




July 5, 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.

SUMMER WORSHIP TOGETHER

9:30 AM

* Gathering Songs	<i>In the Room</i> (Maher) <i>Reckless Love</i> (Asbury)
Welcome / Attendance / Second Mile Offering Video	
Children's Prayer and KID Street Release	
Anthem	<i>It is Well</i> (Spafford)
* Scripture: Psalm 103:12 ; Luke 15:20 ; Matthew 9:2	
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Message	<i>Forgiveness: The Freedom of Grace</i>
* Song	<i>One Bread, One Body</i>
Communion	
Communion Music	<i>I Will Rise</i>
Offering / Offering Prayer	
* Benediction	<i>Aaron's Blessing</i> (Ortega)
° Postlude	<i>A Patriotic Quotation</i> (Hughes)

* 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 7/6	Matthew 22:15-22: John 18:3-11, 33-40
Tuesday 7/7	Romans 12:9-21
Wednesday 7/8	1 John 3:19-24
Thursday 7/9	John 8:2-11
Friday 7/10	Luke 7:36-50
Saturday 7/11	Psalm 13:1-2; Matthew 27:41-46

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 for Comfort and Peace for:

the family and friends of Irene Koski, who passed away June 13 — a Celebration of Life service will be at Messiah on Friday, July 10 at 11 am with a gathering time beginning at 10 am.

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.

Altar flowers today are given by Hal and Dee Broxey in gratitude for the power of God providing the energy for a special worship experience in a darkened church on June 28.

At Messiah, we love walking with children and youth on their journeys to follow Jesus. To do that, we offer Sunday morning programming: **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 to worship for communion with their families. Sunday School for **youth in grades 6-8** is on summer break and will resume in September. **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 are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary if your family prefers to worship together.* 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.

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.

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.

Join us in Heritage Hall after worship this morning for coffee and assorted frozen treats, and enter to win a fun summer-themed gift basket (you do not need to be present to win). **Happy 250th America!**

Hey kids (5th grade and under) and their families! Join us on the playground after worship on Sunday, July 12 for a donut, lemonade, fellowship, and some playground fun! Parents can chat with other parents while the kids play on the Bloom playground (behind the SW corner of the church).

Join in the fun at KID Street Arts Camp! August 24-27, kids (ages 5 through entering 5th grade in September) will enjoy four mornings of high-energy, fun-filled, creative activities, including singing, percussion, puppets, fine arts, theater, and dancing — all while learning how the arts can help us connect to our faith. Monday-Thursday we will meet from 9 am-12 pm for creative fun. On our last day (Thursday, August 27), parents and friends are invited to a short performance at 12 pm when we'll share the music we've learned. Arts Camp is just \$25 per child and includes a KID Street t-shirt and daily snack. Scholarships are available. Register today at vbspro.events/p/messiahartcamp26. Deadline to register is Monday, August 17. Everyone is welcome — invite a friend! **KID Street Arts Camp requires volunteer support!** Adults and youth (entering 7th grade and older) are welcome to volunteer —

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contact Kari by Monday, August 10. For more information or questions about this exciting week at Messiah visit vbspro.events/p/messiahartcamp26 or contact Kari Stern, Director of Children and Family Ministry, at kstern@messiahchurch.org or (763) 473-6968 ext. 115.

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 July and August Second Mile Offering supports STORM Ministries and YouthWorks.

These two ministries empower young people to serve others, grow in faith, and strengthen communities. **STORM Camp** (Service To Others in Relational Ministry) equips youth to serve Jesus by serving others through yardwork, painting, building, cleaning, and more. Campers spend three days working and evenings in Chapel to deepen their faith. STORM partners with a local church for 3-5 years, investing in the community and encouraging continued service once STORM moves on. Each summer, Messiah youth serve locally with STORM Camp. STORM Ministries oversees the program, led by Executive Director Sami Tierney (also Messiah's Director of Youth and Family Ministry), with many Messiah members serving as Staff and Board Members. Your Second Mile Offering supports project materials and camp operating costs. For more information on STORM Ministries, visit stormcamp.org.

