



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.

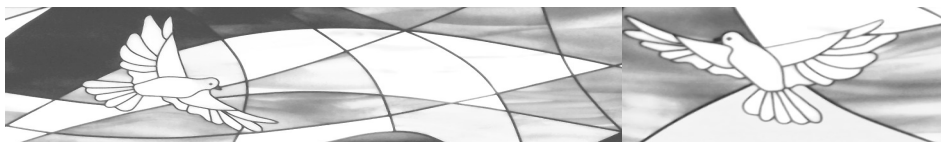
We stand together against the prejudice toward members of the LGBTQIA+ community and for anti-racism, indigenous respect, environmental justice, anti-trafficking, and on behalf of all those marginalized in our society.

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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost + July 25 - 26, 2026



OPENING HYMN

5:00 PM *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing* ELW Red Book **#531**
8:15 AM *For All the Saints* ELW Red Book **#422**
10:30 AM *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing* ELW Red Book **#531**

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

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

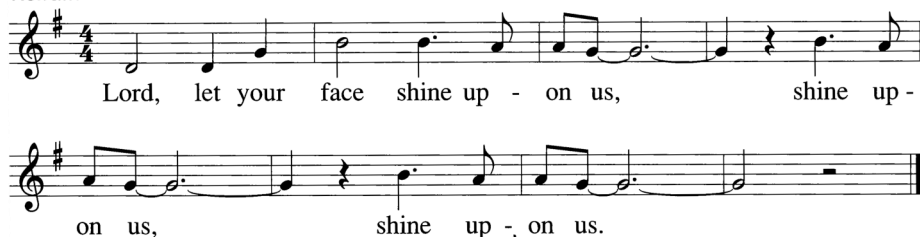
Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 4

Lord, Let Your Face Shine Upon Us

Refrain



SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-48, 51-52

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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 *Change Our Hearts This Time*

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8:15 AM *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

ELW Red Book **#502**

10:30 AM *Change Our Hearts This Time*

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Jesus, Lamb of God

W&P Purple Book **#76**

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 *How Great Thou Art*

ELW Red Book **#856**

10:30 AM *Sing to the Mountains*

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Change Our Hearts

Refrain

Change our hearts this time, Your word says it can
 be. Change our minds, this time, Your life could make us
 free. We are the peo - ple Your call set a - part,
 Lord, this time change our hearts.

Verses

1. Brought by your hand to the edge of our dreams.
 2. Now as we watch you stretch out your hands,
 3. Show us the way that leads to your side,
 One foot in par - a - dise, one in the waste.
 of - 'fring a - bun - dan - ces, full - ness of joy.
 o - ver the moun - tains and sands of the soul.
 Drawn by your prom - is - es, still we are
 Your milk and hon - ey seem dis - tant, un -
 Be for us man - na, wa - ter from
 D.C.
 lured by the shad - ows and the chains we leave be - hind. But
 real, when we have bread and wa - ter in our hands. But
 stone, 7 light which says we nev - er walk a - lone. And

Flowers Given By

Jeff & Paula Stadtmueller
 In Memory of Bill Coonen, Paula's Dad

Carol Schultz
 In Honor of Lincoln Schultz on His Birthday

Sing to the Mountains

REFRAIN

Sing to the moun-tains, sing to the sea. Raise your voic - es,
lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all ____ the
earth re - joice. ____ Let all ____ the earth re - joice. ____

VERSE 1

1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have
1. an - swered my plea. ____ You have saved my
1. soul from death. You are my strength and my song. ____

VERSE 2

2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. ____ Heav -
2. en and earth are full of your glo - ry. ____

VERSE 3

3. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and re - joice. ____
3. ____ Death has lost and all is life. Sing of the glo - ry of God. ____

THIS WEEK

July 27 - August 2, 2026



Monday, July 27

Pastor Jeff's Day Off
Prayer Shawl Meeting

Tuesday, July 28

Wednesday, July 29

Thursday, July 30

Men's Fellowship Breakfast..... 9:00 AM
Pew Keepers 900 AM

Friday, July 31

Pr. Dan's Day Off

Saturday, August 1

Worship Service 5:00 PM

Sunday, August 2

Worship Service 8:15 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM

LOOKING AHEAD

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
Family Camp Bethel Horizons September 11-13
The Road Home at Worship ...September 19-20
Spirit Weekend September 26-27

Counters 7/26 ...Glen Schmitz, Samantha Taylor
Lawn Mowing Team..... Lamont Liefke
..... Adam Green, Jim Miller

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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 Mary Reines
Greeter..... Randy & Mary Rodger
Reader..... Paula Stadtmueller
Communion..... Elaine McNeil, Jan Hagen
..... Kathryn & Pete Wingier
Ushers Jill & Eli Tecalero
Musician Melissa Vanden Heuvel
Vocalists..... Clyde Nyhus, Cara Musick
Mike Digman, Dave Down, Tara Von Dollen,
..... Donna Buchert
Streaming Mary Reines

8:15 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry Cindy Ellis
Coffee Ministry..... Jan Hagen
Greeter Lamont & Corinne Liefke
Reader Mary Marshall
Communion..... Dawn Olson, Linda Olson
..... Cynthia McVay, Mary Marshall
Ushers..... Cindy Ellis, Emma Godfrey
..... Nancy Wilson, Patricia Ertel
Musician Marian Korth
Vocalists Senior Choir Members
Streaming..... Steve Cheramy

10:30 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry Elizabeth Crummy
..... John Uselman
Communion Cups Tara Von Dollen
Coffee Dawn Olson
Greeter Don & Sandi, Lori, Hendrikse
Reader Karen Clark
Communion Karen Clark, Karen Dilley
..... Ronald Mach, Susan Ashley
..... Suzanne Warborg, Ed DeMeo
Ushers..... Ed & Bonnie Maas, Landon Stelzer
..... Ed DeMeo & Suzanne Warborg
Musician Melissa Vanden Heuvel
Vocalists Celebrate Group
Streaming..... Clark Kellogg
Nursery

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