



October 26, 2025 • Worship Together Sunday

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. 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.

BLENDed WORSHIP

9:30 AM

Gathering Music	<i>Lean on Me</i> (Withers)
* Welcome / Attendance	
* Gathering Hymn #2172	<i>We Are Called</i>
Congregational Prayer	
Children's Prayer and Sunday School Release	
Prayer Hymn #557	<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i>
Pastoral Prayer	
Anthem	<i>Lord You Call Us</i> (Burkhardt)
Scripture: Matthew 22:37-39 ; John 13:34-35 ;	
Matthew 28:19-20a	Mary Jenkins
Message	<i>Love that Grows:</i> <i>Living the Mission of Messiah Church</i>
Special Music	<i>Holy Forever</i> (Tomlin)
* Offering	
Reception of New Members	
* Benediction	<i>Aaron's Blessing</i> (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 10/27	Matthew 22:34-37
Tuesday 10/28	Matthew 22:39
Wednesday 10/29	John 13:31-34
Thursday 10/30	Matthew 28:16-20a
Friday 10/31	Galatians 5:13-15
Saturday 11/1	Romans 12:18-21

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,
Donna B, Johnna H,
Dennis L, Ed P

Prayers for Those Serving in the Military:

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

Today is "Worship Together

Sunday," where we have a single worship service in a blended style so all the Messiah family can worship together. If you come back another Sunday, we offer a traditional service at 8:45 am with our organ and choir, and a contemporary service at 10:30 am led by the praise band. Coffee hour follows each service.

At Messiah, we love walking with children and youth on their journeys to follow Jesus. To do that, we offer several Sunday morning classes for **children in pre-K through 5th grade and Middle School Youth in grades 6-8**. Today, they will gather for a special combined movie day Sunday School in the KID Street space downstairs. Kids will begin in worship, and be released to Sunday School mid-service. *All children and youth are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary if your family prefers to worship together.*

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. 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.

We have been made aware of **phishing emails** circulating that appear to come from Pastor Tami. We want to remind you to be careful and alert with your internet safety. We will never ask you to verify personal or financial information, purchase gift cards, or make other requests for money through email. If something feels strange, please call our office at (763) 473-6968 and ask for confirmation of the request. Here are a few more tips:

- All Messiah Church emails will come from an email address ending in @messiahchurch.org.
- Watch for flags in the tone and grammar. Is the content, tone, and voice of the email/text what you would expect from this person?
- Do not purchase gift cards, give out personal information, or click on any strange links.
- If you're in doubt, ask! Call the church office to confirm any requests.

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 the parking lot after worship today for Trunk or Treat!

We'll be in the parking lot 10:45 am - 12 pm for Halloween games, donuts, and cider — it's a FREE, fun-filled fall event for all ages! Kids are invited to "trunk or treat" at the decorated vehicles in the parking lot, collecting candy the way they would trick or treating door-to-door. (If it's raining, we'll move the fun indoors.) Costumes are encouraged, but not required. No bag? We'll have one for you!

All Messiah women are invited to a special **Women's Night Out** tomorrow, Monday, October 27 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Davanni's Pizza in Plymouth ([3015 Harbor Ln N](#)). We'll gather in the party room for an evening of connection and conversation with our special guest, Pastor Carole Kiamah. Pastor Carole is a devoted follower of Jesus, mother to three sons, and serves as Deputy Lead Pastor at River of God Church in Nairobi, Kenya alongside her husband Tony. (Pastor Tony Kiamah, Lead Pastor

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at River of God Church & Imara International's Kenyan Board Chair, was our guest speaker on Sunday, October 19.) Come meet Pastor Carole and hear more about the life and faith of this inspiring and accomplished Christian woman! Please RSVP to Heather Felt at hfelt@messiahchurch.org by noon today. *We will have a pizza & pop buffet, anticipated to be \$10 per person; other beverages can be purchased separately. Special dietary restrictions can be accommodated with advance notice.*

Get ready to "fall back" - and have a sunnier morning! The **end of Daylight Saving Time** is next Sunday, November 2, when 2 am becomes 1 am. Don't forget to set your clocks back before going to bed Saturday night.

Next week, November 2, we will observe **All Saints Sunday** at Messiah and remember loved ones who have gone before us. At both the 8:45 and 10:30 services, we will mention by name the members of our Messiah family who entered the church triumphant in the past year. You will be invited to light a candle before worship in memory of those you have lost and hold dear.

