



**September 14, 2025**

**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](https://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](https://MessiahChurch.org/Give); or you may mail your offering to Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447.

## TRADITIONS WORSHIP

8:45 AM

MGN - Messiah's Good News

Prelude *Brightest and Best* (Harding)

Welcome / [Attendance](#)

\* Opening Hymn #139 (vv 1, 2, 3, 5) *Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

Congregational Prayer

Children's Prayer and Sunday School Release

Prayer Hymn #349 (2x) *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem *Light of the World* (arr. Besig)

\* Scripture: [Matthew 5:13-16](#) Joan McNutt

Message *Salt and Light - Finding our True Purpose in Christ*

\* Hymn #577 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

[Offering](#)

\* Benediction

° Postlude

*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.

## JOURNEY WORSHIP

10:30 AM

MGN - Messiah's Good News

Gathering Music *This is Amazing Grace* (Wickham)

Welcome / [Attendance](#)

\* Praise Songs *Living Hope* (Wickham)  
*O Praise the Name* (Hillsong)

Children's Prayer and Sunday School Street Release

Prayer Song *Great Are You Lord* (All Sons and Daughters)

Prayer

Scripture: [Matthew 5:13-16](#) Gerry Tucker

Message *Salt and Light -*

*Finding our True Purpose in Christ*

Anthem *Salt and Light* (Daigle)

[Offering](#)

\* Benediction

° Postlude

*Aaron's Blessing* (Ortega)

LOVING GOD. LOVING EACH OTHER. LOVING THE WORLD.

## GROW PRAY STUDY (GPS)

A Daily Devotional

Monday 9/15	<a href="#">Matthew 5:1-3</a>
Tuesday 9/16	<a href="#">Matthew 5:4-6</a>
Wednesday 9/17	<a href="#">Matthew 5:7-9</a>
Thursday 9/18	<a href="#">Matthew 5:10-12</a>
Friday 9/19	<a href="#">Matthew 5:13</a>
Saturday 9/20	<a href="#">Matthew 5:14-16</a>

Find the weekly GPS online at [MessiahChurch.org/Resources](https://MessiahChurch.org/Resources). To receive the daily GPS by email, contact Carolyn Loeffler in the church office at [cloeffler@messiahchurch.org](mailto: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

### Prayers of Comfort and Peace for:

the family and friends of Cherie Hultgren; a Celebration of Life will be at Messiah on Saturday, September 20 at 2 pm with a gathering time beginning at 1 pm.

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 at 8:45 and 10:30 am. Kids begin in worship, are released to Sunday School mid-service, and can be picked up downstairs after worship. **Youth in grades 6-8** gather in the Youth Room for Sunday School during both the 8:45 and 10:30 am worship services. Youth begin in worship and are dismissed with the kids mid-service. Nursery care, for **infants and toddlers (through age 3)**, is available at both services, and these children may be dropped off downstairs in 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.*

**Altar flowers** today are given by Jerry and Marlys Skoblik, who are celebrating their 48th wedding anniversary this week.

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](https://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](mailto:cloeffler@messiahchurch.org), and she will place you on the email list.

**Students in grades 6-12 have opportunities to connect with peers and grow in their faith** at Messiah Church with several youth programs! **Middle School Sunday School for youth in grades 6-8 resumes today.** Sunday School meets in the Youth Room during both worship services and offers age-appropriate teaching that uses creative storytelling and thoughtful approaches to engaging with Scripture. The first Sunday of each month, instead of Sunday School, youth are invited to stay in worship with their families. **Wednesday Nights** from 6:30-7 pm, we have dinner together and hang out. From 7-8 pm Middle School Youth Group meets in Lakeside East and High School Youth Group meets in the Youth Room. **Confirmation for Youth in High School (grades 9+)** begins with a parent/Confirmant meeting on Sunday, October 5 at 9:45 am and classes in November. Stay tuned for more information, coming soon. **Each year, we ask that families register**

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that we have the best contact information for youth and families and the necessary permissions for programming. Visit [tinyurl.com/MessiahYouth2025](https://tinyurl.com/MessiahYouth2025) to register. (Please register all youth in your family - 6th-12th grade.) We're always looking for adults to join us and come alongside youth in their faith journeys. We'd welcome new adult leaders in all program areas, but specifically have needs on the second Sunday of the month at 8:45 and the third Sunday of the month at 10:30 for Sunday School. Serve weekly, or just once or twice a month. For more information on the Youth programs, contact Sami Tierney, Director of Youth and Family Ministry, at [stierney@messiahchurch.org](mailto:stierney@messiahchurch.org).

