

MESSIAH
LUTHERAN
CHURCH ♡

*Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost*

July 27, 2025
8:30 a.m.



*Lord,
teach us to
Pray*

Luke 11

Senior Pastor Kurt Hoover
Guest Organist Sue Malmberg
Worship Assistants Herb Alexander, Jane Costello

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Welcome To Messiah Lutheran Church

July 27, 2025

8:30 a.m.

Enter Reverently, Worship Joyfully, Live Faithfully

PRELUDE

Sue Malmberg

OPENING HYMN

"Sweet Hour of Prayer," #433 v. 1-2



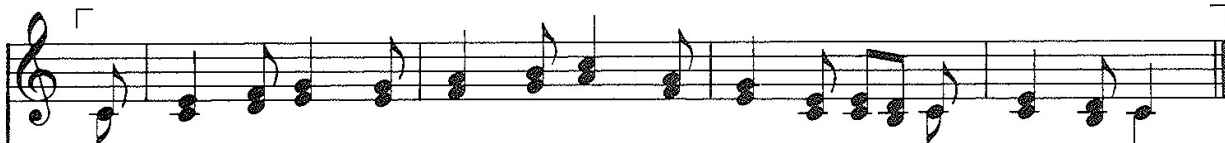
1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from a world of care,
2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make all my wants and wish-es known:
To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En - gage the wait - ing soul to bless:



In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief My soul has oft - en found re - lief,
And since He bids me seek His face, Be - lieve His Word, and trust His grace,



And oft es-caped the tempt-er's snare By thy re-turn, sweet hour of prayer.
I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care, And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

PRESENCE LITANY ADAPTED FROM 1 CHRONICLES 29

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel

All: our father, forever and ever.

Leader: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory
and the victory and the majesty,

All: for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

Leader: Yours is the kingdom, O Lord,

All: and you are exalted as head above all.

Leader: We worship Your Lord in the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
All: Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF PRAISE

"O, How He Loves You and Me," #513 v. 1-2

1. O, how He loves you and me. O, how He loves you and
2. Je - sus to Cal - v'ry did go, His love for man-kind to

me; He gave His life, what more could He give? O, how He
show; What He did there brought hope from de-spair: O, how He

loves you; O, how He loves me; O, how He loves you and me!
loves you; O, how He loves me; O, how He loves you and me!

The musical score is written on a single staff in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features two verses of lyrics. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final cadence at the end of the second line.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Something Beautiful," #519 (2X)

Some-thing beau-ti-ful, some-thing good; All my con - fu - sion

He un-der - stood; All I had to of - fer Him was bro-ken - ness and

strife, But He made some - thing beau-ti - ful of my life.

The musical score is written on a single staff in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features three lines of lyrics. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final cadence at the end of the third line.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Leader: Holy and Gracious God,

All: I confess that I have sinned against you this day and every day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace and live each day for You.

Leader: By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise every morning to serve Him. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Leslie McFarland

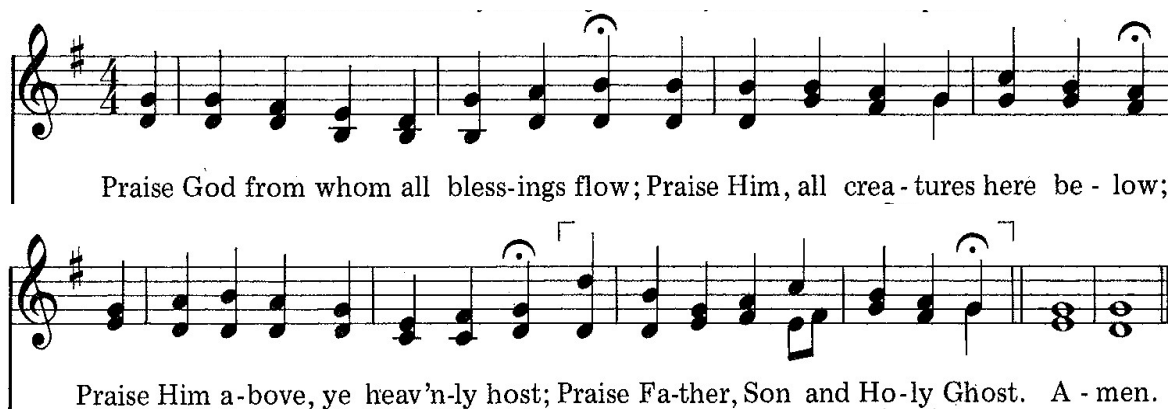
OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Sue Malmberg

RESPONSE

Doxology #625



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON, Genesis 19:12-17 (ESV)

Reader: Randy Ling

¹² Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? Sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone you have in the city, bring them out of the place. ¹³ For we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it." ¹⁴ So Lot went out and said to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, "Up! Get out of this place, for the LORD is about to destroy the city." But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be jesting.

