

April 5, 2026

EASTER

He is Risen!

HAPPY EASTER & WELCOME TO MESSIAH CHURCH!

We are a community of children, youth, and adults responding to the presence of God by growing in faith and reaching out in love and service to others. We value worship, small group participation, serving others, and allowing God to use our gifts and abilities to accomplish our vision of building relationships in the world.

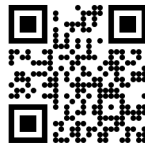
We welcome and affirm the full inclusion of all people — all ages, all races and ethnicities, all LGBTQIA+, all political affiliations, all economic statuses, and all abilities — into the life and ministry of Messiah Church.

This bulletin can also be accessed online on our website and church app. To view the online version, visit MessiahChurch.org/resources. The online bulletin includes web links for any gray, underlined text.



Let us know you worshipped with us by using the printed or online **Connect Card**, or by scanning the QR code. You can also include a prayer request which will be shared with our pastors and Prayer Team.

First time here? We'd like to thank you by making a donation in your honor to one of our community partners. Select the organization of your choice on your Connect Card.



Thank you for financially supporting the ministries at Messiah Church! There are many ways to give: with cash or check dropped in the offering box just outside the sanctuary doors; online through our website at

MessiahChurch.org/give, church app, or by scanning the QR code (select "General Fund"); or by mailing a check to Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447.



LOVING GOD. LOVING EACH OTHER. LOVING THE WORLD.

EASTER OFFERING



Each year, Messiah Church selects two organizations to receive our special Easter Offering. **This year's Easter Offering is a gift to Bloom Early Learning & Child Care and Messiah's Emergency Fund.** To contribute: with cash or check (indicate "Easter Offering" in the memo) dropped in the offering box just outside the sanctuary doors; online through our website at MessiahChurch.org/give, church app, or by scanning the QR code (select "Easter Offering"); or by mailing a check (indicate "Easter Offering" in the memo) to Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447. Our goal is to collect \$10,000 for each of these organizations. *Gifts are distributed evenly, unless designated otherwise; gifts not marked for the Easter Offering support the ministries of Messiah Church.*



Bloom Early Learning & Child Care is a non-profit early learning center located here at Messiah Church, with a special mission to make the highest quality childcare, programs, and curriculum accessible to the entire community. Your Easter Offering supports the Shirley Robinson Scholarship Fund, which provides tuition assistance for children of low-income families, allowing parents to work while their children receive otherwise unaffordable quality care. For more information on Bloom, visit BloomEarlyLearning.org.



Messiah's Emergency Fund provides support for our neighbors in need. This fund was created in November 2025 to address the gap in SNAP benefits. Then in December, we pivoted to care for immigrant neighbors sheltering at home. Since then we have been able to provide more than 150 boxes of food (and counting) for 26 families! We've also provided rent and utility assistance, helping families close the gap and maintain housing stability. Your Easter Offering helps ensure this ministry continues for the current need and beyond.



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8:45 am | Traditional Worship

Preludes	<i>O God Our Help in Ages Past</i> (Grotenhuis) <i>Rejoice! He is Risen!</i> (Moklebust)	Brass Quartet Handbells
* Call to Worship		Pastor Bethany Nelson
* Hymn #302 (vv 1-3)	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today</i>	All
Welcome & <u>Attendance</u>		
Children's Message		
Prayer Hymn #707 (vv 1 & 3)	<i>Hymn of Promise</i>	All
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer		
Anthem	<i>Praise and Exultation</i> (Martin & Angerman)	Choir & Piano
* Scripture	<u>Luke 24: 1-12</u>	Marlene Eyres
Message	<i>The Last Word is Life</i>	Pastor Tami Luckhardt
* Hymn #159 (vv 1-3)	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	All
<u>Offering</u>		
* Chorus	<i>Hallelujah Chorus</i> (Handel)**	All
° Postlude	<i>Toccata from Symphony No. 5</i> (Widor)	Stephanie Beard



10:30 am | Contemporary Worship

Gathering Music	<i>House of the Lord</i> (Wickham)	All
* Call to Worship		Pastor Bethany Nelson
* Songs of Praise	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today</i> (Traditional) <i>Goodness of God</i> (Bethel Music)	All
Welcome & <u>Attendance</u>		
Children's Message		
Prayer Song	<i>Reckless Love</i> (Asbury)	The Way Ensemble
Prayer		
Scripture	<u>Luke 24: 1-12</u>	Gerry Tucker
Message	<i>The Last Word is Life</i>	Pastor Tami Luckhardt
Anthem	<i>Hymn of Heaven</i> (Wickham)	All
<u>Offering</u>		
* Closing Song	<i>Jesus is Alive and Well</i> (Williams)	All
° Postlude	<i>Jesus is Alive and Well</i> (Instrumental)	The Way Band

* **Please stand** as you are able.

