

Messiah Lutheran Church Mechanicsville, Virginia



June 27, 2021

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*To share the Good News of Jesus Christ
and to invite all to join us in faith, worship, and service.*

The service will be livestreamed at 10:45 am on Messiah's FB page, and that video will be available later on the church website and YouTube. There is no pre-recording of the service on YouTube this week.

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**Congregation standing*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome visitors! May the Spirit of Christ fill your heart as we worship today. You are invited to make Messiah your church home.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

P: God, our provider,

C: *help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world Amen.*

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG We Come to You for Healing, Lord**



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

***THE GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: *And also with you.*

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray:

C: *Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

FIRST LESSON Lamentations 3:22-33

Lector

A reading from Lamentations.

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
 his mercies never come to an end;

²³they are new every morning;

great is your faithfulness.
24“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”
25The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
26It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.
27It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,
28to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,
29to put one's mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),
30to give one's cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.
31For the Lord will not
reject forever.
32Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
33for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Lector

A reading from 2 Corinthians

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

7Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. 8I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. 9For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. 10And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—11now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. 12For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. 13I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between 14your present abundance and their need, so that their

abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance.

¹⁵As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴²And immediately the

girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bayer Derrick

This morning in Mark's gospel we have two miraculous healing stories. Jesus healing the woman who had been hemorrhaging for 12 years and Jesus raising from the dead Jairus's daughter.

Jesus is on his way to Jairus's house because Jairus has come to him begging Jesus to heal his daughter. A large crowd follows Jesus, so large that they are pressing in on him.

Amongst the crowd is a woman who has been bleeding for 12 years. She has tried all number of remedies and has spent all the money that she had. And nothing has helped. In fact, she has gotten worse. But she has heard about Jesus and comes to see him. She reaches out, touching his robe knowing, believing, having deep faith that doing so he will heal her. And she is right - she is healed by Jesus! Miraculous, right?!

But Jesus' miracles aren't done for the day. He continues on to Jairus's house – even though some have told Jairus and Jesus not to bother because the child is already dead. But Jesus is one who works miracles, and he tells them that she's not dead, she's simply sleeping. Jesus takes the girl by hand and raises her from the dead.

Y'all, just that information enough is truly miraculous - a woman is healed of the bleeding that she has lived with for 12 years simply by touching the robes of Jesus. And a young girl just 12 years old is raised from the dead simply by Jesus taking her hand. Wow!

So, we could stop right there and just be truly amazed and in awe of the power and might of Jesus, right? And I think many people, including those who would have heard Mark tell this story and those who experience the story itself, might stop right there and just been in amazement of the power of Jesus to heal someone who had been bleeding for 12 years and to raise a little girl from the dead.

But the power and awesomeness of Jesus goes beyond physical healing. I think this is one of the reasons why, in Mark especially, Jesus tells people not to say anything about what they have seen and heard. Because Jesus' ministry is about more than physical healing. Jesus is more than just another miracle worker. Jesus is the very presence of God among us!

The magnificence and the wonder of the story of these healings is that they go beyond physical healing and really and truly involve a full, holistic restoration to abundant life. That is the majesty of God's presence with us – abundant, fully lived life!

Let's consider the woman who was healed of her bleeding. We are told that she has been hemorrhaging for 12 years. Think about that for just a minute –

12 years of constant, constant hemorrhaging. Most likely the hemorrhaging she is experiencing is menstrual bleeding. Twelve years of nonstop bleeding.

As I think about that: the pain and discomfort must have been exhausting and overwhelming. Anyone of us who lives with chronic illness may have a glimpse into this woman's daily life.

Mark also tells us that this woman has seen countless doctors and has exhausted all of her financial resources in hopes of curing this bleeding disorder. But nothing has worked; in fact, she feels worse rather than better. Again, those of us who live with chronic illness or who live with or know someone with chronic illness have a glimpse of the financial strain that can place upon our lives.