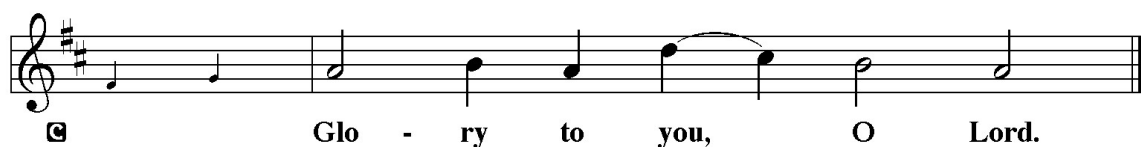
¹⁵ As morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city." ¹⁶ But he lingered. So the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. ¹⁷ And as they brought them out, one said, "Escape for your life. Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley. Escape to the hills, lest you be swept away."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON, James 5:13-20 (ESV)

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

¹⁹ My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

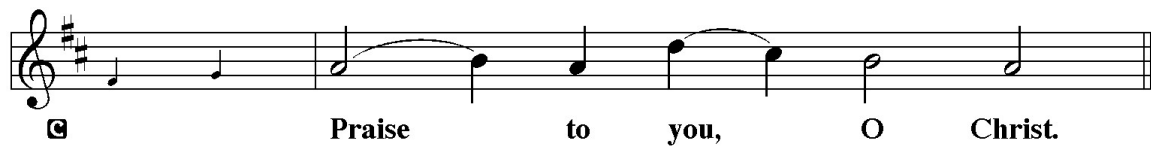
GOSPEL LESSON, Luke 11:1-13 (ESV)



¹ Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² And he said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴ and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."

⁵ And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷ and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in

bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"



MESSAGE

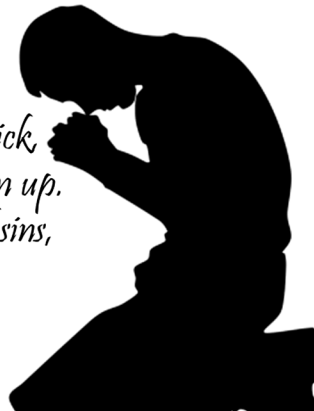
"When You Forget to Pray"

Pastor Kurt Hoover

A manuscript for this sermon and those previous is available in the Narthex.

*The prayer of faith
will save the one who is sick,
and the Lord will raise him up.
And if he has committed sins,
he will be forgiven.*

James 5:15



HYMN

"Love Lifted Me," #505 v. 1-3

1. I was sink-ing deep in sin, Far from the peace-ful shore, Ver - y deep-ly
 2. All my heart to Him I give, Ev - er to Him I'll cling, In His bless-ed
 3. Souls in dan-ger, look a-bove, Je - sus com-plete-ly saves; He will lift you

stained with-in, Sink-ing to rise no more; But the Mas - ter of the sea
 pres - ence live, Ev - er His prais-es sing; Love so might-y and so true.
 by His love Out of the an - gry waves; He's the Mas - ter of the sea,

Heard my de-spair-ing cry, From the wa-ters lift - ed me, Now safe am I.
 Mer - its my soul's best songs; Faith-ful, lov-ing ser-vice, too, To Him be - longs.
 Bil - lows His will o - bey; He your Sav-ior wants to be, Be saved to - day.

Refrain

Love lift - ed me! Love lift - ed me! When noth-ing
 e - ven me! e - ven me!

1
 else could help, Love lift - ed me.

2
 Love lift - ed me.

WORDS OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Servers: Cindi Souza, Angie Mitchka, Joy McClintock

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

"Lamb of God"



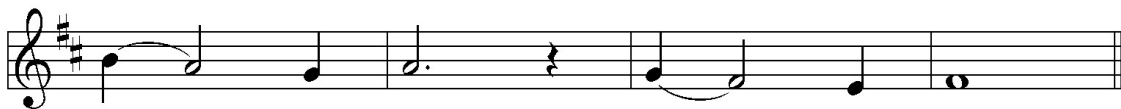
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

"O, How I Love Jesus," #529 v. 1-4



1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
2. It tells me of a Sav-ior's love, who died to set me free;
3. It tells me what my Fa-ther hath In store for ev-'ry day,
4. It tells of One whose lov-ing heart Can feel my deep-est woe.