**KID Street Wednesday Nights are back! Children pre-K through 5th grade** can join us from 6:30-8 pm for dinner, a faith lesson, friendship, and an opportunity to worship through art or service. KID Street Wednesday Nights begin in the KID Street Headquarters (the Sunday School room downstairs). Care for children under age 4 may be available - contact Kari Stern, Director of Children and Family Ministry, at [kstern@messiahchurch.org](mailto:kstern@messiahchurch.org) at least 2 days in advance to check on availability. **Each year, we ask**

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**that families register their child(ren) for KID Street (Wednesday nights or Sunday mornings)** so that we can update our records. Visit [tinyurl.com/MessiahKIDStreet2025](https://tinyurl.com/MessiahKIDStreet2025) to register. (Please register all children in your family - birth through 5th grade.) Parents and families are welcome to attend any or all parts of programming and we are always looking for adult volunteers to pour into our children at Messiah! For more information on the KID Street programs, contact Kari Stern at [kstern@messiahchurch.org](mailto:kstern@messiahchurch.org).

**Faith Groups at Messiah are a key part of the fabric of our church and a great way to connect.** In a Faith Group, you will find a circle of friends who enjoy doing life together. Many will say that they felt connected in a meaningful way to Messiah the day they joined a Faith Group. Consider trying one out this fall! We have groups for everyone: men's and women's groups, couples groups, Bible studies, in-person and online groups, groups that meet on Wednesday night when children's programming is offered, and MORE! Visit [messiahchurch.org/small-groups](https://messiahchurch.org/small-groups) to find a group that meets your needs and schedule, or contact Heather Felt at [hfelt@messiahchurch.org](mailto:hfelt@messiahchurch.org) for suggestions.

**This fall, Pastor Tami invites parents of pre-K through Middle School kids to join her for an 8-week pop-up faith group on Wednesday nights.** We will gather each week beginning this week (September 17) from 6:30-8 pm in room 128 on the lower level. Drop your kids off for KID Street Wednesdays and/or Youth Group then stay to connect, relax, and build friendships with other Messiah parents. The group will decide on a book, study, or series to

study once we're up and running. (Note: We will not meet on Wednesday, October 15 due to the MEA school break.) Please RSVP to Heather Felt at [hfelt@messiahchurch.org](mailto:hfelt@messiahchurch.org) or Pastor Tami at [tluckhardt@messiahchurch.org](mailto:tluckhardt@messiahchurch.org) to reserve a spot. All are welcome!

**Attention Messiah Men!** Looking for an evening out with some great camaraderie and conversation? Come to "What's on Tap?" Wednesday nights at Luce Line Brewing (12901 16th Ave N, Plymouth). A great group of Messiah men meet from 5-7 pm the first and third Wednesday of each month (except holidays) for fun and fellowship. Bring yourself! Bring a friend! Bring a group of friends! ALL men are welcome (over 21, of course). No need to RSVP. Luce Line Brewing has an extensive craft beer list, plenty of non-alcoholic drink choices, and a different food truck each week. **The next gathering will be this Wednesday, September 17.**

**While the music teams always welcome new members, fall is a great time to join!** If you attend the 8:45 service, our **Chancel Choir** rehearses in the sanctuary on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm. (Childcare is available through KID Street Wednesdays.) Have you ever wanted to try **handbells**? Join us for a month, a series, or a season. No prior experience necessary. We meet in the handbell room (lower level past the choir room) on Wednesdays from 6-7 pm. If you attend the 10:30 service, our **Praise Choir** rehearses in the sanctuary on Thursday nights from 7-7:45 pm. **Do you play an instrument (piano, guitar... other)?** We have a way for you to serve too! Contact Nikki Christensen, Director of Worship, at [nchristensen@messiahchurch.org](mailto:nchristensen@messiahchurch.org) for more info.

Coping with the death of a loved one is one of life's most difficult experiences, but the **West Suburban Grief Coalition** provides a safe environment and support for those experiencing grief and loss. Messiah is a partner of the West Suburban Grief Coalition, along with 14 other neighboring churches. Weekly meetings of this support group gather on Thursdays at various churches on a rotating basis. Through November 20, Grief Coalition meetings are at St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church (17205 County Rd 6, Plymouth) from 4:30-6 pm. For more information on the Grief Coalition, visit [westsuburbangriefmn.org](https://westsuburbangriefmn.org).

