

Blessed is
the king
who comes
in the name
of the Lord!

LUKE 19:38

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



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Welcome to worship!
We are delighted you
chose to worship here
today. May you be
strengthened through
God's word and the
promise of life in our Lord
Jesus Christ.

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The assembly gathers in the office area with palm branches.

*You are invited to participate at the places marked with **bold** type.*

Pre-Service Music:

"Sing Hosanna" (Choir and Joy Ringers)	Antonio Caldara
"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"	Vennette Threlfall
"Pave the Way with Branches"	Bret Helsa

———— **Gathering** ————

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 19th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After (Jesus) had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' Just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them,

"Why are you untying it?"

They said,

"The Lord needs it."

Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

And glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,

"Teacher, order your disciples to stop."

He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.



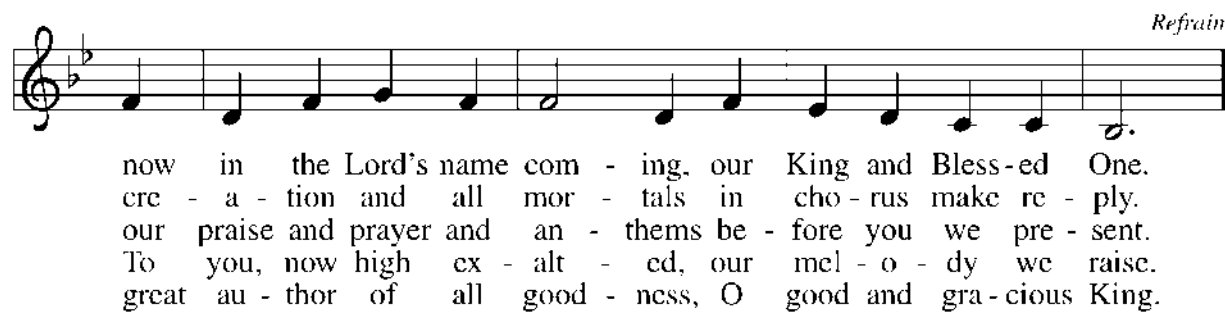
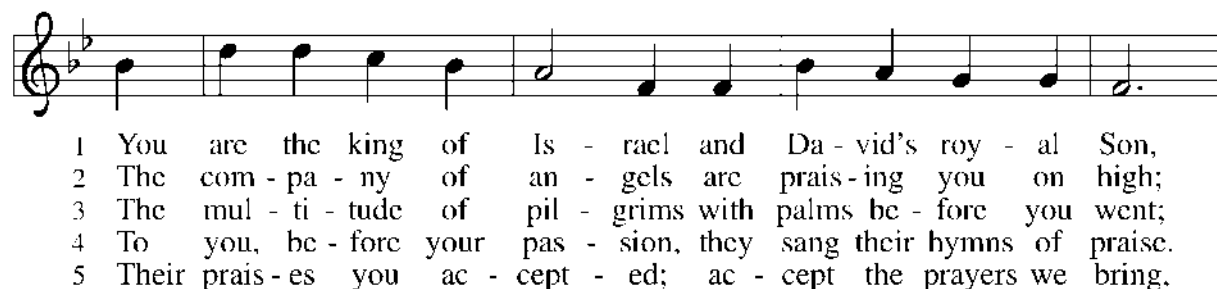
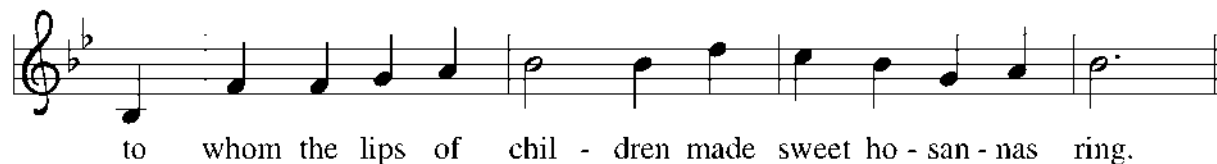
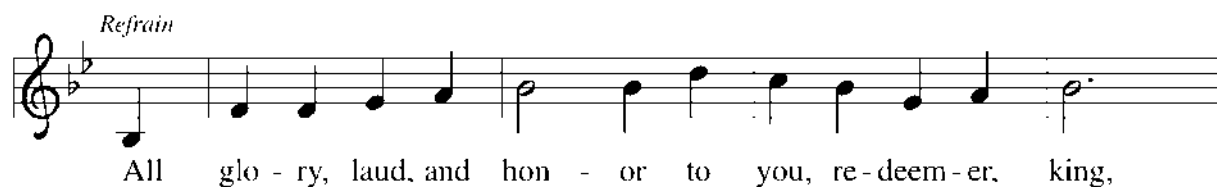
Let us pray. We praise you, O God,
for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

Let us go forth in peace.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The assembly processes into the worship space singing and waving their palms.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor



Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

———— **Word** ————

A reading from Isaiah

Isaiah 62:6-12

⁶Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, ⁷and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. ⁸The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; ⁹but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. ¹⁰Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. ¹¹The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." ¹²They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Choir/Cantor sings Refrain; Assembly joins in singing the second time.



