



**HOLY
CROSS
DAY**

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.

NURSERY CARE

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

Holy Cross Sunday + September 13-14, 2025



OPENING HYMN

5:00 PM *All Are Welcome*

ELW Red Book #641

8:15 AM *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

ELW Red Book #789

10:30 AM *All Are Welcome*

ELW Red Book #641

GREETING

KYRIE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray....

***Congregation:* Amen.**

FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4b-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom, but the people became discouraged on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27 *The Lord is My Light and My Salvation*



SECOND READING

First Corinthians 1:18-24

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

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 3:13-17

Jesus said: "No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that God gave their only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

***Congregation:* Praise to you, O Christ.**

✠ THE HOMILY ✠

BISHOP JOY MORTENSEN-WIEBE

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Red Book #335

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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

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

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 *For Everyone Born*

8:15 AM *We Eat the Bread of Teaching*

10:30 AM *For Everyone Born*

We Eat the Bread of Teaching

In Back of ELW

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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 eve - ning: Lights of the cit - y
2. Now it is eve - ning: Food on the ta - ble
3. Now it is eve - ning: Lit tle ones sleep - ing
4. Now it is eve ning: Here in our meet ing



Bid us re - mem - ber Christ is our Light.
Bid us re - mem - ber Christ is our Life.
Bids us re - mem - ber Christ is our Peace.
May we re mem ber Christ is our Friend.



Man - y are lone - ly Who will be neigh - bor?
Man y are - hun - gry Who will be neigh - bor?
Some are ne glect - ed Who will be neigh - bor?
Some may be stran gers, Who will be neigh bor?



Where there is car - ing Christ is our Light.
Where there is shar - ing Christ is our Life.
Where there is car - ing Christ is our Peace.
Where there's a wel come Christ is our Friend.

CLOSING HYMN

8:15 AM *Lift High the Cross*

10:30 AM *Go To the World*

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BLESSING *Congregation: Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Go To the World

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights ' of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Flowers Given By

Elaine Mc Neil

In Memory of Jim Mc Neil

Marnee Hafeman

In Honor of Marnee's Birthday and

In Memory of Marnee's Mother on Her Birthday

THIS WEEK

September 15 - 21 , 2025



Monday, September 15

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 16

Boomerang Bag Workshop 10:00 AM
Divine Yoga 6:00 PM
NewBridge Senior Meal..... 12:00 PM
Church Council Meeting..... 6:45 PM

Wednesday, September 17

Men's Bible Study..... 7:00 AM
SAM Hike at Governor Nelson..... 10:00 AM
Women's Min Book Study 4:00 PM

Thursday, September 18

Pew Keepers 900 AM
Women's Min. Chat Group 10:30 AM
NewBridge Senior Meal..... 12:00 PM
Community Outreach Meeting..... 2:00 PM
Senior Choir Resumes..... 7:30 PM

Friday, September 19

Pr. Dan's Day Off

Saturday, September 20

Family Camp @ Horizons...September 20-21
Worship Service 5:00 PM

Sunday, September 21

Worship Service 8:15 AM
RIC Book Study Transforming..... 9:25 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM

LOOKING AHEAD

Prayer Shawl Ministry September 22
Spirit Weekend September 27 & 28
Sunday School Begins September 28

Counters Nancy Schmidt, Dan Battist
Lawn mowers..... Clyde Tunak, Peter Winger

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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.....Mark Petersen
Greeter.....Don Hendrikse, Kelli Weisinger
Reader.....Kathy Bultman
Communion.....John & Carol Otterson
.....Jan Hagen, Kathy Bultman
Ushers.....Phil & Chalene Lawler
Musician.....Amy Ziebell
Vocalists.....Cara Musick, Mike Digman
Dave Down, Tara Von Dollen, Donna Buchert
Streaming.....Clark Kellogg
Love Laughter & Libations...Remiker Family

8:15 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry.....Kathy Lukens
Coffee Ministry.....Melissa Remiker
Greeter...Dee Schwoegler, Karen Komprood
Reader.....Chris Gingham
Communion.....Cynthia McVay, Jane Miller
.....Karen Wenger, Pam McGranahan
UshersEmma Godfrey
.....Cindy Ellis, Nancy Wilson
Musician.....Marian Korth
Vocalists.....Members of Senior Choir
Streaming.....Steve Cheramy

10:30 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry.....Steve Lyons
Communion Cups.....Becky Skibo
Coffee.....Kathy & Ray Robinson
Greeter.....Charlotte Miller, Janet Woider
Reader.....Steve Lyons
Communion....Barbara Martin, Dave Lindorff
.....Gretchen Wahl, Susan Ashley
Ushers.....Ed & Bonnie Maas
Musician.....Jonathan Thornton
Vocalists.....Celebrate Group
Streaming.....Clark Kellogg
Nursery.....Kalli Selchert



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