



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.

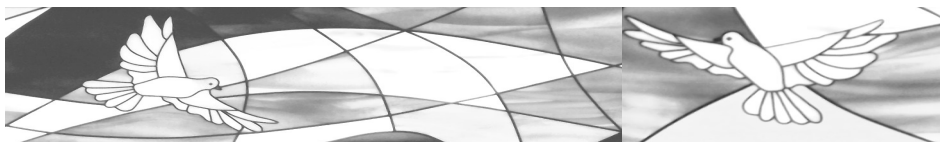
We stand together against the prejudice toward members of the LGBTQIA+ community and for anti-racism, indigenous respect, environmental justice, anti-trafficking, and on behalf of all those marginalized in our society.

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 during the Summer Sunday from 10:15 - 11:45 am
Ages 6 weeks- 6 years old, downstairs Nursery.
Secure sign-in, parent pagers available

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost + July 18 - 19, 2026



OPENING HYMN

5:00 PM *Come, Ye Thankful People Come*

8:15 AM *Come, Ye Thankful People Come*

10:30 AM *Gather Us In*

ELW Red Book **#693**

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ELW Red Book **#532**

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 42:5-7

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 91

Be With Me, Lord



Be with me, Lord, when I am in trou-ble, be with me, Lord, I pray.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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 13:24-28, 36-43

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

‡ THE HOMILY ‡

PASTOR MARK PETERSEN

10:30 AM HOLY BAPTISM

HARRISON LYLE BRYAN

*Today we welcome Harrison, child of Theresa and Benjamin Bryan
into the Lord's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
Sponsors are Lindsay Bryan and Jacob Martin*

BAPTISM SONG

Halle, Halle, Halle

ELW Red Book #172

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 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

ELW Red Book **#674**

8:15 AM *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

ELW Red Book **#674**

10:30 AM *Jerusalem My Destiny
Wait For the Lord*

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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 *Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

ELW Red Book **#547**

10:30 AM *Only By Grace*

W&P Purple Book **#112**

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Wait for the Lord

Wait for the
God nev - er

Lord.
tires.

Wait
God

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nev - er

Lord,
wea - ries.

for the
God gives

Lord
pow'r

will come
to the faint

and
and

re - new
streng - thens

your strength.
the weak.

Wait
Wait

for
for

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the

Lord.

Chorus: And you shall fly like an ea - gle.

You shall

run and not get tired.

You shall walk and not be wear - y, on - ly

wait for the Lord.