And to add to her challenges, the non-stop bleeding would have separated this woman from the community. Jewish law required that a woman who was menstruating had to be separated from the community for 7 days. This was a time of ritual impurity because of the presence of blood. And after those seven days she was once again restored into the community. There were similar laws for all sorts of discharges from the body. But this woman has been hemorrhaging for 12 years without stop, so she has been separated from the community for 12 years.

Many of us have lived with the experience of being away from the community, living without human contact, physical touch, etc. for the last 15 months or so of this covid-19 pandemic. Add to that the mental health concerns which surround that kind of isolation. Now can you imagine *12 years* living in that kind of isolation.

In addition to the isolation brought about by her hemorrhaging the woman has also exhausted all of her financial resources in hopes of finding a cure. So now she is also living in financial insecurity. Which also would have isolated her from the community. Those of us who have lived or are living in poverty have a glimpse of this woman's experiences.

And as a woman who's been hemorrhaging from her womb for 12 years, that means she has not been able to birth children. In the first century, motherhood was the primary way that women had worth and value in society. So, we have a woman who is isolated from the community, living in pain and discomfort with constant bleeding, exhausted of her financial resources and told by society that she has no value. Her experience of the societal brokenness of isolation must have been overwhelming. And so she comes to Jesus seeking healing. And what she receives is not just physical healing but also the healing of spirit, of mind, of financial security, of dignity, of hope – all of which Jesus grants with her restoration to community.

The healing of this woman of her hemorrhaging hasn't healed her not only in body but has also brought her healing and restoration to the community. This healing will bring about more financial stability as she no longer needs to spend money to seek a cure. Her healing means that the bleeding has stopped so she can be restored to ritual purity in the life of the community. Jesus even calls the woman, "Daughter" – speaking to her as one who is in relationship with him and with others.

The healing of this woman by Jesus is truly holistic. It's about her whole life. Her whole body. Her whole self. It's about her restoration to abundant Life so that she can live in community, so that she can experience once again life with others. So that she no longer needs to live in isolation and shame and pain and discomfort. I mean y'all, this is truly amazing, truly miraculous.

We see similar restoration to wholeness in the raising of Jairus's daughter. When he gets there Jesus reaches out to Jairus's daughter and takes her by the hand – again extending physical touch.

Jesus lifts this young girl up, restoring her to wholeness and to life. He tells the people who are gathered there to get her something to eat. This is restoration not just to life but also back to the community. Because the girl is again living together with others, eating a meal with others, sharing in that sacred presence that happens in the simplicity of eating a meal with someone else.

Again, I think of how many times, over the past 15 months, that so many of us have longed to join with our families or friends for a meal. That's part of the abundant life that Jesus has restored to Jairus's daughter and to her whole family. Jesus' simple instruction to get her something to eat shows not only that she truly, truly alive but also that she's restored into the community of the family – to gather together, to eat together, to live together. Again y'all, this is truly miraculous and holistic – and so, so amazing.

As I think about these two miraculous healing restorations stories, I can't help but think about our lives today. Where are the places and what are the times when Jesus is still today restoring us to health and wholeness, to healing and community?

I think sometimes we can miss the miraculous happening in the world around us every day because – well I'll just speak for myself – because I think of miraculous moments as big, grand things that I need to be on the lookout for rather than also looking for the fullness and wholeness of life that happens every single day.

So, I invite us to take a moment and think about all of the ways that Jesus' holistic ministry of restoration is happening all around us.

I asked my family about this over dinner.

As you might guess, immediately, we all thought of the ways that we have been able to gather once again with family thanks to the COVID19 vaccines.

My husband spoke of the joy of being able to go and be present in the room with his dad. Even though they had talked by phone and Facetimed, there is something special about being in the room together.

My eldest son spoke of the gatherings with family to celebrate birthdays and graduations. He spoke with joy of the magnificence of the life of being together after the pandemic. How it can be rejuvenating to be able to meet with family again. He also spoke with wonder about the miraculous nature of just how quickly scientists were able to get a vaccine out and how successful it has been. Yes, he noted, there is still work to be done because the vaccine is not accessible to everyone. So not everyone has been able to live in this gift of abundant life – to part of the ministry of Jesus's restoration is advocating for ALL people to have equitable access to the vaccine.

