



March 15, 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.

TRADITIONS WORSHIP

8:45 AM

Prelude *Poco Allegretto* (Barnett)
 Call to Worship
 Hymn *Blest are They*
 Welcome / [Attendance](#)
 Children's Prayer and Sunday School Release
 Prayer Hymn #286 *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*
 Pastoral Prayer
 Anthem *Here I Am Lord* (arr. Young)
 * Scripture: [John 19:25b-27](#) Joan McNutt
 Message *Woman, Here is Your Son*
 * Hymn #297 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*
 * [Offering](#) / Offering Prayer
 * Benediction *Aaron's Blessing* (Ortega)
 ° Postlude *Immortal, Invisible* (Corl)

JOURNEY WORSHIP

10:30AM

* Praise Songs *This is Amazing Grace* (Wickham)
Yes and Amen (Hillsong Worship)
 Welcome / [Attendance](#)
 Children's Prayer and Sunday School Release
 Prayer Song *Yes I Will* (Vertical Worship)
 Pastoral Prayer
 Scripture: [John 19:25b-27](#) Gerry Tucker
 Message *Woman, Here is Your Son*
 Anthem *The Blessing* (Jobe)
[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 3/16	John 19:17-27
Tuesday 3/17	John 2:1-12
Wednesday 3/18	Ephesians 3:14-21
Thursday 3/19	John 10:7-12
Friday 3/20	Acts 2:42-47
Saturday 3/21	Ruth 1:16-17

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, Chuck E, Johnna H, Dennis L, Ed P

Prayers for Those Serving in the Military:

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

Altar flowers today are given in celebration of the Glory Players production of *Cinderella*.

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 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** 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.

You are invited to a special pop-up Cocoa Café in Heritage Hall this morning in support of the Minnesota FoodShare campaign. Each year Ashley and Emily, two of Messiah's youth, invite their friends and neighbors to their front yard for hot cocoa and sweet treats, then donate 100% of the freewill donations they receive to the ICA and Interfaith Outreach food shelves. Yesterday was the 9th annual Cocoa Café. Today after each worship service, Ashley and Emily will be serving up their special cocoa and collecting freewill donations for the FoodShare campaign. Last year these sisters raised over \$6,200! Your gift is helping our community!

This Easter, we invite you to donate spring flowers and Easter lilies as a way of celebrating the resurrection of Jesus while remembering or honoring a family member or friend. A list of those honored or remembered will be

printed in the Easter worship bulletin. Suggested donation is \$20 for each dedication. Submit your dedications either online or with a paper form:
Online: Visit messiahchurch.org/easter-flowers to complete the dedication form, then visit messiahchurch.org/give to pay online (select "Easter Flowers").
Paper Form: Pick up a dedication form in the church atrium. Drop off your completed form and donation in the offering box. Please make checks payable to Messiah Church and indicate "Easter Flowers" in the memo. **The deadline to submit your dedications is today, March 15.** (Dedications received after today will not be included in the Easter bulletin.)

Only four shows remain for Messiah's Glory Players production of *Cinderella*! Shows are this afternoon, March 15 at 2 pm and next Friday through Sunday, March 20-22. Tickets are \$25 for adults ages 13 and up, \$15 for children ages 5 to 12, and preschoolers ages 4 and under are free. The show is best enjoyed by ages 6 and up, but all ages are welcome. All theatergoers, regardless of age, must have a ticket. Reserve your tickets online at MessiahChurch.org/Cinderella. *Cinderella* is presented through special arrangement with Concord

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Theatricals. When you arrive for a performance of *Cinderella*, please remember to bring your tickets — either printed or on your phone. Having your tickets ready helps you skip the box office line and head straight into the show. Thank you for helping us keep things running smoothly!

Help fund our spring musical, *Cinderella*, with an individual or business sponsorship. All donations offset production costs, making it possible to bring this show to life! **To become a *Cinderella* Sponsor:** Visit messiahchurch.org/give to donate online (preferred). Select "Glory Players" from the "Fund" choices. OR drop off your donation in the offering box on Sundays or in the church office during office hours (Monday-Thursday 9 am-4 pm), OR mail to Messiah Church, attn: Cinderella Sponsorship, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth MN 55447. Please make checks payable to Messiah Church and in the memo indicate "Cinderella Sponsor." The theater program at Messiah is an essential part of our community outreach and the life of our church, and we are so grateful for your support!

A faith group has started back up to study Season 3 of *The Chosen*, a TV series about the life and ministry of Jesus told through the eyes of those who met and followed Him. The group, co-led by Buck M, Mark G, John H, and Annette A, meets weekly on Monday nights from 6:30-8 pm in the Fireside Room (lower level). Each week they watch an episode together, followed by time for discussion and fellowship. Whether you're new to the series or already a fan, all are welcome to join! Contact Buck at buckmanning@comcast.net for more details or to let him know you're coming. The next gathering is tomorrow, March 16.

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 15 other neighboring churches. Weekly meetings of this support group gather on Thursdays at various churches on a rotating basis. Through May 28, Grief Coalition meetings are at Oak Knoll Lutheran Church ([600 Hopkins Crossroad, Minnetonka](http://600HopkinsCrossroad,Minnetonka)) from 4:30-6 pm. For more information on the Grief Coalition, visit westsuburgriefmn.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 or call the church office at (763) 473-6968 ext. 123.