Oh, bless'd is He who comes in the name of the Lord

*Choir/Cantor sings regular print verses; Assembly sings **bold** verses and refrain.*



¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare,**
"God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁹Open for me the ¹ gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks ¹ to the LORD.

²⁰**“This is the gate ¹ of the LORD;
here the righ- ¹ teous may enter.”**

Refrain

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have ¹ answered me
and you have become ¹ my salvation.

²²**The stone that the build- ¹ ers rejected
has become the chief ¹ cornerstone.**

²³By the LORD has ¹ this been done;
it is marvelous ¹ in our eyes.

²⁴**This is the day that the ¹ LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be ¹ glad in it.**

Refrain

²⁵Hosanna! ¹ O LORD, save us!

We pray to you, LORD, pros- ¹ per our days!

²⁶**Blessed is the one who comes in the name ¹ of the LORD;
we bless you from the house ¹ of the LORD.**

²⁷The LORD is God and has giv- ¹ en us light.

Form a procession with branches up to the corners ¹ of the altar.

²⁸**You are my God, and ¹ I will thank you;
you are my God, and I ¹ will exalt you.**

²⁹Give thanks to the LORD, ¹ for the LORD is good;
God’s mercy en- ¹ dures forever.

Refrain

A reading from Zechariah

Zechariah 9:9-17

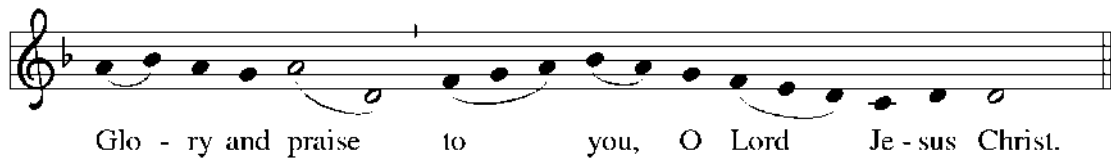
⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. ¹³For I have bent Judah as my bow; I have made Ephraim its arrow. I will arouse your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and wield you like a warrior’s sword. ¹⁴Then the LORD will appear over them, and his arrow go forth like lightning; the Lord GOD will sound the trumpet and march forth in the whirlwinds of the south. ¹⁵The LORD of hosts will protect them, and they shall devour and tread down the slingers; they shall drink their blood like wine, and be full like a bowl, drenched like the corners of the altar. ¹⁶On that day the LORD their God will save them for they are the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land. ¹⁷For what goodness and beauty are his! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the young women.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able



The Holy Gospel according to John, the 12th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

John 12:12-16

¹²The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord — the King of Israel!" ¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: ¹⁵"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn 634 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Congregation stanzas 1,2,3,5,6, Choir stanza 4

Prayers of Intercession
Each portion of the prayers ends with:
A: Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with:
Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The assembly may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated.

(8:30) Joy Ringers: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
(11:00) Messiah Student Singers

arr. Jason W. Krug (ASCAP)

The Offering of our tithes, gifts and sacrifices is gathered for the support of Christ's church and for its mission to care for those in need in our community and the world.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Electronic offerings may be made via: text to 855-913-1744, or scan



For presentation of the offering, please stand as you are able.

Hymn #186 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

A. Let us pray. God of grace,

Your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service; our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

———— Holy Communion ————

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed...Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