This November, our whole church is joining together in The Wesley Prayer Challenge. The Wesley Covenant Prayer has been used in Methodist services around the world on the first Sunday of the year since John Wesley introduced it in 1755. It begins, "I am no longer my own but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt." Wesley expected that people would pray this prayer as a way of remembering, renewing, and surrendering themselves in complete trust to God. We'll be exploring the prayer through the November sermon series and a

companion study. If you're already part of a Faith Group, you'll likely be engaging with this study in your group. If you're not currently in a group, you're invited to follow along on your own! Each day's reading from Chris Folmsbee's 21-day devotional includes scripture, a reflection, and a practical challenge to help you live out the words of the prayer. Copies of the book *The Wesley Prayer Challenge: 21 Days to a Closer Walk with Christ* are available for \$19 — see Heather Felt today or email her at hfelt@messiahchurch.org to reserve one. Used copies and a Kindle version are also available on Amazon for those who prefer to order on their own.

 To learn more about the Methodist faith, Messiah Church, our pastors, and getting connected, you are invited to attend **Lunch with the Pastors** on Sunday, November 9 at 11:45 am in the Fireside Room (lower level). Even if you are not "new," if you have never attended a Lunch with the Pastors, you are invited! Lunch will be provided — please RSVP to Heather Felt at hfelt@messiahchurch.org or (763) 473-6968 ext 114 by Thursday, November 6. (If childcare is needed, please let Heather know.) Heather can provide more information about this casual gathering and membership at Messiah.

 On Thursday, November 20, all grieving hearts are invited to attend a **Candlelight Memorial Service & Dinner** at St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church ([17205 County Rd 6, Plymouth](#)). This service, hosted by the West Suburban Grief Coalition, offers a meaningful time to honor lost loved ones and bring comfort, hope, and healing to those experiencing grief as we enter the holiday season. (You do not need to be a participant of the Grief

Coalition to attend.) The service begins at 6 pm; please arrive between 5:30-5:45 pm for check-in and to receive your memorial candle. An optional catered dinner is served immediately following the service. Please RSVP by Thursday, November 6 to attend the dinner (cost is \$17/person); reservations are not needed if you attend only the memorial service. Contact Lisa Seward Perry of West Suburban Grief Coalition at (612) 220-8071 or ljsewardperry@gmail.com to make your dinner reservation. **Messiah is a partner of the West Suburban Grief Coalition**, along with 15 other neighboring churches. They provide a safe environment and support for those experiencing grief and loss. Weekly meetings of this support group gather on Thursdays at various churches on a rotating basis. Through November, 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. **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.

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 Messiah Church.org/Make-an-Impact.

Our September & October Second Mile Offering supports Massie's Mobile Mission. Massie's Mobile Mission provides emergency aid to

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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. For more information, visit

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. Donations will be collected through today, and can be dropped off in the marked bin in the atrium.
- **Volunteer!** Massie's Mobile Mission is always in need of volunteers to help with sandwich making, blessing pack assembly, and serving in the field. [Click here](#) for information or to sign up.

Messiah is planning a mission trip to Re-Member April 18-24, 2026. Re-Member is a nonprofit

organization that works with the Oglala Lakota Nation on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Volunteers complete home improvement projects, work in the community gardens, and immerse themselves in Lakota culture. The cost for this trip is \$800/person; if you are interested in this mission trip opportunity, please contact Kay S at kaylschultz@aol.com by this Thursday, October 30. For more information about Re-Member and the impact volunteers have there, visit re-member.org.

Christmas Shoeboxes (in partnership with Spirit Lake Ministry Center) are packed with love for children on reservations in the Dakotas and Minnesota. On these reservations, up to 70% of the children would not receive gifts if not for this program and your generosity. Can you help? To start, get a shoebox (or two) and wrap the top and bottom of the box separately with holiday paper OR pack your gift in a clear plastic shoebox. Then start with a "wow" toy, and fill in with other smaller age-appropriate gifts. When the box is full, secure it with a rubber band and attach a label to the top identifying the age and gender of who would enjoy the gift. Mission Team members will be in the atrium today to answer questions and provide labels and lists of suggested gifts. Gift-filled boxes are due back to Messiah by

Sunday, November 9, so they can be delivered to children in time for Christmas. Or you can purchase gift cards to Target, Walmart, or Michaels, and Messiah volunteers will shop and pack shoeboxes for you! Leave gift card donations in the church office by next Sunday, November 2. Gift cards and filled shoeboxes can be dropped off at Messiah on Sundays or during church office hours (Monday-Thursday 9 am-4 pm). Contact Pam L at pslundgren@yahoo.com with questions. For more information about Spirit Lake Ministry, visit SpiritLakeMinistryCenter.org.

Current needs at Simpson Shelter include: hair care products for natural, textured, or curly hair; white crew socks; men's t shirts; shower shoes; combs; and items for the shelter kitchen - new, unopened, and unexpired mayonnaise, 20 oz containers of sugar/sweetener, napkins, and paper plates. Simpson is currently accepting ONLY these specific items. Drop off donations 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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