



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

Baptism of Our Lord + January 10 - 11, 2026



OPENING HYMN

ALL SERVICES

We Three Kings

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GREETING

KYRIE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray....

Congregation: Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. 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. I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

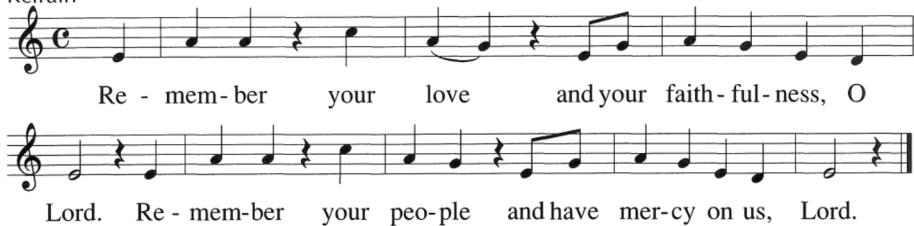
Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

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

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,

not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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...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 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 God 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 HYMNS

ALL SERVICES
10:30 AM

*What Child is This
Lord, My Strength*

ELW Red Book #296
W&P Purple Book #93

5:00 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 *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*
10:30 AM *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

ELW Red Book #310
ELW Red Book #310

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

We Three Kings

1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are,
2. Born a babe on Beth - le - hem's plain,
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I;
4. Myrrh is mine: its bit - ter per - fume,
5. Glo - rious now be - hold him rise,

Bear - ing gifts we trav - erse a - far
Gold we bring to crown him a - gain;
In - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh;
Breathes a life of gath - 'ring gloom;
King and God and sac - ri - fice:

Field and foun - tain, Moor and
King for ev - er, Ceas - ing
Prayer and prais - ing Glad - ly
Sor - rowing, sigh - ing, Bleed - ing
Heav'n sings, "Hal - le - lu - jah!"

moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
nev - er, O - ver us all to reign.
rais - ing, Wor - ship - ing God on high.
dy - ing, Sealed in the stone cold tomb.
"Hal - le - lu - jah!" earth re - plies.

O star of won - der, star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty
bright, West - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to the per - fect Light.

Text: Matthew 2:1-11; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891

Tune: KINGS OF ORIENT, 88 44 6 with refrain; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891

Flowers Given By

Jim Alsmo - The Kasten Family
In Loving Memory of Dorothy Alsmo

Steve & Kathy Lyons
In Memory of Robert & Colette Lyons

THIS WEEK**January 12 - 18, 2026****Monday, January 12**

Pastor Jeff's Day Off

Office Closed - phone & email monitored

SAM Second Harvest Food Bank.....11:15 AM

Tuesday, January 13

Church Council Meeting.....6:45 PM

Wednesday, January 14

Ladies Lunch Bunch11:30 AM

YOW Activity Night.....6:00 PM

Thursday, January 15

Pew Keepers900 AM

Women's Book Study10:00 AM

Friday, January 16

Pr. Dan's Day Off

Saturday, January 17

Dignity Project Workshop9:30 AM

Visitation Ministry Retreat.....9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Worship Service5:00 PM

Sunday, January 18

Worship Service8:15 AM

Racial Justice Book Study.....9:20 AM

Worship Service10:30 AM

LOOKING AHEAD

Men's Bible StudyJanuary 21

YOW Field Trip to Second Harvest.. January 21

Women's Book StudyJanuary 22

Racial Justice Book Study.....January 25

Annual MeetingJanuary 25

SAM at Second Harvest.....January 26

Counters.....Glenn Schmitz, Samantha Taylor

Snow Removal 1/11-1/17John Nerad

Office and Contact Information**OFFICE PHONE**.....608-222-3833**EMAIL**.....ourchurch@messiahchurch.com**WEBSITE**.....messiahchurch.com**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	Mark Petersen
Greeter	Cara Musick, Elaine Stampfli
Reader	John Marchewka
Communion	Phil & Charlene Lawler
	Elaine McNeil, Jan Hagen
Ushers	Bernice Day, John Otterson
Musician	Amy Ziebell
Vocalists	Clyde Nyhus, Cara Musick
	Mike Digman, Dave Down
	Tara Von Dollen, Donna Buchert
Streaming	Jenna Shinstine
LL&L	Kathryn & Pete Wingier, Kim Radovan

8:15 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry	The Schmitz/Russell Family
Coffee Ministry	Kathryn & Pete Wingier
	Kim Radovan
Greeter	Cindy Ellis, Julie Hanson
Reader	Sara Mainquist
Communion	Dawn Olson, Jane Miller
	Julie Hanson, Karen Wenger
Ushers	Gloria & Don Hehenberger
	Glenn, Jonah & Violet Schmitz, Cindy Ellis
Musician	Marian Korth
Vocalists	Members of Senior Choir
Streaming	Steve Cheramy
Nursery	Christina Teschendorf

10:30 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry	Martha Netzloff
Communion Cups	Tara Von Dollen
Coffee	Dawn Olson
Greeter	Barbara Herrod, Doreen Hinrichs
Reader	Paula Kedzie
Communion	Martha Netzloff, Teri Terry
	Suzanne Warborg, Mary Marshall
	Lee Nelson, Paula Kedzie
Ushers	Lee Nelson
	Michael Savides, Walt Herrod
Musician	Melissa Vanden Heuvel
Vocalists	Celebrate Group
Streaming	Kristopher Kiel
Nursery	Christins Teschendorf