Curious about how modern cancer care is changing? On Saturday, March 28 from 10-11:30 am, join us in Heritage Hall as Messiah member and oncology nurse Lindsay Gagliardi leads a presentation on how genetic testing and family history influence cancer risk. She will also introduce new advances in cancer care that help personalize treatment. This is an opportunity to learn more about the evolving efforts to treat a disease that touches so many lives. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by Thursday, March 26 to Heather Felt at hfelt@messiahchurch.org. *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! Save the date for these upcoming free events in this series:

- **Saturday, May 2 @ 10-11:30 am:** *Health Care Directives with Sondra Weinzierl.*
- **Saturday, May 16 @ 11 am-1 pm:** *Celebration of Life Planning with Pastor Tami Luckhardt and Barb Krause. Lunch will be served.*

Join Messiah Church in person or online to celebrate Holy Week & Easter Sunday – the life, death & resurrection of Jesus:

- **Palm Sunday Worship**
Sunday, March 29 @ 8:45 & 10:30 am
On Palm Sunday we'll wave palms during our opening song as we remember Jesus' triumphant but humble entry into Jerusalem during the last week of his life. Together we will join the voices of the crowd who welcomed him with hope and praise. Each service will conclude at the Lord's Table as we share in communion. During this sacred time, a life-sized cross will be brought forward. It invites us to turn our hearts toward the journey ahead — to face the cross of Good Friday and the weight of Christ's love and sacrifice. At the same time, we look with hope toward the promise that awaits us: the glory of the empty tomb on Easter morning. In person, online live at MessiahChurch.org/Live, or on demand later at MessiahChurch.org/OnDemand.

- **Good Friday Worship**
Friday, April 3 @ 7 pm
Good Friday Worship – *Service of the Nails* – is a series of readings, responses, silent reflection, and prayer designed to help us enter deeply into the meaning of Good Friday and the good news of the cross. Our Chancel Choir and piano will offer the beautiful music. Nursery care is available for children 4 and under in the KID Street Headquarters (lower

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level). In person, online live at MessiahChurch.org/Live, or on demand later at MessiahChurch.org/OnDemand

• **Easter Sunday Worship**

Sunday, April 5 @ 8:45 & 10:30 am

Rejoice — Christ is risen! Join us at 8:45 am for a traditional Easter service complete with bells and brass OR at 10:30 am for a contemporary Easter service with our worship band — both with special music and the Easter message *The Last Word is Life*. In person, online live at MessiahChurch.org/Live, or on demand later at MessiahChurch.org/OnDemand.

Note: On Easter Sunday, families are invited to worship together. There is no KID Street or Middle School Sunday School. Nursery care is available for children 4 and under on the main level.

• **Easter Egg Hunt**

Sunday, April 5 @ 9:45 am

All kids are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday between worship services. We'll gather in the atrium first (near the sanctuary doors), then the hunt begins at 9:45 am, followed by Easter crafts and activities in Heritage Hall. During both worship services, there will be a special message just for kids too, along with an Easter gift for every child who attends.

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.

March is Minnesota FoodShare month, and our Second Mile Offering supports this drive with funds and food essentials.

The Minnesota FoodShare campaign helps stock nearly 300 food shelves statewide. Your offering and donations specifically support the local food shelves at Interfaith Outreach and ICA.

You can support our local food shelves with a monetary donation, donating food, and/or volunteering:

- **Give!** Give online at messiahchurch.org/give by selecting "Second Mile Offering," or by mailing a check (indicate "MN FoodShare" in the memo) to: Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447. For every \$1 donated, food shelves can source \$9 worth of food through partnerships in the community.
- **Donate!** We are collecting items that are in high demand at the food shelves: flour, sugar, cooking oil, canned fruit, canned tomatoes, coffee, and mayonnaise. The KID Street kids are also collecting peanut butter & jelly. Donations will be collected through Sunday, March 29 and can be dropped off on the marked table in the atrium at Messiah on Sundays or during church office hours (Monday-

Thursday 9 am-4 pm).

- **Volunteer!** Serve at Second Harvest Heartland ([7101 Winnetka Ave N, Brooklyn Park](https://7101WinnetkaAveN.BrooklynPark)) on Thursday, March 19 from 3:30-5 pm. "Food sort and pack" volunteers create food boxes on an assembly line; Second Harvest Heartland distributes these items to agency partners that serve our hungry neighbors. Visit tinyurl.com/Messiah2ndHarvest to sign up by tomorrow, Monday, March 16. Contact Mary Beth M at rambmazzoc@aol.com with questions. For more information about Second Harvest Heartland, visit 2harvest.org.

Can you help with some **much-needed items for Simpson Shelter**? Current needs include: thermal underwear for women & men; women's bras; men's t-shirts; 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. Personal-sized/travel toiletries are welcome; full sized items are too heavy for guests to carry. Donations 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). For more information on Simpson Shelter, visit simpsonhousing.org.

New items in the bulletin this week.

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