



August 24, 2025 • 9:30 am

WELCOME! We're glad you joined us!

At Messiah Church, we covenant to *become love* in word, action, and deed. **We welcome and affirm the full inclusion of all people** — all LGBTQIA+, all ages, all races and ethnicities, 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: a secure offering box is located just outside the sanctuary doors; through our website or church app at MessiahChurch.org/Give; or you may mail your offering to Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447.

Gathering Music
Welcome / [Attendance](#)

Mission Moment

* Opening Hymn #368 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

* Opening Prayer

* Praise Song

Children's Prayer and KID Street Release

Prayer Hymn #593

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

* Scripture: [John 13:12-16](#)

Message

Sending Song

[Offering](#)

* Benediction

° Postlude

The Breath of God (Landis)

Cory True, Re-Member

My Hope is Built

House of the Lord (Wickham)

Here I Am, Lord

Firm Foundation (He Won't) (Carnes)

Myles Castleberry

SJXSO: Covered in Dust

My Lighthouse (Rend Collective)

Aaron's Blessing (Ortega)

* 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 8/25	1 Samuel 3
Tuesday 8/26	Matthew 9:35-38
Wednesday 8/27	The Book of Esther
Thursday 8/28	Matthew 13:31-33, 17:20
Friday 8/29	Daniel 6
Saturday 8/30	Luke 4:31-37

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, Brenda B, Donna B,
Johnna H, Dennis L, Ed P

Prayers for Those Serving in the Military:

Grant C, Jin J, Matthew M,
Nicholas P, Elisabeth W,
Haden W, Tyler W

Altar flowers today are given by Paul & Linda Lohse in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary.

Additional flowers are given by Leland & Marlene Eyres in celebration of their 62nd wedding anniversary.

We're worshipping together all summer! Through next Sunday, August 31, we will unite for ONE blended worship service at 9:30 am.

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 may be picked up downstairs in KID Street headquarters after worship. Sunday School for **youth in grades 6-8** is on break until after school begins in the fall; youth are encouraged to worship with their families. The nursery, for **infants and toddlers (through age 3)**, is also available, and these children may be dropped off downstairs in the KID Street HQ before worship begins. *Children are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary if your family prefers to worship together.*

For those with t-coil equipped hearing aids or cochlear implants,

an **induction hearing loop** is installed for use in our sanctuary.

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 Messiah women are invited to **Women's Night Out** tomorrow, Monday, August 25 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Robert's Craft Kitchen in the Medina Entertainment Center ([500 Hwy 55, Medina](#)). Come and enjoy a glass of wine or some food (whatever you wish to order) and conversation with Messiah friends old and new. We plan to dine on the patio, weather permitting. Feel free to bring a friend or invite someone new — all are welcome! This group meets on the last Monday of every month (except when the Monday falls on a holiday). Please RSVP to Heather Felt at hfelt@messiahchurch.org by 10 am tomorrow so enough tables can be reserved.

Youth who are headed into grades 6-8 and their parents are invited to a Middle School Mixer on Wednesday, August 27 from 7-8 pm in the Youth Room (lower level). We'll enjoy ice cream sundaes, play

games, introduce leaders, share more about programming for youth in grades 6-8, and welcome incoming 6th graders. Email Sami Tierney, Director of Youth and Family Ministry, at stierney@messiahchurch.org for more info or questions.

During worship next Sunday, August 31, we will offer a blessing over all students, teachers, and school employees before they head back to school this fall. We have a special gift for each student and adult, too, to remind them that Jesus and Messiah Church are with them wherever they go!

This fall, a new faith group is forming to study *The Chosen*, a TV series about the life and ministry of Jesus. This show presents Jesus's story through the experiences of people who met and followed Him. The group, co-led by Buck M, Mark G, and John H, will meet weekly on Monday nights (starting September 8) from 6:30-8 pm in the Fireside Room (lower level). Each week we'll watch an episode of the show together, followed by time for discussion and fellowship. Whether you're new to the TV series or already a fan, all are welcome to join! Please contact Buck at buckmanning@comcast.net for more details and to reserve a spot in the group.

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Messiah's Glory Players Theater Company is casting children, youth, and adult performers for the Spring 2026 production of *Cinderella*. Not your

"Grandma's *Cinderella*," this Broadway adaptation of the classic story features new characters, a hilarious script, surprising twists, and the same unforgettable, magical, score from Rogers and Hammerstein. **Monday, October 6 OR Tuesday, October 7 auditions are open to performers ages 8 through adult. Callbacks for all roles will be Thursday, October 9 at 6 pm.** Auditions for singing children (ages 8-12) are 6-7 pm on either Monday, October 6 OR Tuesday, October 7. Sing a song of your choice and be prepared to learn a simple dance. An accompanist will be available. No need to make a reservation - first come, first served, but please arrive before 6:50 pm. Auditions for singing adults (ages 13 and up) begin at 8:30 pm on Monday, October 6 OR 7:15 pm on Tuesday, October 7. Sing at least 16 bars of a memorized song of your choice, be prepared to learn a simple dance, and read an excerpt from the script. An accompanist will be available. Plan for up to a 45 minute time commitment. To reserve an audition slot, please email Joy Ann Harmon, *Cinderella* Director, at jharmon@messiahchurch.org. Show rehearsals will be Monday and Tuesday evenings, and Saturday mornings beginning January 2026. Show performance dates are March 13-15 and 20-22, 2026. Visit minnesotaplaylist.com/audition/Cinderella-casting-call for a shareable link. Share these dates with talented singers, actors, and anyone who loves musical theater! For additional casting questions, please contact Joy Ann Harmon, *Cinderella* Director, at jharmon@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 Second-Mile Offering for July & August 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 information on Re-Member, visit re-member.org.

You can support Re-Member through the end of August with a monetary donation and/or by donating much needed items:

Give! Give online at MessiahChurch.org/give 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. Donate! Visit tinyurl.com/ReMemberWishList2025 to shop their Amazon Wish List and have your donation sent directly to Re-Member. Please do not leave donations in the Messiah atrium. Amazon donations can be shipped directly to South Dakota.

As we prepare for the new school year, **Messiah is partnering with Midwest Mission to collect essential school supplies for students in need.** We are collecting these specific items:


- Spiral notebooks (1 subject; wide ruled)
- Rulers (12" long with metric)
- Pencils (unsharpened)
- Pencil sharpeners
- Erasers (2" or larger)
- Colored pencils (boxes of 12)
- Crayons (boxes 24)
- Student scissors

Later this fall, our KID Street kids will assemble "School Kits" specifically for Midwest Mission. **If you enjoying sewing, one-handed cloth bags are also needed to complete these kits.** A pattern and instructions can be found at midwestmission.org/patterns. School supplies and handmade cloth bags will be collected through Sunday, September 14 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).

Can you help with some much-needed items for **Simpson Shelter**? Current urgent needs include:

- *Most needed item:* Men's white t-shirts - all sizes
- Washcloths - new
- Umbrellas
- Rain ponchos

Simpson is currently accepting ONLY these specific items. Donations can 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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