



March 17, 2024

WELCOME! We're glad you joined us! Some things you might like to know:

This bulletin can be viewed online where all the gray, underlined sections of text are web links to contacts, event registrations, websites for our mission partners, and other useful information. View the online version at messiahchurch.org/bulletin.

Let us know you worshiped with us. If you joined us in person, you should have received a Connect Card from an usher. Online, click on "[Let Us Know You're Here](#)" at the bottom of your screen to register your attendance. You can also share a prayer request; our Prayer Team prays through these requests each week. Watching on demand? You can register your attendance, send a prayer request, and give online, just like on Sunday!

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 by checking a box on your Connect Card, or during online attendance registration by clicking on "[Let Us Know You're Here](#)," and selecting a recipient from the list at the bottom of the form. You're making an impact in this community just by being here today!

Thank you for financially supporting Messiah Church! There are many ways to give: A secure offering box is available as you enter or leave the sanctuary; give online by clicking on "[Give](#)" at the bottom of your online worship experience; mail a check to: Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447; or give through our new Messiah Church app. Thank you!

TRADITIONS WORSHIP

(8:30 AM)

MGN - Messiah's Good News

Prelude *More Holiness Give Me* (Bailey)

Welcome / [Attendance](#)

* Call to Worship

* Hymn #369 (vv 1-3) *Blessed Assurance*

Children's Prayer & Sunday School Release

Prayer Hymn #122 *God of the Sparrow, God the Whale*

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem *Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord* (arr. Schrader)

* Scripture: [Acts 9:1-18](#) Joan McNutt

Message *Paul*

* Hymn #365 (vv 1, 2, 4) *Grace Greater than Our Sin*

* [Offering](#)

* Benediction *Aaron's Blessing* (Ortega)

* Postlude *Lead On, Oh King Eternal* (Thompson)

JOURNEY WORSHIP

(10:30 AM)

MGN - Messiah's Good News

Gathering Music *One Drop* (Lee)

Welcome / [Attendance](#)

* Praise Song *Cornerstone* (TobyMac)

Children's Prayer & Sunday School Release

Prayer Song *By His Wounds* (Nasser)

Prayer

Scripture: [Acts 9:1-18](#) Darrell Kula

Message *Paul*

Anthem *Redeemed* (Cowart)

[Offering](#)

* Benediction *Aaron's Blessing* (Ortega)

* Postlude *Redeemed*

* Please stand as you are able

WHERE LIFE & PURPOSE CONNECT

GROW PRAY STUDY (GPS)

A Daily Devotional

Monday 3/18	Acts 7:54-8:3, 9:1-2
Tuesday 3/19	Acts 22:3-5, 26:4-11
Wednesday 3/20	Acts 9:3-9, 26:12-18
Thursday 3/21	Acts 9:10-18, 22:12-16
Friday 3/22	Acts 9:20-25, 28-30; Galatians 1:11-12, 15-23, 2:1-2
Saturday 3/23	Acts 4:36-37, 9:26-28, 11:19-26

Find the weekly GPS online at MessiahChurch.org or [here](#). To receive the daily GPS by email, contact Carolyn Loeffler at cloeffler@messiahchurch.org.

PRAYER

Lift Up Our Church Family in Prayer

Prayers for Health and Healing for:

Donna B, Brenda B,
Johnna H, Muriel J,
Ralph V, Dennis L,
Ed P, Delphie E, Bill S

Prayers for Those Serving in the Military:

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

Altar flowers today are given by an anonymous friend as a "thank you" to Joy Ann Harmon and the cast and crew of *The Wizard of Oz*.

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 at 8:30 and 10:30 am. Kids begin in worship, are released to Sunday School mid-service, and can be picked up downstairs after worship. **Youth in grades 6-8** will gather in the Youth Room for Sunday School during both the 8:30 and 10:30 am worship services. Youth begin in worship and are dismissed with the kids mid-service. The nursery, for **infants and toddlers (through age 3)**, is available at both services, and these children may be dropped off downstairs in 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.*

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

Messiah Church has an APP! We are excited to share this discipleship tool with you, helping

you connect with Messiah and one another. Download it today from your favorite app store, from subsplash.com/messiahchurch/app, or get it here:



COMING UP @ MESSIAH

Stay connected to all things Messiah during the week at www.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 Heritage Hall after each worship service today for a special **Cocoa Café Coffee Hour**. For 7 years, Ashley and Emily, two of Messiah's kids, have hosted a morning of hot cocoa and sweet treats in their driveway and donated 100% of the freewill donations they receive to the ICA and Interfaith Outreach food shelves. Today you can meet the girls and thank them for their efforts to support the Minnesota FoodShare campaign. Last year they raised over \$7,700! The Cocoa Café will continue to accept donations this morning. We'll also be supporting other young women in the Messiah family by serving **Girl Scout cookies** with our regular coffee and beverages.

