




May 3, 2026 • Communion Sunday


WELCOME! We're glad you're here!

At Messiah Church, we covenant to *become love* in word, action, and deed. **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 the church. Moving forward in bold hope, we renew our commitment to follow the inclusive example and teachings of Jesus. We choose to *become love*.

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 our printed or online [Connect Card](#). 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 with 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 Messiah Church!** There are many ways to give: an offering box is just outside the sanctuary; online at MessiahChurch.org/Give; through our app; by scanning the QR code; or by mailing your offering to Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447.

TRADITIONS WORSHIP

8:45 AM

Prelude *Thanksgiving Prayer* (Martin)
Welcome / Attendance / Second Mile Offering Video
Call to Worship
* Hymn #127 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
Scout Religious Emblems Recognition
Children's Prayer and KID Street Release
Anthem *Here I Am, Lord* (arr. Young)
* Scripture: [Matthew 25:14-30](#) Marlene Eyres
Message *God Trusted Me With It!*
* Hymn #2162 *Grace Alone*
Communion
Communion Music *23rd Psalm*
Stewardship Video / Offering / Offering Prayer
* Benediction *Aaron's Blessing* (Ortega)
° Postlude *Praise My Soul* (Ritter)

JOURNEY WORSHIP

10:30 AM

* Praise Songs *This is Amazing Grace* (Wickham)
O Praise the Name (Hillsong Worship)
Welcome / Attendance / Second Mile Offering Video
Scout Religious Emblems Recognition
Children's Prayer and KID Street Release
Scripture: [Matthew 25:14-30](#) Gerry Tucker
Message *God Trusted Me With It!*
Anthem *Morning by Morning* (Barrett)
Communion
Communion Music *My Worth is Not in What I Own* (Getty)
Stewardship Video / Offering / Offering Prayer
* Benediction *Aaron's Blessing* (Ortega)
° Postlude

* Please stand as you are able.

° You are invited to be seated and enjoy the postlude or to leave the sanctuary quietly.

LOVING GOD. LOVING EACH OTHER. LOVING THE WORLD.

GROW PRAY STUDY (GPS)

A Daily Devotional

Monday 5/4	Matthew 25:14–30
Tuesday 5/5	Genesis 39:1–6
Wednesday 5/6	Jeremiah 1:4–10
Thursday 5/7	John 6:1–14
Friday 5/8	Romans 12:6–8
Saturday 5/9	Acts 16:13–15

Find the weekly GPS online at MessiahChurch.org/Resources. To receive the daily GPS by email, contact Carolyn Loeffler in the church office at cloeffler@messiahchurch.org.

PRAYER

Lift Up Our Church Family in Prayer

Prayers for Health and Healing for:

Carol B, Chuck E,
Johnna H, Dennis L,
Ed P, Barb W

Prayers for Those Serving in the Military:

Grant C, Jin J, Tim M,
Tyler W, Elisabeth W

Prayers of Comfort and Peace for the families and friends of:

Barbara Bowen, who passed away April 13;
James Shrack, who passed away April 28. Celebration of Life details are pending.

Today we receive **Communion** both in person and online. At Messiah, we practice open communion; all are invited to the Lord's table regardless of age, denomination, or ability. If you need the elements brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know. If you prefer not to be served, please take this time for reflection and prayer. To participate at home, be prepared with your own bread and a cup of juice or water.

At Messiah, we love walking with children and youth on their journeys to follow Jesus. To do that, we offer several Sunday morning classes: **Children in pre-K through 5th grade** gather for KID Street Sunday School during worship. Kids begin in worship, are released to Sunday School mid-service, and will return for communion with their families. **Youth in grades 6-8** are invited to worship with their families today. **Nursery care** is available during worship for infants and toddlers (through age 3). Children can be dropped off downstairs in the KID Street HQ before worship begins. *All children and youth are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary if your family prefers to worship together.* Prefer to keep your little one with you? We're not bothered by wiggles or noise! If it's helpful, **"busy bags"** are available at the back of the

sanctuary, and worship is streaming in the atrium and Heritage Hall. 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.

COMING UP @ MESSIAH

Stay connected to all things Messiah during the week at MessiahChurch.org, "Messiah United Methodist Church" on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#) and the "Coming Up @ Messiah" weekly email. To receive our weekly emails, contact Carolyn Loeffler at cloeffler@messiahchurch.org, and she will place you on the email list.

