



July 12, 2026

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

Prelude *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (Runyan/Wagner)
Welcome / [Attendance](#)
* Hymn #140 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*
* Congregational Prayer
Children's Prayer and KID Street Release
Prayer Hymn #526 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer
Anthem *Lord I Need You* (Maher)
* Scripture: [Psalm 22:1-5](#); [Romans 8:38-39](#); [John 9:1-3](#)
Alice Yount
Message *We Haven't Lost All Our Marbles After All*
Song *Living Hope* (Wickham)
[Offering](#) / Offering Prayer
STORM Camp Commissioning
* 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 7/13	Romans 8:38-39
Tuesday 7/14	Romans 8:1-2
Wednesday 7/15	Romans 8:5-6
Thursday 7/16	Romans 8:15-17
Friday 7/17	Romans 8:26-27
Saturday 7/18	Romans 8:28

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

This morning, we welcome

Rev. Lynn Sifrit who has a special message for us titled *We Haven't Lost all our Marbles After All*.

Rev. Sifrit is a retired Full Elder in the Great Plains Annual Conference (Kansas and Nebraska) of the United Methodist Church. Prior to retirement, Lynn served as a pastor in local churches for 23 years across Illinois and Kansas, and later spent 17 years as a Hospice Chaplain in Maryland. Lynn and his wife, Kathy, moved to Minnesota to be near their family, which includes four children and five grandchildren, and to enjoy the Minnesota winters. Lynn has been worshiping with Messiah for the past two years and currently enjoys playing ping pong, walking outside to enjoy nature, and fishing.

Altar flowers today are given by Janet Stroebel in memory of Bill & Lil Farrar who brought me into this world 75 years ago; and by the Koski family in memory of Irene.

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 can be picked up

downstairs after worship. 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.

Please join us in praying for our youth STORM campers, adult leaders, and STORM Staff next week as they Serve Jesus by

Serving Others (SJXS0) in Woodbury, Minnesota. They'll spend the week painting, hauling brush, doing building and demo projects, gardening, landscaping, and growing in relationships with those they're serving and those they serve alongside. Please pray for youth Aubri B, Marc B, Kaia B, Katie I, Laura I, Gracie R, Eliana R, Simeon S, Annabel T, and Corrine T; and their adult leaders Synnova G, Steph H, Abby J, Ethan N, Paul S, Sami T and Gerry T. They leave for camp this afternoon and you can hear about their experiences when they report back next Sunday, July 19.

Hey kids (5th grade and under) and their families! Join us on the playground after worship this morning 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).

Our Bell Choir is offering single Sunday opportunities each month this summer — rehearse on one Wednesday from 6-7:30 pm, then ring in worship the next Sunday at the 9:30 am Worship Together

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Service. Everyone is welcome to try this out! We'll ring next Sunday, July 19 with rehearsal this Wednesday, July 15. Try it out this month, next month, or both! Contact Danell Dalton, Handbell Director, at ddalton@messiahchurch.org for more information on the Bell Choir, or to let her know you're coming.

 **The congregation of Iglesia Piedra Viva (IPV) invites the Messiah Church community to a special celebration** on Sunday, July 26. IPV would like to express their gratitude for Messiah's support in helping to meet basic needs this past winter during the government's immigration operations. You are invited to attend IPV's worship service at 12 pm, followed by a "thank you" lunch prepared and served by IPV in their church basement at 1:30 pm. Come for both worship and lunch, or just join us for lunch! IPV is located within Park Avenue UMC at [3400 Park Avenue, Minneapolis](#). Hope to see you there!

 **Bloom Early Learning & Child Care invites you to their Family Fun Fest** on Thursday, July 30. Join them from 4:30-7 pm at their location at Plymouth Presbyterian Church ([3755 Dunkirk Lane North](#)) for this free community event celebrating Bloom. Enjoy bounce houses, games, family-friendly activities, a magician, and delicious food from a local food truck (food available for purchase). The evening will also feature a brief program highlighting Bloom's impact and accomplishments over the past year, including an overview of their 2025 Annual Report. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with Bloom families, staff, and supporters, and to learn more about Bloom's mission and impact in our community. For more information on Bloom, visit www.bloomearlylearning.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 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.

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 next 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, 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

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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.

The next time you go shopping, consider picking up something extra to donate to Interfaith Outreach and ICA, our local food shelves. Most needed items include:

- Canned vegetables (corn, green beans, mixed vegetables)
- Canned fruit
- Pasta & pasta sauce

- Ramen
- Sardines
- Canned tuna
- Salad dressing
- Condiments (ketchup, mayo, mustard, etc.)
- Cereal
- Vegetable oil (24 oz.)
- Paper grocery bags (for onsite shoppers and deliveries)

We are always collecting food shelf donations in the round marked 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 donation directly at Interfaith Outreach ([1605 County Road 101 N,](https://www.messiahchurch.org/1605-County-Road-101-N-Plymouth-MN-55447)

[Plymouth](https://www.messiahchurch.org/1605-County-Road-101-N-Plymouth-MN-55447)) during their donation hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 10 am-5 pm; or ICA ([11588 K-Tel Dr, Minnetonka](https://www.messiahchurch.org/11588-K-Tel-Dr-Minnetonka-MN-55345)) 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 Interfaith Outreach food shelf, visit iocp.org/outreach-services/food-shelf. 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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