



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 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.

SUMMER NURSERY CARE

Available Sunday from 10:15 - 11:35 AM

Ages 6 weeks - 6 years old, downstairs Nursery.

Secure sign-in, parent pagers available

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost + August 2 - 3, 2025



OPENING HYMN

5:00 PM	<i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i>	ELW Red Book #632
8:15 AM	<i>Crown Him With Many Crowns</i>	ELW Red Book #855
10:30 AM	<i>Take My Life</i>	ELW Red Book #583

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

Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14, 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, and who knows whether that one will be wise or foolish? Yet some one else will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

The Lord is My Light and My Salvation

Refrain



SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Christ in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

Reader: Word of God, word of Life

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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.**

Pastor:we pray all of this through Christ our Lord.

***Congregation:* Amen**

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

***Congregation:* And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

***Congregation:* We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***Congregation:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sung by All

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to 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 *When Peace Like a River*

ELW Red Book #785

8:15 AM *When Peace Like a River*

ELW Red Book #785

10:30 AM *Rain Down*

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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 *In Christ There is No East or West* ELW Red Book #650

10:30 AM *Praise to You O God of Mercy* W&P Purple Book #119

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Rain Down

REFRAIN



VERSES



2. We who re - vere and find hope in our — God live in the

3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your — truth; you are the



2. kind - ness and joy of God's wing. God will pro - tect us from

3. wa - ter of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your



1. just and the — right; full of God's love is the earth.

2. dark - ness and — death; God will not leave us to starve.

3. peace touch our — hearts, all of our hopes lies in you.

Wait For the Lord

Wait God for the nev - er

6 Lord, tires. Wait God for the nev - er Lord, wea - ries. for the God gives

9 Lord pow'r to the faint and re - new your strength. Wait Wait for for the the

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

15 run and not get tired. You shall walk and not be wear - y, on - ly

19 wait for the Lord.

Flowers Given By

Rebecca Lee & Jack Theel

In Loving Memory of Our Granddaughter Isla
Grace

David Down & Bonnie Booker

In Honor of Dick & Deb Booker
On Their 51st Wedding Anniversary

THIS WEEK

August 4 - 10 , 2025



Monday, August 4

Office Closed - Pastor Jeff's Day Off

Tuesday, August 5

NewBridge Senior Meal..... 12:00 PM

Wednesday, August 6

Thursday, August 7

Pew Keepers.....900 AM

Women's Ministry Chat Group10:30 AM

NewBridge Senior Meal.....12:00 PM

Friday, August 8

Pr. Dan's Day Off

Saturday, August 9

Dignity Project Workshop9:30 AM

Worship Service5:00 PM

Sunday, August 10

Worship Service8:15 AM

Worship Service10:30 AM

5:00 PM SERVICE

Altar Ministry.....Nancy Battist
Greeter.....Mary & Randy Rodger
Reader.....Cara Musick
Communion.....Susan & Gene Qualmann
.....Kathy Bultman, Jan Hagen
Ushers.....Sherri & Joe Neill, Michelle Jabs
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.....The Russell/Schmitz Family
Coffee Ministry.....Jan Hagen
Greeter.....Jim Alsmo, Kathy Lukens
Reader.....David Down
Communion.....Glenn Schmitz, Linda Olson
.....Karen Wenger, Pam McGranahan
Ushers.....Chip Plummer
.....Tim Ryan, David Anthony
Musician.....Dean Gardner
Vocalists.....Members of Senior Choir
Streaming.....Steve Cheramy

LOOKING AHEAD

Church Council Meeting August 12

Ladies Lunch Bunch at Rex's August 13

Boomerang Bag Workshop August 19

NO Sacred Circle in August

NO Prayer Shawl Meeting in August

Counters.....Julie Frey, Tim Coulthart

Lawn Mowers 8/3-8/9..... David Down

.....Lamont Liefke, Jim Miller

10:30 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry.....Barbara Martin
Communion Cups.....Becky Skibo
Coffee.....Jo Vanderbloemen
Greeter.....Andy Schauer
.....Jo & Jeremy Vanderbloemen
Reader.....Phil Neppi
Communion.....Barb Martin, Susan Ashley
.....Betty Fitzsimmons, Suzanne Warborg
Ushers.....Janet Woider
.....Paul Vanderbloemen, Ted Savides
Musician.....Melissa Vanden Heuvel
Vocalists.....Celebrate Group
Streaming.....Michael Savides
Nursery.....Christina Teschendorf

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OFFICE HOURS

MondayClosed, leave message on phone

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

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