YouthWorks provides immersive service experiences that build faith, confidence, and community through week-long mission trips, service-learning experiences, spring break trips, and custom opportunities. YouthWorks helps students serve in

ways that genuinely support communities, return home with new perspectives, and grow as future leaders. Mission trips broaden perspectives, ignite passions, and inspire participants to make a difference. Each summer, Messiah high school youth serve out-of-state with YouthWorks, and several youth alumni are part of their summer staff. Your Second Mile Offering helps YouthWorks continue developing meaningful service experiences locally and nationally. For more information on YouthWorks, visit youthworks.com. **You can support STORM Ministries and YouthWorks through the end of August with a monetary donation online** by selecting "Second Mile Offering," or by mailing a check (indicate "STORM Ministries & YouthWorks" in the memo) to: Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447. Gifts are distributed evenly, unless designated otherwise.

Make a difference in the lives of others by giving blood — your donation could save a life! Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood due to accidents, surgeries, or ongoing treatments for illnesses, and your generosity provides hope and healing for patients who depend on it. Consider donating blood at the American Red Cross blood drive this Tuesday, July 7 from 12-6 pm in Heritage Hall. Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter "MessiahPlym" to schedule today! Save these dates for other upcoming blood drives at Messiah: Monday, August 10 and Monday, October 5.

Help us turn sneakers into support for childhood cancer research.

We're collecting athletic sneakers to send to GotSneakers?, a recycling program that keeps shoes out of landfills and provides funds

for every pair donated (new or used!). All proceeds from this collection will go toward Messiah Church member Mindy Linman's CureSearch fundraiser as she prepares to hike 25+ miles on the Superior Hiking Trail in August in honor of children battling cancer. Thank you for giving your sneakers a second life AND supporting an important cause! **New or used adult and youth athletic sneakers and running shoes will be collected through next Sunday, July 12** 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). *(Please note: We cannot accept dress shoes, flip flops, boots, or shoes without mates.)* 90% of sneakers donated to GotSneakers? are reused in domestic and global secondhand markets; well-worn sneakers are separated and recycled into new products; and no sneaker goes to the landfill! To learn more about GotSneakers?, visit gotsneakers.com. To learn more about CureSearch for Children's Cancer and Mindy's Ultimate Hike, visit curesearch.org/curesearch-ultimate-hike.

Do you have a suitcase or duffle bag you are no longer using, but is still in good condition?

We are collecting bags for The Link's emergency shelter, Dignity House, serving homeless teenagers in the Twin Cities. When the teens are ready to leave the shelter, they like to send them off with dignity — and pack their items in a suitcase instead of a plastic garbage bag. Suitcase and duffle bag donations will be collected through Sunday, July 19 and can be dropped off in the atrium at Messiah on Sundays or during church office hours (Monday-Thursday 9 am-4 pm). *(Please note: We cannot accept reusable shopping bags, purses,*

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fanny packs, etc. — only suitcases or duffle bags used for overnight stays.) Dignity House is for youth of all gender identities between 10 and 17 who have run away from home, are experiencing homelessness, and/or who are involved in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. For more information on The Link and Dignity House, visit thelinkmn.org.

Calling all knitters and crocheters — more prayer shawls are needed! Whether you've made many before or haven't had the chance to

make one yet, we would love to put your hands and creative gifts to work. Yarn and an easy to follow pattern for knitting or crocheting is provided. Please contact Heather Felt at hfelt@messiahchurch.org if you can help make a shawl and bless someone in the process.

ICA Food Shelf has an urgent need for paper grocery bags. Drop off any bag donations in the round bins just inside the front doors at Messiah — drop off on Sundays or during church office hours (Monday-Thursday 9 am-4 pm). OR drop off

your bags directly to ICA Food Shelf (11588 K-Tel Dr, Minnetonka) during their donation hours: Mondays 10 am-6:30 pm, Tuesdays 10 am-3:30 pm, Wednesdays 9 am-3:30 pm, Thursdays 10 am-3:30 pm, Fridays 10 am-12 pm, and Saturdays 10 am-12 pm (1st & 3rd Saturdays only). For more information on the ICA Food Shelf, visit icafoodshelf.org.

 New items in the bulletin this week.

Submit bulletin items by Tuesday at 3 pm to office@messiahchurch.org.

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