



## Ascension Sunday

# ***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.*

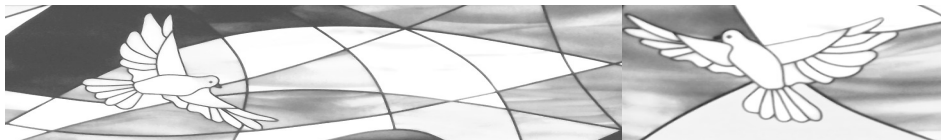
### **NURSERY CARE**

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

**Seventh Sunday of Easter + May 16 - 17, 2026**



## OPENING HYMN

**5:00 PM** *We Walk by Faith*

**8:15 AM** *We Walk by Faith*

**10:30 AM** *We Walk by Faith*

ELW Red Book #635

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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 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas, son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

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

# PSALM

## We Praise You, O Lord

Refrain



We praise you, O Lord, for all your works are won-der-ful.



We praise you, O Lord, for ev - er is your love.

# SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for some-one to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your siblings in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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 17:1-6

After Jesus had spoken these words to his disciples, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

*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** *Here I Am Lord*

ELW Red Book #574

**8:15 AM** *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*

ELW Red Book #392

**10:30 AM** *Bread of Life from Heaven  
Give Me Jesus*

ELW Red Book #474  
ELW Red Book #770

## 5:00 PM 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**     *Come Thou Almighty King*

ELW Red Book #408

**10:30 AM**     *Somebody's Knocking at Your Door*

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**DISMISSAL**

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

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

## Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door

Some-bod-y's knock-in' at your door; Some-bod-y's knock-in' at your door;

O sin - ner, why don't you an - swer? Some-bod-y's knock-in' at your door.

*Solo:* 1. Knocks like Je - sus,  
2. Can't you hear him? Some-bod-y's knock-in' at your door;  
3. Je - sus calls you,  
4. Can't you trust him?

*Solo:* Knocks like Je - sus,  
Can't you hear him? Some-bod-y's knock-in' at your door. O  
Je - sus calls you,  
Can't you trust him?

sin - ner, why don't you an - swer? Some-bod-y's knock-in' at your door.

### *Flowers Given By*

Mark & Nancy Schmidt

In Celebration of Faith & Friendship

Doug & Mary Marshall

In Memory of Earl & Betty Thome and Jim Marshall

## THIS WEEK

May 18 - 19 , 2026



### Monday, May 18

Pastor Jeff's Day Off  
 SAM at Second Harest ..... 12:15PM  
 Prayer Shawl Meeting ..... 1:00 PM

### Tuesday, May 19

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

### Wednesday, May 20

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

### Thursday, May 21

Men's Fellowship Breakfast ..... 9:00 AM  
 Pew Keepers ..... 9:00 AM  
 Women's Book Study ..... 10:00 AM  
 Grief Group ..... 4:30 PM

### Friday, May 22

Pr. Dan's Day Off

### Saturday, May 23

Worship Service ..... 5:00 PM

### Sunday, May 24

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

## LOOKING AHEAD

Sacred Circle ..... May 24  
 SAM Luncheon & Speaker ..... May 27  
 Men's Fellowship Breakfast ..... May 28  
 Grief Group ..... May 28  
 Healing House Meals Week ..... June 7-13  
 Church Council Meeting ..... June 9  
 Women's Self Defense class ..... June 27  
 Briarpatch speaker ..... June 27-28

Counters 5/17 .Lou Ann Kidd, Gayle Daugherity  
 Lawn Mowing Team ..... Ed Maas  
 ..... Glenn Schmitz, Jeff Nesta

## Office and Contact Information

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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** ..... Jill & Eli Tecalero  
**Reader** ..... Kelli Weisinger  
**Communion** ..... Elaine McNeil, Nancy Battist  
 ..... Kelli Weisinger, Melissa Remiker  
**Ushers** ..... Steve & Diane Nelson  
**Musician** ..... Melissa Vanden Heuvel  
**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** ..... Steve & Diane Nelson  
**Greeter** ..... Karen Komprood, Shirley Randl  
**Reader** ..... Mike Cornelius  
**Communion** ..... Cindy Ellis, Karen Wenger  
 ..... Cynthia McVay, Pam McGranahan  
**Ushers** ..... Cindy Ellis, Nancy Wilson  
 ..... Emma Godfrey, Patricia Ertel  
**Musician** ..... Dean Gardner  
**Vocalists** ..... Senior Choir Members  
**Streaming** ..... Steve Cheramy  
**Nursery** ..... Kalli Selchert

### 10:30 AM SERVICE

**Altar Ministry** ..... Kaen Dilley  
**Communion Cups** ..... Karen Dilley  
**Coffee** ..... Deb Plantz  
**Greeter** ..... Karen Dilley, Karen Smith  
**Reader** ..... Tom Boehnen  
**Communion** ..... Dave Lindorff, Karen Dilley  
 ..... Celine Curly, Susan Ashley  
 ..... Duane Beszhak, Suzanne Warborg  
**Ushers** ..... Landon Stelzer  
 ..... Ed DeMeo & Suzanne Warborg  
**Musician** ..... Melissa Vanden Heuvel  
**Vocalists** ..... Celebrate Group  
**Streaming** ..... Lucas Grondin  
**Nursery** ..... Kalli Selchert

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