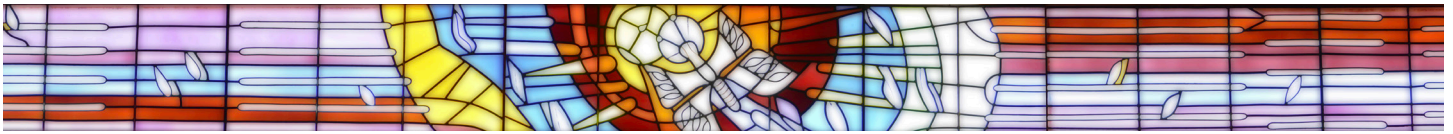
** All are welcome to **join the Chancel Choir** in Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*. You will be directed to make your way to the choir loft during the singing of the last hymn, *Lift High the Cross*.

° Feel free to stay & enjoy the postlude or leave the sanctuary quietly.

Special welcome & thank you to our **Brass Quartet**: Patty Diedrichs, Chris Porter, Mark Springer & Patrick Thorn

Wiggly or over-stimulated child? We're not bothered by the noise, but if it's helpful, "busy bags" are available in the back of the sanctuary and worship is streaming in the atrium and Heritage Hall. Or if you prefer, nursery care is available for children 4 and under. Any of our ushers are happy to help guide you!

An **induction hearing loop** is available in our sanctuary for those with t-coil hearing aids or cochlear implants.



You are **always** welcome at Messiah Church!
CONSIDER JOINING US FOR...

This Morning

This morning, families are invited to **worship together**. There is no KID Street or Middle School Sunday School. Nursery care is available on the main level for children 4 and under.

Following worship, join us in Heritage Hall across from the sanctuary for coffee, tea, lemonade, and special treats. In the atrium, snap a selfie with our Easter photo backdrop.

All kids are invited to an **Easter Egg Hunt at 9:45 am!** We'll gather in the atrium near the sanctuary doors to begin the "hunt," then join us in Heritage Hall for crafts & activities.

Worship

Join us at our weekly worship services in person, online live at MessiahChurch.org/live, or on demand anytime at MessiahChurch.org/ondemand.

Through Sunday, May 10:

Traditions Worship Sundays at 8:45 am

Journey Contemporary Worship Sundays at 10:30 am

Summer Worship (Sundays, May 17-September 6):

Worship Together Sundays at 9:30 am

Sundays during worship, we also offer **nursery care** for children birth-age 3, **KID Street Sunday School** for preK-5th grade, and **Middle School Sunday School** for 6-8th grade.

Next Sunday, April 12, Messiah Youth will take the stage as our worship leaders for **Youth Sunday 2026!** The theme they've selected is "The Gospel Goes Disney," which will be shared in scripture, story, and song — all led by Messiah Youth. Join us

as some familiar characters from scripture and Disney movies meet and share some life lessons about how God can use each of us for Good. Youth will also offer all Sunday morning hospitality, serving as greeters, ushers, and coffee hour hosts. Over 30 youth and 13 leaders have been planning and preparing this worship experience since January. It's sure to be an excellent Sunday morning for all! In person, online live at MessiahChurch.org/live, or on demand later at MessiahChurch.org/ondemand.

On Sunday, April 19, we have a special **message titled *A New Creation***. God makes us a new creation — but not just us! God makes everything new and entrusts us to take action that it might be so. In a world grappling with environmental concerns, we'll look to scripture to understand how God calls us to care for our environment and all its inhabitants. Join us in person, online live at MessiahChurch.org/live, or on demand later at MessiahChurch.org/ondemand.

On Sunday, April 26, we begin a new **four-part message series titled *Transformed by Grace***. Grace is not merely a gift, but God's invitation to a relationship that can change our lives and transform the world. In this series, we will delve into stories of transformation, connecting them to our everyday experiences. From feeling like outsiders to being part of a community, from fear to trust, from the "same old" to something creative and new — these are just a few of the transformations that God's grace works in our lives. Say yes to grace and find new freedom in relation to yourself and others. Join us in person, online live at MessiahChurch.org/live, or on demand later at MessiahChurch.org/ondemand.

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Community

Would you like to get better connected at Messiah Church? **Small Groups** at Messiah are more than just a Bible study — they “do life together,” building supportive relationships while growing together in faith. We want that for you! Step into a Small Group experience this spring to find a place to belong. We offer groups for men, women, couples, and parents; some meet in person, some online, and some on a hybrid basis. Visit MessiahChurch.org/small-groups for a list of Small Groups. For questions or help connecting with a group that is right for you, contact Heather Felt, Director of Community Engagement, at hfelt@messiahchurch.org or call the church office at (763) 473-6968 ext. 114.

Messiah Church has an app! This discipleship tool is the perfect way to help you grow in faith and strengthen your relationship with Messiah Church and one another. We are thrilled to share this with you, and invite you to download it today at subsplash.com/messiahchurch/app or from your favorite app store.

Service

Messiah Church is a church of compassion and community outreach. Members and friends of Messiah devote their time and talents to support local, national, and global missions. There is a place for you to get involved! For a complete **list of opportunities to serve**, visit MessiahChurch.org/make-an-impact.