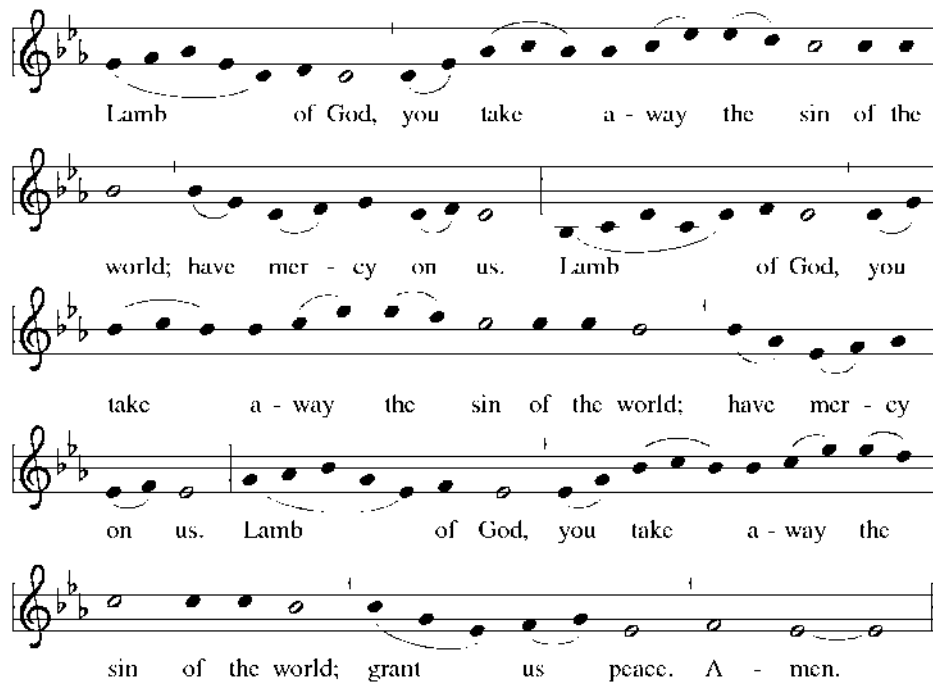
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

Thanks be to God!

Please be seated.



Holy Communion at this congregation is practiced as an open table;
all communing Christians are invited.

Children who commune at their home congregation are encouraged to commune here today too.

Those who do not commune may come forward for a blessing, for all are loved by God.

Gluten free wafers are available; request at time of receiving communion.

Distribution Songs:

"O Bread of Life from Heaven"

ELW 480

"Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal"

ELW 464

After all have communed, please stand as you are able.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

A: Let us pray, Generous Host,
You have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us not to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing of the Eucharistic Ministers

————— **Sending** —————

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

*Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the worship space, leading us out to join in God's
work in our community and the world.*

Hymn #346 "Ride On, Ride On In Majesty"

A: Go in peace.
Care for others as God cares for you.
We will, with God's help!

Postlude: March Triumphant Into Jerusalem

Robert W. Thygerson

Today's Worship Leaders

Acolyte: Needed (8:30), Cohen Thomas (11:00)
Altar Guild: Diane Paton, Marilyn Edwards, Debbie Luekens
Assisting Minister: Nancy Richter (8:30), Janice Snyder (11:00)
Children's Church: Claire Connelly, Allie Polenz, Lauren Carge
Choir Director & Coordinator of Music Ministry: Deborah Zudell-Dickey
Communion Assistant: Eric Anderson (8:30), Karen Watts (11:00)
Deacons: Colleen & Alan Parrott, Pam Sugrue (8:30), Terrence Bonness (11:00)
Musicians: Adonai Henderson, trumpet
Organist: Michael Cherup
Pastors: Rev. Seth Bridger and Rev. William Weidenbach Jr.

Prayers of the Congregation

For people the world over who are living in the midst of war and its tumult. That all may strive for peace and reconciliation. That all may ask; What will you have me do, Lord?

For those lifted up by worshippers last week at all of our on-line and in-person services: Joyce, Jill, Richard, Bob & Dolores, Mike & Marilyn, Myra, Chris, Brian, Jim, Paula & Jill, Dawn & Ray, Bonnie, John, Marilyn, Nancy, Lori, Sandy, Chuck, Karen, Don, Jane, Casey, Sean, Danny, Janette, Dennie, Sue, Linda & Bill, Dory family, Eckert family, Orzech family, Heather, Alex, Kate, Mason, Matt, Julia, Simon, Brody, Andy, Evelyn, George, Harry, David, Marquerite, Monica, Jacob, Daniel, Diane, Pope Francis, family of Kenny Hughes, our First Communion children, Marty, Lori, recent widows, and our neighbors who are hurting.

For all government leaders to practice grace and compassion in their actions. And for us to have the courage to only speak words of love and mercy. For all those suffering physically, emotionally or financially from decisions made by others.

Those for whom we quietly pray; those who struggle emotionally and financially, those with family discord, those whose jobs are at risk or unfulfilling, those who are afraid or worried, those with health concerns, and those we have not yet reached with the love of Christ.

