00 PM *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* ELW Red Book #620

8:15 AM *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* ELW Red Book #620

10:30 AM *God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* **Page 7**

10:30 AM *Dona Nobis Pacem* ELW Red Book #753

COMMUNION MEDITATION

8:15 AM *Put Peace into Each Others Hands* Senior Choir

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 eve - ning: Lights of the cit - y
2. Now it is eve - ning: Food on the ta - ble
3. Now it is eve - ning: Lit tle ones sleep - ing
4. Now it is eve - ning: Here in our meet - ing



Bid us re - mem - ber Christ is our Light.
Bid us re - mem - ber Christ is our Life.
Bids us re - mem - ber Christ is our Peace.
May we re mem ber Christ is our Friend.



Man - y are lone - ly Who will be neigh - bor?
Man - y are - hun - gry Who will be neigh - bor?
Some are ne glect - ed Who will be neigh - bor?
Some may be stran gers, Who will be neigh bor?



Where there is car - ing Christ is our Light.
Where there is shar - ing Christ is our Life.
Where there is car - ing Christ is our Peace.
Where there's a wel come Christ is our Friend.

BLESSING

Congregation: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

8:15 AM *Go My Children With My Blessing* ELW Red Book #543

10:30 AM *Let Justice Roll Like a River* W&P Purple Book #85

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



Refrain
O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

Flowers Given By

Dave Lindorff
In Memory of Ruth Lindorff

Brad & Kelli Weisinger
In Memory of Carl and Phyllis Weisinger
and Ed and Janet Patrick

THIS WEEK

February 9 - 5, 2026



Monday, February 9

Pastor Jeff's Day Off
Office Closed - phone & email monitored
SAM Second HarvestFebruary 9

Tuesday, February 10

Messiah Council Meeting.....February 10

Wednesday, February 11

Morning Bible Study 7:00 AM
Ladies Valentine Lunch Bunch11:30 AM
YOW Online 6:00 PM

Thursday, February 12

Pew Keepers 900 AM
Community Outreach Meeting.....February 12

Friday, February 13

Pr. Dan's Day Off

Saturday, February 14

Worship Service 5:00 PM

Sunday, February 15

Worship Service 8:15 AM
Family Mardi Gras CelebrationFebruary 15
Visitation Ministry Sacred Circle .February 15
Worship Service10:30 AM

LOOKING AHEAD

Morning Bible Study.....February 18
Soup SupperFebruary 18
Ash Wednesday Service.....February 18
NO YOW (Ash Wednesday)February 18
Women's Conversation GroupFebruary 19
Blood DriveFebruary 20

Counters.....Julie Frey, Tim Coulthart
Snow Removal 2/8-2/14John Nerad

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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

5:00 PM SERVICE

Altar Ministry.....Mary Reines, Pete Wingier
Greeter.....Cara Musick, Pete Wingier
Reader.....Ginny Powers
Communion.....Steve & Diane Nelson
.....Kathy Bultman, Pete Wingier
Ushers.....Joe & Sherri Neil, Michele Jabs
Musician.....Marian Korth
Vocalists.....Clyde Nyhus, Cara Musick
.....Mike Digman, Dave Down
.....Tara Von Dollen, Donna Buchert
Streaming.....Mary Reines

8:15 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry.....The Schmitz/Russell Family
Coffee Ministry.....Steve & Diane Nelson
Greeter.....Karen Komprood, Lynn Gingher
Reader.....Glenn Schmitz, Violet Schmitz
Communion.....Cindy Ellis, Glenn Schmitz
.....Jane Miller, Linda Olson
Ushers.....Charlie & Bonnie Eastman
.....Bill Gingher, Brandon Gingher
Musician.....Marian Korth
Vocalists.....Members of Senior Choir
Streaming.....Steve Cheramy
NurseryChristina Teschendorf

10:30 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry.....Susan Whitish
Communion CupsBecky Skibo
Coffee.....Susan Whitish
Greeter.....Andy Schauer, Grace Kylo
Reader.....Krishna Elwell, Suma Menon
Communion.....Teri Terry, Julia Neppel
.....Karen Dilley, Susan Ashley
.....Grace Kylo, Ray Robinson
Ushers.....Pat & Judith Goldschmidt
.....Ted Savides, Walt Herrod
Musician.....Melissa Vanden Heuvel
Vocalists.....Celebrate Group
Streaming.....Clark Kellogg
NurseryChristina Teschendorf



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