Youth

Students in grades 6-12 have opportunities to connect with peers and grow in their faith at Messiah Church with several youth programs. Wednesday nights we connect at 6:30 pm for **Open Youth Room + Dinner**, and at 7 pm we offer **Middle School and High School Youth Groups** — expect assorted shenanigans, connection with friends and leaders, and time studying the Bible. Sunday mornings, 6-8th graders gather for **Sunday School**, and **Confirmation classes** provide opportunities for high school students to study scripture and what it means to follow Jesus and be part of the Church. This summer, the youth will be busy serving and making a difference. At **STORM Camp** in Woodbury, July 12-16, they'll build, paint, garden, and clean — all while fostering connections with each other and the community. They'll also travel to Louisville, KY, July 25-August 1 for a **YouthWorks Mission Trip**, partnering with local organizations to meet community needs through projects like painting, yard work, and kids' programs. For more information on Youth programming visit MessiahChurch.org/youth or contact Sami Tierney, Director of Youth and Family Ministry, at stierney@messiahchurch.org or call the church office at (763) 473-6968 ext. 116.

Children

At Messiah, we love walking with children on their journeys to follow Jesus. We strive to reach the lives of children through a variety of engaging activities, partnering with families to nurture children's faith. Sunday mornings, children in preschool-5th grade gather for **KID Street Sunday School** during worship; the **nursery**, for children from birth through age 3, is available at both services. On Wednesday nights, **KID Street Wednesdays** gather from 6:30-8 pm for dinner, a faith lesson, friendship, and an art or service project. June 8-12, join us at **Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible Camp** for music, art, games, science, and more! Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids preschool-5th grade will plunge into an adventure of discovering the nature of God. More information and registration at vbspro.events/p/events/messiahcamp2026. In August, get ready for singing, puppets, fine arts, theater, dancing, and more at **KID Street Arts Camp**. (Registration coming soon!) For more information on Children's programming visit MessiahChurch.org/kids or contact Kari Stern, Director of Children and Family Ministry, at ksstern@messiahchurch.org or (763) 473-6968 ext. 115.





THE FLOWERS THAT BEAUTIFY OUR SANCTUARY
THIS EASTER HONOR THOSE WE REMEMBER
WITH MEMORIES, LOVE & CELEBRATION:

Kevin & Debbie Bowman – In honor of our granddaughters, Liliana and Jillian

Ann & Mike Brilley – In memory of our parents, Martha & Andrian Wilhoite and Eugenia & Joe Brilley; and our siblings Chip Wilhoite and Caryl Wilhoite

Lee & David Ching – In celebration of our children and grandchildren and all our friends at Messiah; in memory of Zip & Dee Zipoy and Shirley & Bob Ching

Gail Dahl – In memory of Bob Dahl, loving husband, dad, and papa

Danell Dalton – In celebration of the Handbell Choir

Mike Essen – In memory of Susan Essen

Dan, Mary, Dean & Dave Fowser – In memory of our son/brother Derek

Robert Frazee – In memory of Frances Frazee

Jo Frerichs – In memory of John Hay

Maddy, Elizabeth & Joe Gossard – In memory of our grandparents, Vicki & Doug Gossard

Fred Hegele – In celebration of the Berg and Hegele Families; in memory of Sharon Hegele

Lyle & Cindy Hilbrands – In celebration of our loving daughter and her family, Michelle, Tom, Nathan, Kelsey & Tyler; in memory of our energetic son, Brent Hilbrands

Lorie & Paul Hoekstra – In memory of our parents

Elizabeth & Taylan Hummel – In memory of Kay Hummel, loving mother, grandma, and friend

Teri Johnson, Angela Saul, and Jillian Miller – In memory of Darrel Johnson, husband, father, and grandfather to Katelyn & Charlotte Saul, and Henry & Frank Miller

Jenny Kamm – In memory of Irv Kamm

Bob & Jan Levens – In celebration of our 65th wedding anniversary on April 9

Linda & Paul Lohse – In memory of family members who have gone before

Floyd & Helen Peltier – In memory of daughter Valerie and brothers Carl and Jim

Melanie Raska – In memory of Judy Stevens, mom

Janet Stroebel – In celebration of my beautiful family

Mary & Gerry Tucker – In memory of our parents: Helen & Jim Cassell and Marj & Jerry Tucker

Bob & Pat Vogt – In memory of our parents

John & Tammy Ward – In celebration of family and friends

Ray & Linda Weber – In memory of Carl & Millie Dege, parents; in memory of Romie & Irene Weber, parents

Phil & Brenda Weiler – In memory of Bonnie Weiler, Phil's mother

Charlie & Sondra Weinzierl – In celebration of the Messiah Church staff

Sue & Phil Zietlow – In honor of family

If you dedicated Easter flowers, you are welcome to take them home following the 10:30 am Easter service.

Visit our website, MessiahChurch.org, to learn more about how you can connect with Messiah Church.

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