



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

Transfiguration + February 14 - 15, 2026



OPENING HYMN

5:00 PM *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

ELW Red Book #836

8:15 AM *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

ELW Red Book #365

10:30 AM *Come to the Mountain*

W&P Purple Book #32

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

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

Shepherd Me O God



SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was trans-figured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

RENEWAL OF VOWS - 45 YEARS

Bob & Carol Netzler

‡ 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 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 HYMNS

5:00 PM	<i>Here I Am Lord</i>	ELW Red Book # 574
8:15 AM	<i>Shall We Gather at the River</i>	ELW Red Book # 423
10:30 AM	<i>You Have Come Down to the Seashore</i>	ELW Red Book # 817
10:30 AM	<i>Wait for the Lord</i>	Page 6

5:00 CANDLE LIGHTING AND CLOSING SONG

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*Please keep lit candles upright
and tip unlit candle to light it from another.*

BLESSING

Congregation: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

8:15 AM Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ELW Red Book #836

10:30 AM Jesus Christ is Risen Today

ELW Red Book #365

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Wait for the Lord

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a key signature change from G major to E minor (three flats) for the final phrase. The lyrics are: 'Wait for the Lord, God never tires. Wait for the Lord, God never gives up his strength. Wait for the Lord, God never gives up his strength. Chorus: And you shall fly like an eagle. You shall run and not get tired. You shall walk and not be weary, only wait for the Lord.'

Wait for the
God nev - er

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

Lord pow'r will come and re - new your strength. Wait for the
to the faint and streng - thens the weak. Wait for 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.

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.

Flowers Given By

Bob & Carol Netzler
In Celebration of Our 45th Wedding Anniversary
Bruce & Bev McCulloch
In Celebration of Our 54th Wedding Anniversary

THIS WEEK

February 16 - 17, 2026



Monday, February 16

Pastor Jeff's Day Off

Office Closed - phone & email monitored

Tuesday, February 17

Wednesday, February 18

Morning Bible Study 7:00 AM

Soup Supper 6:00 PM

Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM

Thursday, February 19

Pew Keepers 9:00 AM

Women's Conversation Group 10:00 AM

Friday, February 20

Pr. Dan's Day Off

Blood Drive Noon-5:00 PM

Saturday, February 21

Worship Service 5:00 PM

Sunday, February 22

Worship Service 8:15 AM

Family Mardi Gras Celebration 11:30 AM

Visitation Ministry Sacred Circle 9:20 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM

LOOKING AHEAD

Morning Bible Study February 25

SAM Luncheon & Speaker February 25

YOU Field Trip to St. John's February 28

Soup Supper March 11

Holden Evening Prayer March 11

Women's Conversation Group March 19

Soup Supper March 25

Holden Evening Prayer March 25

Counters Lou Ann Kidd, Gayle Daugherty

Snow Removal 2/15-2/21 Jeff Nesta

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Office closed - email/phone checked

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

5:00 PM SERVICE

Altar Ministry Nancy Battist

Greeter Barry Strauss & Sally Carpenter

Reader Melissa Remiker

Communion Dan & Nancy Battist

..... John & Carol Otterson

Ushers Jill & Eli Tecalero

Musician Amy Ziebell

Vocalists Clyde Nyhus, Cara Musick

..... Mike Digman, Dave Down

..... Tara Von Dollen, Donna Buchert

Streaming Jenna Shinstine

Love, Laughter & Libations The Remikers

8:15 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry Cindy Ellis

Coffee Ministry Melissa Remiker

Greeter Lamont & Corrine Liefke

Reader Karen Clark

Communion Patricia Ertel, Sharon Ryan

..... Cynthia McVay, Nancy Wilson

Ushers Cindy Ellis

..... Glenn, Jonah & Violet Schmitz

Musician Dean Gardner

Vocalists Members of Senior Choir

Streaming Steve Cheramy

Nursery Kalli Selchert

10:30 AM SERVICE

Altar Ministry The Hollar Family

Communion Cups Tara Von Dollen

Coffee Ray & Kathy Robinson

Greeter Betty Schmidt, Karen Dilley

Reader Dave Lindorff

Communion Julia Neppl, Paula Kedzie

..... Norene Shultis, Ray Robinson

..... Dave Lindorff, Lee Nelson

Ushers Ed & Karen Bosold, Lee Nelson

..... Michael Savides, Ted Savides

Musician Melissa Vanden Heuvel

Vocalists Celebrate Group

Streaming Clark Kellogg

Nursery Kalli Selchert



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