




June 7, 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.

* Praise Songs

God is For Us (CityAlight)
In Christ Alone (Passion)

Welcome / [Attendance](#)

Graduate Recognition

Children's Prayer and KID Street Release

Anthem

The Call of Jesus (Larkin)

* Scripture: [Matthew 25:31-42](#)

Lorie Hoekstra

Message

Moving Towards Beloved Community

* Song

We Are Called

Communion

[Offering](#) / Offering Prayer

* Benediction

Aaron's Blessing (Ortega)

° Postlude

Sing and Rejoice (Bensen)

* 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 6/8	Matthew 25:35-40
Tuesday 6/9	Deuteronomy 15:11
Wednesday 6/10	Proverbs 19:17
Thursday 6/11	Hebrews 13:16
Friday 6/12	Proverbs 22:9
Saturday 6/13	Ezekiel 16:48-52

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

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 to be 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 Jo Frerichs in memory of John Hay.

At Messiah, we love walking with children and youth on their journeys to follow Jesus. To do that, we generally 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 will return to the sanctuary for communion with their families. Sunday morning classes for **youth in grades 6-8** are on summer break. **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.*

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.

Today is Graduation Sunday — the day we celebrate Messiah's Class of 2026. Messiah celebrates our high school graduates with a gift of a new *The Message* Bible filled with notes from the congregation as support and encouragement for their next chapter. Join us in Heritage Hall after worship for a special coffee hour honoring the graduates. Congratulations to Messiah's Class of 2026: Myles

Castleberry, Kalyn Hatcher, Laura Ickes, Landon Koster, Austin Meyer, and Owen VanScoyk.

This summer, our Bell Choir is offering single Sunday opportunities each month — rehearse on one Wednesday from 6-7:30 pm, then ring in worship the next Sunday at the 9:30 am Worship Together Service. Everyone is welcome to try this out! We'll ring on Sundays, June 14, July 19, and August 16, with rehearsals the Wednesday before each date (June 10, July 15, and August 12). Participate in one, two, or all three of these drop in opportunities. Contact Danell Dalton, Handbell Director, at ddalton@messiahchurch.org for more information on the Bell Choir or to let her know you're coming.

Have you heard about our new men's group — The Grind? It's the perfect way to connect and power up your weekend. The Grind meets at 9 am on the second Saturday of the month at Luce Line Brewing ([12901 16th Ave N, Plymouth](#)), which transforms into the Luce Line Café on weekend mornings. Enjoy craft coffees and breakfast options while building community with other Messiah men. Fashioned after our popular "What's on Tap" group, The Grind brings the same great energy — just with more caffeine!

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Join us at our next gathering on Saturday, June 13. Contact Mike Felt at mpfelt@comcast.net, Chris Friend, or David Ching with any questions, or to let them know you are coming.

Join us on Tuesday, June 23, for a wonderful summer evening at Messiah as we welcome the **Medalist Concert Band**, a talented 70-member ensemble led by Dr. Jerry Luckhardt. Pizza and Mexican food trucks will be available for you to purchase dinner beginning at 5:30 pm, and Messiah will offer complimentary water and ice cream treats for all. Kids can enjoy the Baron of Bubbles along with fun games and activities before the free concert begins at 7 pm. Bring your favorite lawn chair, settle in, and enjoy an hour of beautiful music in our parking lot. **This community-wide event is FREE and open to all — invite your friends, family, and neighbors!** *In case of questionable weather, please check our website for updates.* **A few hands are needed to host this event** and welcome the community and Messiah family alike. Visit tinyurl.com/MessiahSummerMusic for a list of serving opportunities and to sign up today. Hospitality volunteer shifts are set up so that you can help serve AND attend the event. Questions? Contact Heather Felt at hfelt@messiahchurch.org or (763) 473-6968 ext. 114.

Our country feels so divided these days...by politics, race, gender, religion, and class. This division causes fear and a pervasive sense of "disease" for many of us. Are there things we can do to bridge the gaps — to rebuild a sense of community and compassion for one another? **All are invited to join a new summertime book study of *The Power of Bridging: How to Build a World Where We All***

Belong by John A. Powell.

Facilitated by Messiah member Sondra Weinzierl, this study group will meet three Wednesdays (July 1, 15, and 29) from 6:30-7:45 pm at Messiah. A copy of the book will be provided for free to each participant. To sign up for this group, please RSVP to Heather Felt at hfelt@messiahchurch.org by Wednesday, June 24.

Calling all singers — the **"Y'all Come" Summer Choir** will meet at 8:45 am in the sanctuary to learn an easier piece of music to perform during the 9:30 Worship Together Service. We'll sing Sundays, July 19 or August 16. No previous experience needed and we start slow with warming up our voices and bodies — plenty of time to dust off those vocal chords! Questions? Email Andrew Beard, Choir Director, at AndrewFischerBeard@gmail.com.

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 August 27, Grief Coalition meetings are at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church (301 County Rd 19, Excelsior) from 4:30-6 pm. For more information on the Grief Coalition, visit 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 or call the church office at (763) 473-6968 ext. 123.

If you have not yet returned your **Estimate of Annual Giving Card** toward the work of Messiah's ministry in 2026-27, you can still return your card by dropping it in the collection box outside the sanctuary after worship, mailing it to the church office (Messiah Church, attn: Kari Stern, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447), dropping it off in person during church office hours (Monday -Thursday 9 am-4 pm), or by submitting your card online at MessiahChurch.org/pledge. Returning your Estimate of Annual Giving Card helps us plan our missions and ministries for the coming year. If you have questions about how to fill out your Giving Card contact Kari Stern, Director of Finance, in the church office at (763) 473-6968 ext. 115 or at kstern@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 May & June Second Mile Offering supports Re-Member.

Re-Member is a nonprofit organization that works with the Oglala Lakota Nation on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. 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. Messiah began

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helping to raise funds last year, and now just \$10,000 is needed to complete the fundraising so that the van can be purchased before the summer and fall harvest. For more information on Re-Member, visit re-member.org. You can support Re-Member through the end of June with a monetary donation [online](#) 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.

With kids now home for the summer, our local food shelves are in desperate need of boxed cereal.

Next time you go shopping, consider picking up something extra to **donate to Interfaith Outreach and ICA**, our local food shelves. In addition to cereal, other much-needed items include canned tuna, pasta sauce (jars), sliced pineapple (cans), cat food (wet or dry), cat litter, and 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, Plymouth](http://1605CountyRoad101N.Plymouth)) during their donation hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 10 am-5 pm; or ICA Food Shelf ([11588 K-Tel Dr, Minnetonka](http://11588K-TelDr.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 Interfaith Outreach food shelf, visit iocp.org/outreach-services/food-shelf. For more information on the ICA food shelf, visit icafoodshelf.org.

Can you help with some much-needed items for **Simpson Shelter**?

Current needs include: men's t-shirts (sizes S-XXXL); hair care products for natural, textured, or curly hair; personal-sized tissues; hand towels; face cloths; and shower shoes. Please note that Simpson is currently accepting **ONLY** these specific item. All items must be new, unused, and unopened. Personal-sized/travel toiletries are welcome; full sized items are too heavy for guests to carry. Simpson cannot accept clothing such as jeans, shirts, coats, and shoes. Underwear and socks in **NEW** condition are welcome. 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. Submit bulletin items by Tuesday at 3 pm to office@messiahchurch.org.

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