



February 8, 2026 • Scout 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.

TRADITIONS WORSHIP

8:45 AM

Prelude	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i> (Settbold)
Call to Worship	
* Hymn #140 (vv 1-3)	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i>
Welcome / <u>Attendance</u>	
Scout Testimony	Sam L
Children's Prayer and Sunday School Release	
Prayer Hymn #451(vv 1-2)	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>
Pastoral Prayer	
Anthem	<i>Guide My Wayfaring Feet</i> (Schram)
* Scripture: <u>Zechariah 9:9-12</u>	Henry C
Message	<i>Prisoners of Hope</i>
* Hymn #143	<i>On Eagles' Wings</i>
* <u>Offering</u> / Offering Prayer	
* Benediction	<i>Aaron's Blessing</i> (Ortega)
° Postlude	<i>True Light of All Light</i> (Johnston)

JOURNEY WORSHIP

10:30AM

* Praise Songs	<i>My Lighthouse</i> (Rend Collective)
	<i>Lord I Need You</i> (Maher)
Welcome / <u>Attendance</u>	
Scout Testimony	Sam L
Children's Prayer and Sunday School Release	
Prayer Song	<i>Living Hope</i> (Wickham)
Pastoral Prayer	
Scripture: <u>Zechariah 9:9-12</u>	Luke M
Message	<i>Prisoners of Hope</i>
Anthem	<i>So Will I</i> (Hillsong)
<u>Offering</u> / Offering Prayer	
* 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 2/9
Tuesday 2/10
Wednesday 2/11
Thursday 2/12
Friday 2/13
Saturday 2/14

Ezekiel 37:1-3
Zechariah 9:11-12
Isaiah 40:30-31
Joshua 1:9
Romans 8:31-39
John 14:15-27

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, 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 by Janet Stroebel and family in memory of Gene.

Additional altar flowers are given in honor of Scouting America Troops 3570 and 5570, and Cub Pack 388.

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.

The Cinderella production team needs your help after worship today to morph our sanctuary into the Glory Players "theater" for rehearsals and opening of the show on March 13. Immediately following the Journey worship service, we will begin removing much of the furniture off the worship platform. We'll be working for around two hours and any amount of time you can offer will be a Godsend! Just show up in the sanctuary and we'll direct you as to what is needed.

Tickets for Messiah's Glory Players production of Cinderella are now on sale! Reserve your tickets at the box office in the atrium after each worship service with check or credit card. Show dates are March 13-15 and 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. Don't know your plans yet? Buy online at MessiahChurch.org/Cinderella. (In-person purchases are encouraged, to reduce fees paid by Glory Players to our ticketing platform.) *Cinderella* is presented through special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.

The **Cinderella Props Team is hoping you can loan us a few items** for the musical. Can we borrow:

- A stretcher (to carry an adult man)
- Sling shot
- Jewelry box or wooden box (roughly 9" x 12")
- Gong
- Scooter (that will hold an adult)
- Costume jewelry necklaces (3)
- Lanterns, flashlights, headlamps or cell phones

Please leave any items you are willing to loan or donate in the church office on Sundays or during church office hours (Monday-Thursday 9 am-4 pm). Label props with your name, phone number, and if you'd like the item returned. We'll be sure to have all borrowed items ready for you to pick up on Tuesday, March 24, after the shows are

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complete. Thanks for your help! **Seamstresses and craft-oriented servants are invited to serve on the costume team** for *Cinderella*. Please contact Joan M at jmmcnutt@comcast.net or Nikki Christensen at nchristensen@messiahchurch.org for information on linking up with them. Any amount of time you can share will be appreciated!

We're excited to launch a new men's group called **The Grind** — 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](https://www.google.com/maps/place/12901+16th+Ave+N,+Plymouth,+MN+55441,+USA/@44.94011,-93.0705,17z)), 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! Join us at our next gathering this coming Saturday, February 14. Contact Mike F at mpfelt@comcast.net, Chris F, or David C with any questions, or to let them know you are coming.