It sounds like mu - sic in my ear, The sweet - est name on earth.
It tells me of His pre - cious blood, The sin - ner's per - fect plea.
And, tho I tread a dark - some path, Yields sun - shine all the way.
Who in each sor - row bears a part That none can bear be - low.

Refrain

O, how I love Je - sus, O, how I love Je - sus,

O, how I love Je - sus— Be - cause He first loved me!

COMMUNION HYMN

"He Touched Me," #504 v. 1-2

1. Shack - led by a heav - y bur - den, 'Neath a load of
2. Since I met this bless - ed Sav - ior, Since He cleansed and

guilt and shame; Then the hand of Je - sus touched me,
made me whole; I will nev - er cease to praise Him,

Refrain

And now I am no long - er the same. He touched me, O, He
I'll shout it while e - ter - ni - ty rolls.

touched me, And O, the joy that floods my soul; Some-thing

hap-pened, and now I know, He touched me and made me whole.

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you Father for the gift of salvation. Thank you Lord Jesus for this holy meal and the sacrifice of Your life. Thank you Holy Spirit for awakening faith within our hearts. We hear your voice in this meal and celebrate Your holy presence. Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

TEMPLE TALK, FAITH GUIDES

Ben Feehan

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus," #435 v. 1-3



1. What a Friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y - la - den, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our Ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need-less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de-spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;



All be-cause we do not car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

POSTLUDE

Sue Malmberg

*God will never lead you to a place
where His grace cannot keep you.*

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Sunday, August 17th
for combined worship
at 10 a.m.
followed by our
annual Church Picnic!



After the service, head upstairs for a dessert reception
and open house of our newly renovated Kidz Club!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL AGES
RESUMES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 24th!**

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP TIME

Be sure to join us for coffee & good company on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall! Coffee will be available beginning at 9:30 a.m. and will continue until after the 10:00 service gets out. If you are an 8:30 attender - stay late! If 10:00 is your service - come early! Make new friends!

CONNECT WITH MESSIAH

You can use this QR code to let us know you're new, tell us that you're interested in next steps at MLC, submit prayer requests, fill out a Connect Card, and give online.

Scan here to connect with MLC:



Online Giving - There are two convenient ways to do it:

- 1) On our website at <https://www.mlcjoliet.org/give>.
- 2) Through the Church Center app on your phone or tablet, or scan the QR code above.

DAYBREAK SHELTER

Volunteers are needed to serve dinner to those less fortunate at Daybreak Homeless Shelter in Joliet. The commitment is from 5:30-7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Food donations are also needed. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Messiah members will be serving at Daybreak on Monday, August 11th.

MEMORY BEARS

Messiah's Memory Bears Group meets the 4th Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We have jobs that do not require sewing! Come check us out on **August 26th**. Text Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 or email regency118@comcast.net for more info.

MESSIAH MEN'S MINISTRY (3M)

3M is on break for the remainder of the summer. Email Mike Brown at gonzopal2017@cheerful.com for more info.

PRAYER CHAIN

Messiah uses an email-based Prayer Chain made up of people willing to pray for our members, community, and nation in times of crisis. Prayers are shared amongst the group via email and are kept confidential as much as possible. Text Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 or email regency118@comcast.net for more info.

PRAYER TEAM

Our in-person Prayer Team meets Thursday mornings in the Fireside Room from 10:15-11:15 to pray together over our prayer request list. For more info text Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 or by email regency118@comcast.net, or reach out to Beth Hohisel at bhohisel@hotmail.com.

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Items for the bulletin are due by the end of the day each Tuesday, and newsletter material is due the 20th of each month.

QUILTERS

The next Messiahs Quilting Day (3rd Tuesday each month) will be on **August 19th** from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. We have a lot of quilts ready to complete and if you can tie a knot, you can help us out! We even have jobs you can do sitting down. Think about stopping in and see what we do. If you are unable to join us and would like to sew at home, we have kits available and can show you how easy it is to sew a quilt top together.

We are in need of clean sheets of any size, flat or fitted (no stains or holes) to be used as the backs of our quilts. You can drop them off in the basket provided in the Narthex. Thank you, in advance!

Contact Kathy Mueller at (815) 953-6601 or scpbklane@aol.com for more information or any questions you may have. Hope to see you on **August 19th**!