Messiah's Glory Players production of ***The Wizard of Oz*** is underway! Only four shows remain and seats are limited! Follow the yellow brick road in this delightful stage adaptation of this beloved story where Dorothy, a Kansas farm girl, travels over the rainbow to discover the magical power of home. Tickets are still available for Friday, March 22 at 7 pm and the matinee performance Saturday, March 23 at 11 am. Reserve your tickets online now through TicketLeap at messiah-church.ticketleap.com/the-wizard-of-oz-glory-players. Tickets are \$20 for adults ages 13 and up, \$10 for children ages 5 to 12; preschoolers ages 4 and under are free. All theatergoers, regardless of age, must have a ticket. The show is best enjoyed by ages 6 and up, but all ages are welcome. *The Wizard of Oz* is presented through special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.

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

• Palm Sunday Worship

Next Sunday, March 24 at 8:30 & 10:30 am: We'll wave palms during our opening song as we remember Jesus' triumphant but humble entry into Jerusalem

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during the last week of his life. We'll end the service with the presentation of a life-sized cross as we prepare our hearts for His death and resurrection. The service will be in person, online live at MessiahChurch.org/live, or on demand later at MessiahChurch.org/live/ondemand.

• Good Friday Worship

Friday, March 29 at 7:30 pm:
This *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, piano, and violin will offer the beautiful music. The service will be in person, online live at MessiahChurch.org/live, or on demand later at MessiahChurch.org/live/ondemand.

• Easter Sunday Worship

Sunday, March 31 at 8:30 & 10:30 am: Celebrate at two services, when we rejoice that He is alive! Join us at 8:30 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 *Making All Things New*. Worship with us in person, online live at MessiahChurch.org/live, or on demand later at MessiahChurch.org/live/ondemand.

- **Easter Egg Hunt**

Sunday, March 31 at 9:45 am:
All kids (through 5th grade) are invited to a KID Street 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. If you join us for

worship too, all kids will receive an Easter gift! Everyone is welcome!

- **NOTE:** On Easter Sunday, there is no KID Street Sunday School. Families are invited to worship together. The nursery, for children birth through age 3, will be available at both services (on the main level).

Coping with the death of a loved one is one of life's most stressful and difficult experiences, but the **West Suburban Grief Coalition** provides a safe environment where people share feelings of grief and move forward. Messiah is a partner of the Grief Coalition and weekly meetings of this support group gather on Thursdays at various churches on a rotating basis. Through June 6, 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 westsuburbangriefmn.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 www.MessiahChurch.org/community/make-an-impact.

Each year, Messiah Church selects two organizations to receive our special Easter Offering. Your 2024 Easter Offering is a gift to Bloom Early Learning & Child Care and Minnesota FoodShare: Bloom Early Learning & Child Care is a non-profit early learning center located here at Messiah Church, with a special mission to make the highest quality childcare, programs, and curriculum accessible to the entire community. Your Easter Offering supports the Shirley Robinson Scholarship Fund, which provides tuition assistance for children of low-income families, allowing parents to work while their children


receive otherwise unaffordable quality care. For more information, visit bloomearlylearning.org. March is Minnesota FoodShare month, and our Easter Offering supports this drive with funds and food essentials. The Minnesota FoodShare campaign envisions a future where all Minnesotans have access to healthy food and no one struggles with food insecurity. It brings the community together to help stock nearly 300 food shelves statewide. Your offering and donations specifically support the local foodshelves at [Interfaith Outreach](#) and [ICA](#). You can offer support for these organizations through March with a monetary donation, donating food & other essential items, and/or volunteering. **Give:** Give [online](#) by selecting "Easter Offering," or by mailing a check (indicate "Easter Offering" in the memo) to: Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447. Our goal is to collect \$12,000 for each of these organizations. Gifts are distributed evenly, unless designated otherwise. **Donate:** We are collecting specific items that are in high demand at the food shelves: cooking oil, peanut butter, jelly, canned meat, canned fruit, baby formula, and small packages of toilet paper and paper towels. Also, the KID Street kids are collecting boxes of cereal. Can you help them reach their goal of 150 boxes? All donations will be collected through Sunday, March 31 and can be dropped off in the marked area in the atrium at Messiah on Sundays or during church office hours (Monday-Thursday 9 am-5 pm and Friday 9 am-12 pm). **Volunteer:** Join Messiah members and friends to serve at Second Harvest Heartland ([7101 Winnetka Ave N, Brooklyn Park](#)) on Wednesday, March 27, 12:30-2:30 pm. "Food sort and pack" volunteers create food boxes on an assembly line.

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Second Harvest Heartland distributes these boxes to agency partners that serve our hungry neighbors. Ages 8 and up (accompanied by an adult). [Click here](#) to sign up by Thursday,

March 21. Contact Mary Beth M at rambmazzoc@aol.com with questions. For more information about Second Harvest Heartland, visit 2harvest.org.

 New items in the bulletin this week.

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

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