Gather for **Ash Wednesday worship** on Wednesday, February 18 at 6:30 pm. This service is designed to foster reflection and response as we begin the Lenten season. Guided by scripture and song, this worship experience invites you to reflect on the 40 day/year seasons in scripture as we enter into the 40 days of Lent. This blended worship experience provides space for contemplation and prayer; and an opportunity to pause, reflect, and find comfort and rest in Jesus. Worship in person, online live at [MessiahChurch.org/live](https://messiahchurch.org/live), or on demand later at [MessiahChurch.org/ondemand](https://messiahchurch.org/ondemand). In-person worship will include

interactive prayer stations for all ages.

Join us before the Ash Wednesday worship service for a **FREE soup supper beginning at 5:30 pm**. We'll be serving homemade Chicken Wild Rice and Tomato Basil Spinach (GF) soups. Everyone is welcome — no RSVP needed. Can you help with hospitality for our Ash Wednesday Soup Supper? Visit tinyurl.com/MessiahAshWednesday for a list of serving opportunities and to sign up. Contact Heather Felt at hfelt@messiahchurch.org or (763) 473-6968 ext. 114 with questions.

This Lent, **our whole church is joining together to read and study Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross** by Susan Robb. Throughout the six-week sermon series beginning Sunday, February 22, we'll reflect on Jesus' "seven last words" from the cross — words that reveal his deep love, full humanity, and unwavering trust in God. Robb's biblical and historical insights invite us into a hopeful, contemplative experience during the weeks of Lent. If you're already part of a Faith Group, you'll likely also walk through this study with your group. If you're not currently in a group, you're invited to follow along on your own. Copies of the book are available for \$7 — see Heather Felt on Sunday or email her at hfelt@messiahchurch.org to reserve one. If you'd like more information about Faith Groups or want help finding a group that's right for you, Heather can assist with that as well.

BINGO Night is coming to Messiah! Join us on Friday, February 27 from 6:30-8 pm for a fun night of BINGO games, prizes, and snacks — all for **FREE!** Fun for all ages — mark your calendar and invite your friends or neighbors!

June 8-12, join us at Rainforest Falls Summer Vacation Bible Camp for music, art, games, science, and more! Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids preschool-5th grade will plunge into an adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their safe place in life's storms. Rainforest Falls will immerse kids in five mornings (9 am-12 pm) of faith-building fun. All are welcome! Kids have the option of staying all day too, for even more adventures. Extended afternoon camp (for children already attending Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible Camp) is available Monday-Thursday until 4 pm. Kids eat lunch at camp then continue their camp adventures through art, service projects, and games. Sign up for the extended day as part of camp registration (optional afternoon care space is limited). If your child is staying for extended afternoon camp, late pick-up (as late as 4:30 pm) is also available. Please indicate if you need late pick-up when you register. *Please note: Afternoon extended camp is NOT offered on Friday, June 12; all children must be picked up by 12 pm. Registration is now open!* Please register by Monday, May 18 to guarantee your child's t-shirt size and your family's music gift preference (digital download or music CD). Online registrations will be accepted through Monday, June 1 (as space permits), but we appreciate early registrations to help us plan. Visit vbspro.events/p/events/messiahcamp2026 to register & for all the details. Rainforest Falls Summer Camp is just \$40/child (\$80 family maximum). Optional extended afternoon camp is an additional \$50/child. Scholarships are available — we believe that no child should miss this! **Summer Camp**

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requires a lot of volunteer support!

Adults and youth finishing 6th grade and older are welcome to volunteer for this high-energy week. Register today, at the same link above! For more information or questions about this exciting week, visit vbspro.events/p/events/messiahcamp2026 or contact Kari Stern, Director of Children and Family Ministry, 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 [Messiah Church.org/Make-an-Impact](https://messiahchurch.org/Make-an-Impact).

Our January & February Second Mile Offering supports Emma Norton Services (ENS). Each year, Emma Norton Services helps over 250 people by providing a supportive community, resources, and personal development opportunities while they work to build a better life without having to worry about basic needs, like a safe place to sleep. For more information on Emma Norton Services, visit emmanorton.org.