**Messiah's Congregational Care Ministry Team** also provides confidential, caring concern through personal contact with members of the Messiah family who have a special need for spiritual or emotional support. If this is the care you need, contact Pastor Brian Hacklander, Messiah's Pastor of Congregational Care, at [bhacklander@messiahchurch.org](mailto:bhacklander@messiahchurch.org) or call the church office at (763) 473-6968 ext. 123.

**Not a singer, dancer, or actor? That's okay — we still need YOU** for our 2026 Spring musical. *Cinderella* takes a village, and your unique talents could be just what we're looking for. Do you have skills in:

- Color, fashion, or costume design?
- Painting, building, or set construction?
- Marketing or computer applications?
- Thrift shopping and finding great deals?

Teams are forming now to plan costumes, sets, marketing, and more. Come be part of the magic behind the scenes! **Costumes Team** is meeting Monday, September 22 at 6 pm in the church office; **Sets**

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**team** is underway, and **other teams** are forming soon. There's a place for everyone! Contact Joy Ann Harmon, Show Director, at [jharmon@messiahchurch.org](mailto:jharmon@messiahchurch.org) or Nikki Christensen, Show Producer, at [nchristensen@messiahchurch.org](mailto:nchristensen@messiahchurch.org) to get plugged in.

**Are you aware of the latest research in brain health?** Science continues to reveal ways we can reduce our risk of cognitive decline and support brain wellness. On Saturday, October 4, from 11 am–1 pm, join us for a special presentation at Messiah where RN and former parish nurse Sondra Weinzierl will review these findings and offer tips for protecting our brain health. Sondra will explore key aspects of brain wellness and share how faith and spirituality can play a role in cognitive function. You'll discover practical steps to improve and sustain brain function, along with the newest research on reducing risk factors for dementia and cognitive decline. Whether you're looking to boost your brainpower or simply stay informed, this session offers valuable insights for everyone. The cost for a brain-healthy lunch and the presentation is \$10 per person — please RSVP by Thursday, October 2 to reserve your spot. Register and pay online at [subspla.sh/s3dbgpx](https://subspla.sh/s3dbgpx) or with a paper form (available in the church atrium) and cash or check. *This session is part of a Living Well*

*series. Watch for more information on other upcoming sessions. You don't have to be a part of Messiah Church to attend — invite your friends and neighbors!*

### 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](https://MessiahChurch.org/Make-an-Impact).

**Our September & October Second Mile Offering supports Massie's Mobile Mission. Massie's Mobile Mission provides emergency aid to people experiencing homelessness in the Twin Cities.** Their mission is to extend a compassionate hand to those facing adversity by providing essential supplies and fostering human connection. Through dedicated volunteer efforts, they strive to empower individuals to navigate their challenges with dignity and resilience, fostering a community where everyone feels supported and valued. For more information, visit [massiesmobilemission.com](https://massiesmobilemission.com).

You can support Massie's Mobile Mission through the end of October:

- **Give!** Give [online](#) by selecting "Second Mile Offering," or by mailing a check (indicate "Massie's Mobile Mission" in the memo) to: Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447.
- **Donate!** We are collecting these specific items: men's & women's t-

shirts (new; sizes M-XXL); peanut butter & jelly; dog bowls, leashes, and collars; cat litter; wet wipes; feminine hygiene products; flashlights; blankets & sleeping bags; travel-sized personal care items; hair brushes & combs (new); and drawstring bags & backpacks. All donations will be collected through Sunday, October 26 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).

- **Volunteer!** Massie's Mobile Mission is always in need of weekly volunteers to help with sandwich making, blessing pack assembly, and serving in the field to support those in need. [Click here](#) for more information and to sign up.

**Make a difference in the lives of others by giving blood.** Please consider donating blood at the American Red Cross blood drive on Monday, October 6 from 12–6 pm in Heritage Hall. Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter "MessiahPlym" to schedule an appointment. Save the date for the next blood drive at Messiah: Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

**New items in the bulletin this week.**

Submit bulletin items by Tuesday at 3 pm to [office@messiahchurch.org](mailto:office@messiahchurch.org).

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