All women are invited to join the next Ladies Lunch Out tomorrow, Monday, May 4 from 11:30 am-1 pm at Robert's Craft Kitchen in the Medina Entertainment Center ([500 Hwy 55, Medina](#)) for a meal, fellowship, and friendship — a great, casual opportunity to meet new people! This group meets on the first Monday of the month (except when the Monday falls on a holiday, then they meet on the first Tuesday). New faces are always welcome! Please RSVP to Dana M at dymarshall985@gmail.com by 5 pm today so a seat can be saved for you!

Planning a **Celebration of Life** service can be a meaningful way to reflect on your story, your faith, and

the legacy you hope to leave. On Saturday, May 16, from 11 am-1 pm, Pastor Tami, Barb Krause, and Elizabeth Askew — Preplanning Specialist, Monument Consultant, and Pastor Tami's daughter — will lead a thoughtful conversation on advance planning for your Celebration of Life service. Come learn more about the process, including choosing scripture and music, to shape a service that reflects your unique journey and shares your wishes now to ease the burden on family later. A complimentary lunch will be served. Please RSVP by Thursday, May 14 to Heather Felt at hfelt@messiahchurch.org and include any dietary needs (vegetarian, gluten free, etc) for the lunch. This session is part of a Living Well Series. You don't have to be a part of Messiah Church to attend — invite your friends and neighbors!

Beginning Sunday, May 17 through Sunday, September 6, we will unite for ONE blended worship service at 9:30 am. Let's worship, sing, and grow in faith together all summer. Save the date, note the special worship time, and remind others you usually see on Sundays!

Graduation Sunday is June 7 — the day we'll celebrate Messiah's Class of 2026. Messiah celebrates our

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high school graduates with a gift of a new *The Message* Bible filled with notes from the congregation as support and encouragement for their next chapter. In Heritage Hall, you'll find a display of senior pictures and a table full of these Bibles. Take a minute to write a note, share some inspiration, print a photo, or write a favorite verse or memory on a card and place it in the Bibles. (Please do not write directly in the Bibles.) Feel free to write a note for everyone, or just the graduates of your choosing. On Graduation Sunday we'll give these Bibles to our graduates during worship. Please leave your notes by Thursday, June 4. Notes can be dropped off in Heritage Hall on Sundays or during church office hours (Monday-Thursday 9 am-4 pm), OR mailed to Messiah Church, attn: Sami Tierney, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth MN 55447. Congratulations Messiah's Class of 2026: Myles Castleberry, Kalyn Hatcher, Laura Ickes, Landon Koster, and Austin Meyer.

June 8-12, join us at Rainforest Falls Summer Vacation Bible Camp for music, art, games, science, and more! Kids preschool-5th grade will explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their safe place in life's storms. Rainforest Falls will immerse kids in five mornings (9 am-12 pm) of faith-building fun. All are welcome! **Kids have the option of staying all day too, for even more adventures.**

Extended afternoon camp (for children already attending Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible Camp) is available Monday-Thursday until 4 pm. Kids eat lunch at camp then continue their camp adventures through art, service projects, and games. Sign up for the extended day as part of camp registration. If your child is staying for extended afternoon camp, late pick-up (as late as 4:30 pm) is also

available. Please indicate if you need late pick-up when you register. *Please note: Afternoon extended camp is NOT offered on Friday, June 12; all children must be picked up by 12 pm.* Please register by Monday, May 18 to guarantee your child's t-shirt size and your family's music gift preference (digital download or music CD). Online registrations will be accepted through Monday, June 1 (as space permits), but early registrations help us plan. Visit vbspro.events/p/events/messiahcamp2026 to register & for all the details. Rainforest Falls Summer Camp is just \$40/child (\$80 family maximum). Optional extended afternoon camp is an additional \$50/child. Scholarships are available — we believe that no child should miss this! **Summer Camp requires a lot of volunteer support!** Adults and youth finishing 6th grade and older are welcome to volunteer for this high-energy week. Register today, at the same link above! For more information or questions about this exciting week, visit vbspro.events/p/events/messiahcamp2026 or contact Kari Stern, Director of Children and Family Ministry, at kstern@messiahchurch.org.

MAKE AN IMPACT

Messiah is a church of compassion and outreach. We serve through mission, locally and internationally. For a complete list of opportunities visit MessiahChurch.org/Make-an-Impact.

Our May & June Second Mile Offering supports Re-Member.