Messiah Church has been a long-time supporter of Emma Norton Services. **You can offer your support for this organization through the end of February with a monetary donation, and/or donating much-needed items:** Give [online](#) by selecting "Second Mile Offering," or by mailing a check

(indicate "Emma Norton" in the memo) to: Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447.

Donate! We are collecting these specific items:

- new queen-size sheet sets
- new pillows
- new bath towels
- hair styling products
- hair accessories (clips, hair ties, scrunchies, pins)
- baking sheets
- spatulas
- floor cleaner
- sponges
- dish soap
- disinfectant wipes
- paper towels

All donations will be collected through Sunday, February 22 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).

We know you are praying and asking **how to support our immigrant neighbors.** Lord, what is mine to do? Here are a few ways:

- **Give to our Emergency Food Drive fund.** Funds will provide groceries & other critical support for those unable to safely access basic needs. Your generosity helps provide hope and tangible support for those most affected. Give [online](#) by selecting "Emergency Food Drive," or by mailing a check

(indicate "Emergency Food Drive" in the memo) to: Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447.

- **Write a note of encouragement,** reminding our siblings in Christ they are not alone. Leave your card in the church office and we'll pass it along.
- **Join our Faith In Action Team** to be contacted as additional needs and opportunities arise. Sign up at tinyurl.com/messiahfaithinactionteam.
- **Pray together.** We're inviting all of Messiah Church to pray at noon each day: *Loving God, quiet my heart and open my mind. Shape me by your grace and form in me the mind of Christ. Guide me to ask honestly, What is mine to do? Give me the courage to live into this moment to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. Amen.* Visit messiahchurch.org/faith-in-action to download a digital wallpaper of the prayer and place on the lock screen of your phone to keep it handy.

 New items in the bulletin this week. Submit bulletin items by Tuesday at 3 pm to office@messiahchurch.org.

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Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday offers an opportunity for Messiah Church to honor all scouts, and gives Scout Troops 3570 and 5570 and Cub Scout Pack 388 an opportunity to thank Messiah Church for their support.



Scout Troop 3570 (Boys)

Matt Abe, Scoutmaster

www.troopwebhost.org/Troop3570Plymouth

Boy-led and parent-powered, Scout BSA Troops are open to youth ages 11-17. This troop's activities include year-round camping, first-aid training, hands-on learning with merit badge subjects, rank-advancement requirements, Nova STEM Awards, and National Outdoor Awards. Scouts participate in service projects which benefit many organizations and schools in our community. The list of Troop 3570 Eagle Scouts (92 so far!) is framed and on display in Heritage Hall.

This family-centered troop is comprised of youth from five different school districts, as well as private and home educated students.

The mission of Scouts BSA is to teach the skills and values that young people need to make strong ethical decisions for the rest of their lives.



Cub Scout Pack 388

Greg Mundy, Cubmaster

www.troopwebhostcs.org/Pack388Plymouth

Cub Scout Pack 388 currently has 40 scouts in different dens, kindergarten through 5th grade. Boys and girls participate in this family-style scouting experience. Parents are an integral part of the Cub Scout experience, whether attending with their scout, co-leading a meeting or service project, or serving on a committee.

Most Scouts attend Oakwood and Greenwood elementary schools but the pack also includes students from other schools and home educated children, meeting here at Messiah on Monday evenings. They have supported our community through service projects, have enjoyed several camp-outs, Polar Cubs and Fall Day Camp at various scout camps, have participated in programs at the Baker Outdoor Learning Center, and look forward to the Pinewood Derby every March.



Girl Scouts

www.girlscoutsrv.org

Troops from Girl Scouts River Valleys meet here at Messiah, offering girls opportunities in Girl Scouting.

Since 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA has given girls the necessary tools to lead, break barriers, and create positive change. They explore the outdoors, learn about science experiments, participate in service projects, and learn how to be contributors to their community.

Girl Scouts say they have a strong sense of self — that they're confident in who they are and what they can do in the world!

Scouts in Troops 3570 and 5570 learn and live the Scout oath, law, and motto. Messiah Church is a very important part of that success. Thank you, Messiah, for your support!