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Flowers Given By

Chip & Nancy Plummer
In Memory of Richard Gjertson, Nancy's Brother

Bernie Hartwig
In Memory of Bob Hartwig

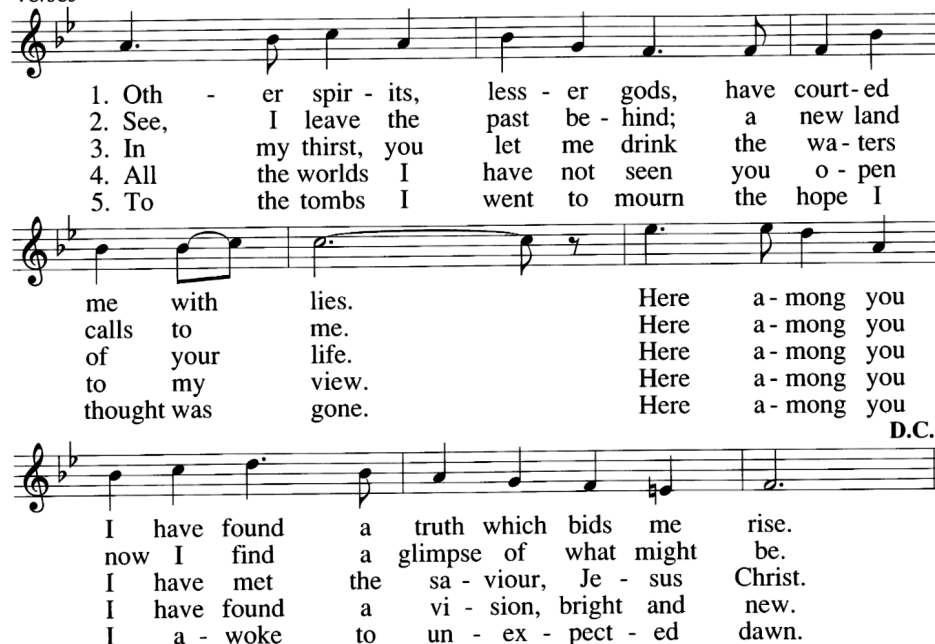
Jerusalem My Destiny

Refrain



I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Je - ru - sa - lem, my
des - ti - ny! Though I can - not see the end for me, I
can - not turn a - way. We have set our hearts for the
way; this jour - ney is our des - ti - ny. Let
no - one walk a - lone. The jour - ney makes us one.

Verses



1. Oth - er spir - its, less - er gods, have court - ed
2. See, I leave the past be - hind; a new land
3. In my thirst, you let me drink the wa - ters
4. All the worlds I have not seen you o - pen
5. To the tombs I went to mourn the hope I
me with lies. Here a - mong you
calls to me. Here a - mong you
of your life. Here a - mong you
to my view. Here a - mong you
thought was gone. Here a - mong you

I have found a truth which bids me rise.
now I find a glimpse of what might be.
I have met the sa - viour, Je - sus Christ.
I have found a vi - sion, bright and new.
I a - woke to un - ex - pect - ed dawn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b.1952
Tune: Rory Cooney, b.1952
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THIS WEEK

July 20 - 26, 2026



Monday, July 20

Pastor Jeff's Day Off

Tuesday, July 21

Boomerang Bag Workshop..... 10:00 am

Wednesday, July 22

Thursday, July 23

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

Pew Keepers 900 AM

Friday, July 24

Pr. Dan's Day Off

Saturday, July 25

Worship Service 5:00 PM

Sunday, July 26

Worship Service 8:15 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM

LOOKING AHEAD

Prayer Shawl Meeting July 27

Men's Fellowship Breakfast..... July 30

Family Camp at Sugar Creek August 2-5

Boundary Waters Canoe Trip August 2-9

Men's Fellowship Breakfast.... August 6, 13, 20, 27

Church Council Meeting August 11

Boomerang Bag Workshop..... August 18

Women's Conversation Group..... August 20

Counters 7/19 Nancy Schmidt, Dan Battist

Lawn Moving Team Paul Vanderbloemen

..... John Marchewka, David Grove

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OFFICE HOURS

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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 The Remiker Family

Greeter.....Kathy Bultman, Val Roman

Reader.....Kelli Weisinger

Communion Steve & Diane Nelson

..... Kathy Bultman, Melissa Remiker

Ushers Phil & Char Lawler

Musician Marian Korth

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.....Kathy Bultman

Greeter Jim Alsmo, Karen Komprood

Reader Cynthia McVay

Communion..... Joseph Green, Kathy Lukens

..... Pam McGranahan, Sharon Ryan

Ushers Chip Plummer, David Anthony

..... Tim Ryan, Mike Veserat & Sara Mainquist

Musician Dean Gardner

Vocalists Senior Choir Members

Streaming Steve Cheramy

10:30 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry Karen Dille

Communion Cups Becky Skibo

Coffee Jennifer Stelse

Greeter Jacob & Brittany Rusch

..... Eleanor Rusch, Griffin Rusch, Lucy Rusch

Reader Brother Chuck Hannan, OSF

Communion Dave Lindorff, Karen Dille

..... Norene Shultis, Paula Kedzie

..... Duane Beszhak, Gary Dalgaard

Ushers Walt Herrod, Duane Beszhak

Musician Melissa Vanden Heuvel

Vocalists Celebrate Group

Streaming Clark Kellogg

Nursery Christina Teschendorf

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