



July 27, 2025 • 9:30 am

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: a secure offering box is located just outside the sanctuary doors; through our website or church app at MessiahChurch.org/Give; or you may mail your offering to Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447.

Gathering Music *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (Runyan)

Welcome / [Attendance](#)

* Gathering Hymn #121

*There's a Wideness
in God's Mercy*

* Opening Prayer

* Praise Song

Glorious Day (Passion)

Children's Prayer and KID Street Release

Prayer Hymn #357 (vv 1, 2)

Just as I Am

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

Here Again (Elevation Worship)

* Scripture: [Mark 2:13-17](#); [Matthew 9:9,13](#);

[Luke 5:28-29, 32](#)

Nancy Fields

Message

Matthew, the Tax Collector

* Sending Song

Who You Say I Am (Hillsong Worship)

[Offering](#)

* 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 7/28	Matthew 9:9; Luke 5:27
Tuesday 7/29	Matthew 9:10-11; Luke 5:28-30
Wednesday 7/30	Matthew 10:2-4; Luke 6:13-16
Thursday 7/31	Luke 7:28-35
Friday 8/1	Luke 18:9-14
Saturday 8/2	Luke 19:1-10

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:

Grant C, Jin J, Matthew M, Nicholas P, Elisabeth W, Haden W, Tyler W

Altar flowers today are given by Dick and Lorraine Prazich in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

We're worshipping together all summer! Through Sunday, August 31, we will unite for ONE blended worship service at 9:30 am.

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 may be picked up downstairs in KID Street Headquarters when worship is over. Sunday School for **youth in grades 6-8** is on break until school begins in the fall; youth are encouraged to worship with their families. The nursery, for **infants and toddlers (through age 3)**, is also available, and these children may be dropped off downstairs in the KID Street HQ before worship begins. *Children are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary if your family prefers to worship together.*

For those with t-coil equipped hearing aids or cochlear implants, an **induction hearing loop** is installed for use in our sanctuary.

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.

Do you have a nursing background and are **willing to assist with basic first aid or emergency first response** during Messiah worship services or events? Join us today following worship (10:30-11:30 am) in the church office to walk through our first aid protocols and supplies. Church staff would benefit from knowing who to turn to in case of a medical emergency. If you didn't RSVP but are able to attend, feel free to join us. If you can't attend but are interested in helping in the future, please contact Heather Felt at hfelt@messiahchurch.org.

Calling all creative hands and hearts! We're gearing up for the Glory Players' 2026 Spring Musical — Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* — and we need your help to bring this magical story to life. If you're interested in working on costumes, please join us for a costume team meeting tomorrow, Monday, July 28, at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome, and no experience is required — just come ready to dream big and help make

fairy tale fashion a reality! Can't make it to this meeting but want to be involved? Contact Joy Ann Harmon, show director, at jharmon@messiahchurch.org to let her know.

What if you couldn't speak for yourself during a medical emergency — would your wishes be known? **Health Care Directives** ensure that your voice is heard even when you can't speak for yourself. On Saturday, August 2, from 11 am-1 pm, join us for a special presentation at Messiah where RN and former parish nurse Sondra Weinzierl will help you understand why every adult needs this document. Trained in Health Care Directives, Sondra will explain key medical terms, share the latest insights, and guide you through the steps to complete or revise your own directive. Even if you already have one, this is a great time to ensure it still reflects your current wishes. The cost for lunch and the presentation is \$10 per person — please RSVP by this Thursday, July 31 to reserve your spot. Register and pay online at subspla.sh/g2j7xd2 or with a paper form (available in the church atrium) and cash or check. *This session is part of a Living Well series. Watch for more information on other upcoming sessions. You don't have to be a part of Messiah*

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Church to attend — invite your friends and neighbors!