WORSHIP NIGHT

Messiah Student Ministries and our Worship Team
are hosting a whole church Worship Night
on Wednesday, **July 30th**, at 6 p.m. in the FLC. Please join us!



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Summer **Women's Bible Study** is on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. We'll walk through "My Personal Petitions Prayer Journal" by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth. *Prayer is personal to God. Shouldn't it be personal to you?*

MESSIAH KIDS (pre-K to 5th grades)

BIBLE BEE

We had a great time at the National Bible Bee! Our session has ended for this summer. Join us next year!

J-CHURCH

Due to conflicting events, J-Church will resume the third Sunday in September.

MESSIAH KIDS WEDNESDAYS (MKW)

Our summer program has ended. Stay tuned for our start up date for the fall season.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL is at 10 a.m. upstairs in the Kidz Club and will continue through August 3rd. 6th-8th graders are invited to join in!

For more info on ministries for kids pre-K through 5th grade, email Leslie McFarland, Children's Min. Director, at childrensmin@mlcjoliet.org or Megan Kuhn, Christian Ed. Director, at christianed@mlcjoliet.org.

MESSIAH STUDENT MINISTRIES (6th to 12th grades)

MSM SUMMER SPECIAL EVENTS

Mark your calendar! Worship Night July 30th; Pool Party August 6th; Bonfire August 30th.

BIBLE STUDY (SUNDAY MORNINGS)

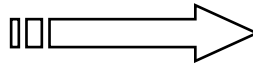
High schoolers continue to meet - *year around* - in classroom #101 at 9 a.m.

HEAD 2 HEART

Our H2H (Confirmation) program for 6th-8th graders begins soon!

- ◇ Orientation Night, August 20th
- ◇ Program kickoff, September 3rd
- ◇ Parents' Night, September 10th

FLC doors open at 5:30 p.m.



6TH-8TH GRADERS

*Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m.
September - April*

Orientation Night - Mile Markers
August 20th

First Night of Class September 3rd

First Parents' Night Sept. 10th

SUMMER S.A.L.T. (combined for all FAM & H2H students)

Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. in the FLC through August 6th.

For more info on ministries for students 6th through 12th grade,
email Kersten Stier, Youth Director, at stumin@mlcjoliet.org.

SUMMER S.A.L.T. EVERY WEDNESDAY
6:00-8:00PM
MSM SUMMER BIBLE STUDY GROUP 6TH - 12TH GRADERS

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MESSIAH STUDENT MINISTRY



PARTIES & BONFIRES

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

MESSIAH STUDENT MINISTRY

July 30th - Worship Night!
Everyone is invited - please join us!
August 6th - Pool Party
August 30th - Bonfire



ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor Altar flowers, please sign up in the Narthex or call the office at 815-741-4488. Arrangements are \$25 each.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

SUNDAY (July 27)

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (streamed)
9 a.m. Bible Study for 9th-12th
10 a.m. Family Praise & Worship,
Summer Sunday School for pre-K to 8th
1 p.m. Cristo Rey Worship

MONDAY (July 28)

n/a

TUESDAY (July 29)

n/a

WEDNESDAY (July 30)

6 p.m. Worship Night
6:30 p.m. Women's Summer Bible Study

THURSDAY (July 31)

10:15 a.m. Prayer Team
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

FRIDAY (August 1)

n/a

SATURDAY (August 2)

9:30 a.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

SUNDAY (August 3)

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (streamed)
9 a.m. Bible Study for 9th-12th
10 a.m. Family Praise & Worship,
end date of Summer Sunday School
for pre-K to 8th
1 p.m. Cristo Rey Worship

ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

8:30 a.m.: 77
10:00 a.m.: 60
Online: 147
Messiah Kids: 7
MSM: 0

2025 GIVING

Operating Budget: \$680,068
YTD Operating Budget: \$379,269
YTD Giving Received: \$329,672
Average Weekly Need: \$13,078
Received Last Week: \$6,510

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the Lord never
ceases, his mercies never come to an
end; they are new every morning;
great is Your faithfulness

Sanctuary Choir Director Herb Alexander
Worship Coordinator Justin Brown
Office Coordinator Vicki Dallmann
Children's Choir Director Season Lawler
Children's Ministry Director Leslie McFarland
Building Liaison Kate Richmond
Youth Director Kersten Stier
Technology Coordinator Nikolai Stier
Bookkeeper Sherri Unyi

Messiah office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
otherwise by appointment. Please call (815) 741-4488.

