



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 in Lent + March 21 - 22, 2026



OPENING HYMN

5:00 PM O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days ELW Red Book #319

8:15 AM O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days ELW Red Book #319

10:30 AM Glory and Praise to Our God vs 1-3 W&P Purple Book #43

GREETING

KYRIE

Assistant: In peace, in peace...

Assistant: *Congregation:*

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

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*)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O God.

Congregation:

A - - - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray....

Congregation: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-3, 7-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me and brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. The Lord led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. The Lord said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then the Lord said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then The Lord said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

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

Romans 8:8-11

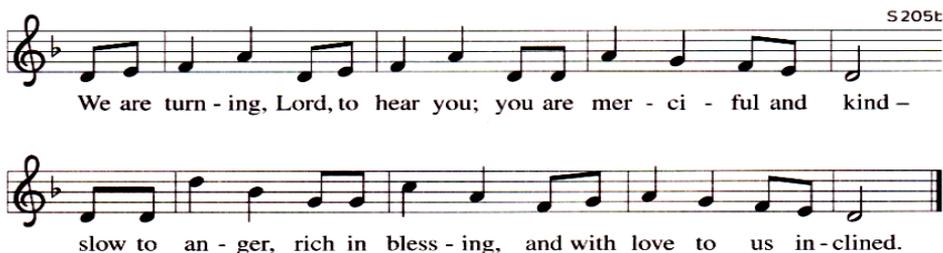
Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Any-one who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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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 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45

Mary and Martha sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. He then said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you what-ever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

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

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 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* W&P Purple Book #95

8:15 AM *When Peace Like a River* ELW Red Book #785

10:30 AM *Do Not Fear Hope* **Page 7**
Shout to the Lord W&P Purple Book #124

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 *Great is Thy Faithfulness* ELW Red Book #733

10:30 AM *The Trees of the Field* W&P Purple Book #138

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

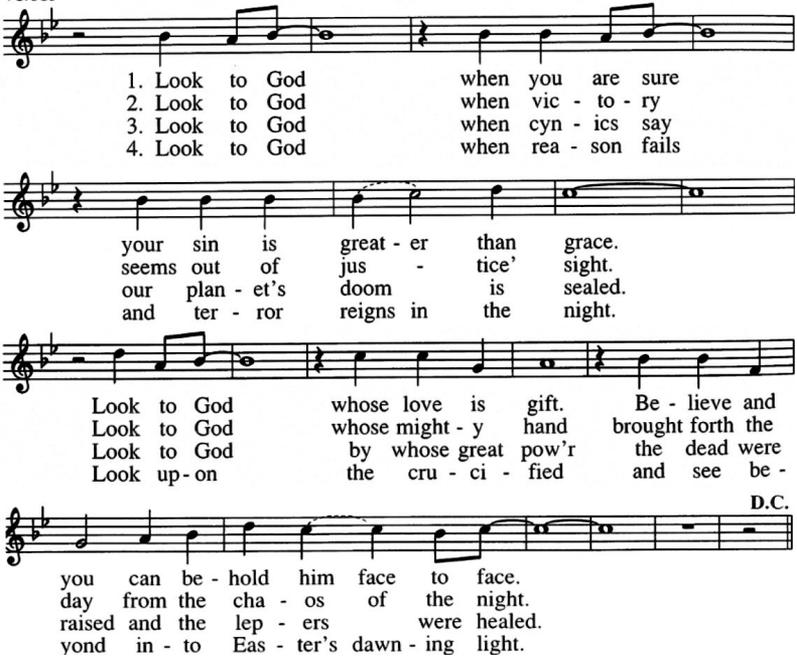
Do Not Fear Hope

Refrain



Do not fear to hope tho' the wick-ed rage and rise, our
God sees not as we see, suc - cess is not the prize. Do not
fear to hope for tho' the night be long, the race shall not be
to the swift, the fight not to the strong.

Verses



1. Look to God when you are sure
2. Look to God when vic - to - ry
3. Look to God when cyn - ics say
4. Look to God when rea - son fails

your sin is great - er than grace.
seems out of jus - tice' sight.
our plan - et's doom is sealed.
and ter - ror reigns in the night.

Look to God whose love is gift. Be - lieve and
Look to God whose might - y hand brought forth the
Look to God by whose great pow'r the dead were
Look up-on the cru - ci - fied and see be -

D.C.
you can be - hold him face to face.
day from the cha - os of the night.
raised and the lep - ers were healed.
yond in - to Eas - ter's dawn - ing light.

Flowers Given By

Amy Ziebell

In Memory of Her mother, Karen Schiefelbein

Keri Hanson

Zeeh family special prayers

THIS WEEK

March 23 - 29, 2026



Monday, March 23

Pastor Jeff's Day Off

Office Closed - phone & email monitored

Men's Breakfast Group..... 9:00 AM

SAM at Second Harvest..... 12:15 PM

Tuesday, March 24

Divine Yoga..... 6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 25

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

No YOW (Spring Break)..... 6:00 PM

Soup Supper..... 6:00 PM

Holden Evening PrayeR..... 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 26

Pew Keepers..... 900 AM

Women's Conversations..... 10:00 AM

Friday, March 27

Pr. Dan's Day Off

Saturday, March 28

Sew to Give..... 9:00 AM

Guns to Gardens Safe Surrender..... 9:00 AM

Worship Service..... 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 29

Worship Service..... 8:15 AM

Visitation Ministry Sacred Circle..... 9:20 AM

Worship Service..... 10:30 AM

LOOKING AHEAD

Men's Breakfast Group..... March 30

Divine Yoga..... March 31

No YOW Holy Week..... April 1

Counters..... Nancy Schmidt, Dan Battist

Snow Removal 3/22-3/28..... John Uselman

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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.....Nancy Battist

Greeter.....Phil & Char Lawler

Reader.....Paula Stadtmueller

Communion.....John & Carol Otterson

.....Kelli Weisinger, Melissa Remiker

Ushers.....Steve & Diane Nelson

Musician.....Marian Korth

Vocalists.....Clyde Nyhus, Cara Musick

.....Mike Digman, Dave Down

.....Tara Von Dollen, Donna Buchert

Streaming.....Clark Kellogg

8:15 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry.....Cindy Ellis

Coffee Ministry.....Nancy Battist

Greeter.....Lamont & Corinne Liefke

Reader.....Nancy Wilson

Communion.....Linda Olson, Nancy Wilson

.....Pam McGranahan, Patricia Ertel

Ushers.....Cindy Ellis

.....Don & Gloria Hehenberger

Musician.....Marian Korth

Vocalists.....Members of Senior Choir

Streaming.....Steve Cheramy

Nursery.....

10:30 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry.....Martha Netzloff

Communion Cups.....Becky Skibo

Coffee.....Paul & Jo Vanderbloemen

Greeter.....Barbara Herrod

.....Jo & Jeremy Vanderbloemen

Reader.....Martha Netzloff

Communion.....Dave Lindorff, Julia Neppi

.....Martha Netzloff, Susan Ashley

.....Suzanne Warborg, Grace Kylo

Ushers.....Walt Herrod, Ted Savides

.....Michael Savides

Musician.....Melissa Vanden Heuvel

Vocalists.....Celebrate Group

Streaming.....Kristopher Kiel

Nursery.....

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