—————Add Your Prayers —————

You may submit prayer requests in any of these manners:

- ♦ On the clipboard on the podium outside the worship space
- ♦ Email: Prayers@MessiahFP.org
- ♦ During On-line worship on the live-stream on-line log-in page

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News and Announcements

Sunday 4/13	8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Holy Communion Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast Holy Communion
Monday 4/14	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Lunch Bunch In The Commons Joy Ringers
Tuesday 4/15	ALL DAY	Pierstorf Applications Open
Wednesday 4/16	10:00 am	Morning Bible Study
Thursday 4/17	9:00 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Messiah School Chapel Maundy Thursday Worship Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday 4/18	ALL DAY 12:00 pm 8:30 pm	Good Friday—No School for Messiah Lutheran Worship Service Tenebrae Service
Saturday 4/19	11:00 am 12:00 pm 8:00 pm	Easter Egg Hunt @ Messiah Living Easter Cross Easter Vigil
Sunday 4/20	6:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Sunrise Service @ Bain Park Picnic Pavilion Easter Sunday Festival Service Easter Sunday Festival Service
Monday 4/21	ALL DAY	Church and School Offices Closed at Messiah

Lent at Messiah

This Lent, we focus on Christ opening our life to what he would have it be. "It is the duty of every Christian to be Christ to his neighbor" (Martin Luther).



Important Dates:

April 14—Palm Sunday @ 8:30 & 11 am
Breakfast @ 9-10:45 am
April 17—Maundy Thursday Worship @ 12 & 7pm
April 18—Good Friday @ 12 pm & 8:30 pm
April 19—Easter Vigil @ 8 pm
April 20—Easter Sunday @ 6:30, 9, & 11 am

Order Easter Lilies!

Easter lilies remind us of our Savior's resurrection and beautify our chancel on Easter morning. Easter Lily plants cost \$12 each. You may take flowers home after the services on Easter Sunday. Return this form and cash or a check payable to "Messiah Lutheran Church" to the Church Office **by Sunday, April 13.**

Name: _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____

Number of Easter Lilies

Requested: _____

I have enclosed cash or check for (\$12/each): _____



News and Announcements

Holy Week Begins

Maundy Thursday Services
12:00 and 7pm

Good Friday Service, 12:00pm
Good Friday Tenebrae, 8:30pm

Easter Vigil, 8:00pm

Palm Sunday Breakfast & Bakery **April 13 9-10:45 am**

You are invited! Join family and friends at this year's **Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast on April 13, 2025, from 9:00AM to 10:45AM**. A fabulous breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs and other tasty treats will be available.

Your **freewill offering** for breakfast will help fund our summer picnic later this year. Our Palm Sunday to Summer Picnic theme celebrates two great fellowship opportunities this year where we can come together as a church family.

Breakfast will be available for dine-in or carryout. As part of the celebration, we invite **everyone to bring a dessert or baked good** to share during breakfast.

Whether you're attending the early or late service, we welcome you to come, eat, and fellowship with us. All are invited and encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you there! "Together in Fellowship, Preparing the Way of the Lord."



Pierstorf College Fund

Have a college age student?
Apply to the
Pierstorf College Fund
Applications open April 15

The Pierstorf College Fund is a one-of-a-kind pan Lutheran financial aid program that provides interest-free loans to all

Lutherans pursuing a higher education who live in the State of Ohio.

For more information visit www.Pierstorf.org to complete the online 2025-2026 Application.

Lunch Bunch **April 14 @ Noon** **A new ministry opportunity at Messiah**

Are you retired? Or maybe not? You are invited to an informal luncheon at Messiah on Monday, April 14 at Noon. A new ministry for Messiah. Gather together socially, share a meal, play games and hangout. Please call the church office 440-331-2405 to respond.



Questions/Ideas: speak to Darlene Waugh. We are excited to see what God has planned.

Easter Egg Hunt **Sat., April 19 at 11 am**

Join us for Messiah Lutheran Church & School's annual Easter Egg Hunt, **for infants through Grade 5 children, on April 19, at 11 am**. Happening on Messiah's campus, the Egg Hunt is divided by age group. Bring your own basket or bag. Stay for an Open House at Messiah School afterwards.



Candy Donations are welcome. Please drop off bags of wrapped candy (no nuts, chocolate, or plastic eggs) to the Church Office by Sunday, April 13. Please consider joining us, and invite your friends and neighbors! For questions contact Danielle Twigg at dtwigg@messiahfp.org.

Summer Camp at Messiah! **Sign up today!**

Summer camp at Messiah is led by Myisha Conley and Dan Weaver. They have great plans for 8 weeks of summer fun! Programs are offered Monday-Friday 7:30 am - 4 pm, register for each week your little one plans to attend. Each week have different themes, families with multiple participating siblings will receive a discount. Register at the link below!

mfp.fyi/SummerCamp