Let's celebrate summer together with a good ol' fashioned Church Potluck Picnic! On Wednesday, August 13 from 6-8 pm, we'll gather at the Parkers Lake North Picnic Shelter, rain or shine. Please bring an entrée or salad/side dish to share. Don't forget to label your dish and please bring serving utensils. Paper products, dessert, water, and lemonade will be provided. *Please note: The Parkers Lake North Picnic Shelter is located on the NORTH side of County Road 6 at 15500 County Road 6, Plymouth, NOT the picnic shelter adjacent to the lake. Click on the link for a map. Look for the shelter at the top of a small hill in the southwest corner of the Parkers Lake Playfield. Limited parking is available next to the shelter, with overflow parking near the playfields. A few helpers are needed to assist with set-up and clean-up.* If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Heather Felt at hfelt@messiahchurch.org.

Sing! Dance! Create! Join in the fun at **KID Street Arts Camp!** Kids (ages 5 through entering 5th grade in September) will enjoy four mornings (August 25-28) of high-energy, fun-filled, creative activities, including singing, percussion, puppets, fine arts, theater, and dancing – all while learning how the arts can help us connect to our faith. Monday-Thursday we will meet from 9 am-12 pm for creative fun. On our last day (Thursday, August 28), parents and friends are invited to a short performance at 12 pm when we'll share the music we've learned. Arts Camp is just \$25 per child and includes a KID Street t-shirt and daily snack. Scholarships are available. Space is limited to 22 kids - register today at

vbspro.events/p/events/messiahartscamp2025. The deadline to register is Monday, August 18. Everyone is welcome - invite a friend! KID Street Arts Camp requires volunteer support! Adults and youth (entering 7th grade and older) are welcome to volunteer - contact Kari by Monday, August 11. For more information or questions about this exciting week at Messiah visit vbspro.events/p/events/messiahartscamp2025 or contact Kari Stern, Director of Children and Family Ministry, at kstern@messiahchurch.org or (763) 473-6968 ext. 115.

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 Second-Mile Offering for July & August supports Re-Member. Re-Member is a nonprofit organization that works with the Oglala Lakota Nation on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Re-Member volunteers complete home improvement projects, work in the community gardens, and immerse themselves in Lakota culture. 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. For more information on Re-Member, visit www.re-member.org. **You can support Re-Member through the end of August with a monetary donation and/or by donating much needed items:** Give! Give online at MessiahChurch.org/give 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. Donate! Visit tinyurl.com/ReMemberWishList2025 to shop their Amazon Wish List and have your donation sent directly to Re-Member. Please do not leave donations in the Messiah atrium. Order through Amazon so donations can be shipped directly to South Dakota.

John Harmon, founder of **Thrive Kenya** and a Messiah Church member, will travel to Kenya at the end of August on his next mission trip. He is gathering supplies that travel easily to take with him. Can you help? We are collecting: Children's clothing - new or gently used for boys & girls in all sizes, babies to 18-year-olds; Student backpacks - new or gently used; Toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss; and outdoor activities - such as deflated soccer balls, jump ropes, and Frisbees. Donations will be collected through Sunday, August 10 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). Thrive Kenya rescues abandoned, abused, and orphaned children living in the slums of Kenya. They collaborate with existing children's homes operated by Kenyans who share the same values and passion for these children. They are currently supporting nearly 400 boys and girls, striving to impact these young lives through love, hope, and a path toward stability. For more information on Thrive Kenya, or to make a monetary donation, visit thrivekenya.org.

Stop by the Plymouth Holiday Gas Station (16825 County Rd. 24 - corner of Highway 55 & County Rd.

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24 by Hy-Vee), on Thursday, August 14 from 11 am-1 pm to **support Bloom Early Learning & Child Care**. All proceeds from BBQ lunch combo purchases (burger, brat, or hot dog with chips and a small drink for \$5) and car washes (\$11 and up) during this time benefit Bloom

(located at Messiah Church and Plymouth Presbyterian). Can't make it to the fundraiser? Donations are always welcome through their website at bloomearlylearning.org/ways-to-help. For more information on Bloom Early Learning & Child Care, visit bloomearlylearning.org.



New items in the bulletin this week.

Submit bulletin items by Tuesday at 3 pm to office@messiahchurch.org.

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