Re-Member is a nonprofit organization that works with the Oglala Lakota Nation on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Re-Member volunteers complete home improvement projects, work in the community gardens, and immerse themselves in Lakota culture. Your Second Mile offering will go towards purchasing a van

that will pull their "Veggie Wagon" and transport staff and volunteers to and from the vegetable gardens. The "Veggie Wagon" is a climate-controlled, full-service vegetable distribution trailer, bringing fresh produce to people in every corner of the reservation. For more information on Re-Member, visit re-member.org. You can support Re-Member through the end of June with a monetary donation online by selecting "Second Mile Offering," or by mailing a check (indicate "Re-Member" in the memo) to: Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447.

You may have noticed several bright yellow collection bins in the church atrium for recycling plastic bags and bubble wrap — a new permanent part of our creation care ministry. Bring in your clean plastic shopping bags from Target, Walmart, grocery stores, and similar retailers, as well as bubble wrap. (*Please note: At this time we cannot accept trash bags, bread bags, or newspaper bags.*) Many of the collected bags will be transformed into plarn (plastic yarn) and woven into sleeping mats, while the rest will be responsibly recycled. Thank you for helping care for the world God entrusted to us.

Throughout May, we are partnering with Midwest Mission to support two outreach efforts: providing Bibles for the Jamaican Prison Ministry and collecting gently used (or new) school supplies for children in Honduras.

Bibles for Jamaica: Midwest Mission has been asked to help supply 6,000 Bibles for a prison ministry in Jamaica. Thanks to a generous donation, most of the need is met — but 1,580 more Bibles are still needed. If you have a gently used or new Bible you no longer use, your donation can place

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God's Word directly into the hands of someone seeking hope. These Bibles will ship alongside disaster relief supplies as Jamaica continues rebuilding after Hurricane Melissa. Visit midwestmission.org/post/bibles-needed-for-jamaican-prison-ministry for more information on this ministry.

School Supplies for Honduras: As the school year ends, many usable supplies are thrown away or left behind. Meanwhile, students in Honduras often lack the most basic tools needed for learning. By donating school supplies in good, working condition, we can help give children the resources they need to learn, grow, and build a brighter future. We are collecting:

- Backpacks
- Pencil cases
- Markers (color, dry erase, or permanent)
- Highlighters
- Pencils
- Pencil sharpeners
- Erasers
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Glue
- Scissors
- Spiral or composition notebooks
- Construction paper
- Pens (red, black, blue)
- Rulers
- Compass sets
- Geometry kits

Tips for school supply donations:

- Used items must be clean and

fully functional. (If you wouldn't give it to a loved one, please don't donate it.)

- Please do not donate broken or worn out items, items with missing pieces, or 3-ring binders
- New items are welcome too!

Together, we can turn unused Bibles and end-of-year school supplies into tools of hope, learning, and transformation for communities in need! Bibles and school supplies will be collected through Sunday, May 31 and can be dropped off in the marked bin in the atrium at Messiah on Sundays or during church office hours (Monday-Thursday 9 am-4 pm).

Midwest Mission is currently in need of handmade one-handed school bags to keep up with the demand for Student Kits. This is a meaningful and accessible way to make a difference. Visit midwestmission.org/patterns for the pattern and instructions. If you are not a sewer, you can contribute by donating fabric. The best fabrics for this project include denim, corduroy, sailcloth, med-heavy drapery, and light upholstery. Handmade cloth bags will be collected through Sunday, May 31 and can be dropped off in the marked bin in the atrium at Messiah on Sundays or during church office hours (Monday-Thursday 9 am-4 pm). Messiah KID Street kids have packed school supplies in these

bags, most of them made by Messiah member Judy Jepsen. If you have questions, contact Linda S at seaton.lindal@gmail.com.

Can you help with some much-needed items for Simpson Shelter?

Current needs include: women's bras (sizes 32, 34, 36 & 38); women's and men's thermal underwear; men's t-shirts (sizes S, M, XXL & XXXL); hair care products for natural, textured, or curly hair; Q-tips; nail care kits; washcloths; and pillowcases. Please note that Simpson is currently accepting ONLY these specific items. All items must be new, unused, and unopened. Underwear and socks in NEW condition are welcome, but Simpson cannot accept clothing such as jeans, shirts, coats, and shoes. Personal-sized/travel toiletries are welcome; full sized items are too heavy for guests to carry. Donations can also be purchased from their [Amazon Wish List](#) and delivered directly to the shelter, or dropped off in the marked bin in the atrium at Messiah on Sundays or during church office hours (Monday-Thursday 9 am-4 pm). For more information on Simpson Shelter, visit simpsonhousing.org.

New items in the bulletin this week. Submit bulletin items by Tuesday at 3 pm to office@messiahchurch.org.

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