My middle son spoke of the miraculous work of doctors, nurses, medical professionals – in all sorts of ways. He mentioned seeing a Tik Tok video of doctors who give people glasses so they can see color. And watching their reaction of seeing colors for the first time, as they ask – is that what trees look like? Or when someone has terrible illness or injury, and they are able to have rehab so they can live life more fully again. Truly amazing, right?!

I see miraculous restoration to life in the work that is done to give people a living wage. There are so many who don't have enough to eat every day. The numbers are staggering and we know that the pandemic has exacerbated that sense of hunger and isolation. Yes, there are wonderful ministries of congregations to provide food pantries, backpacks, and all of the ways that so many provide immediate assistance to our neighbors in need.

But I think also of the significance of restoration to wholeness that comes in earning a living wage. So that people can buy their own food. So that people can have the dignity of being able to provide for themselves and their families without relying on the assistance of others.

That to me is abundant life that is restoration to community and wholeness. That advocacy work, that justice work to bring about an increase in the minimum wage, to bring about the ability of people to receive a living wage, so that they can provide for themselves and live-in dignity and respect. That is truly miraculous.

In this Pride month – and on this Pride Sunday – I am mindful of the inclusion of the many gifts of our sisters, brothers, and siblings who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, a-romantic, and all other gender and identity expressions. I am mindful of the isolation, pain, discomfort, fear, and injustice that so many of our LGBTQIA+ siblings face. But Jesus' ministry of restoration is working in the world and in the church to restore ALL of God's people to community, to wholeness, and to abundant life together.

I invite you also to think about and pray about ways that you see Jesus engaged in the miraculous ministry of abundant life and restoration today – in and through us, in and through others. How do you see Jesus at work miraculously in the world around you?

I encourage you to watch for ways that are both profound and every day. Do you see the restorative ministry of Jesus active when families gather together for a meal? Do you see the abundant life of Jesus active when all students are able to learn and grow in their education? Do you see the abundant life of Jesus when someone smiles a greeting to someone else, when someone practices radical welcome, when we acknowledge one another's humanity and treat one another as children of God and sisters, brothers, and siblings in Christ?

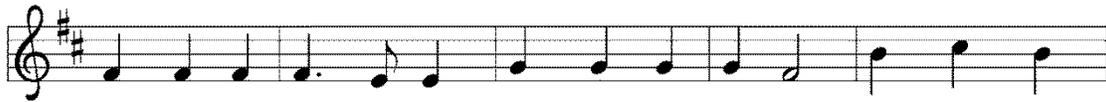
I invite you to join me watching for the ministry of Jesus all around us!

Because the presence of Jesus is truly God's holy presence – still today. The love of Jesus is forming us into beloved community. The grace, mercy, and power of Jesus is restoring us all to abundant life! Today and always.

Amen.

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

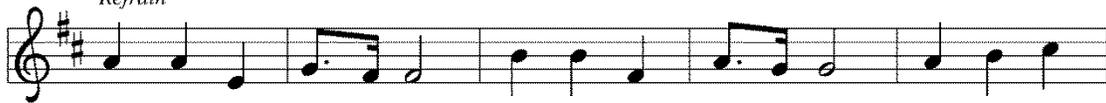


shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

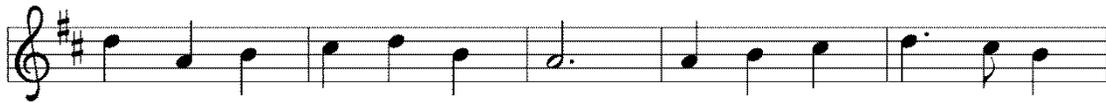


pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy



hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

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CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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**

A: Let us come before the triune God in prayer. *[Brief silence]*

A: God of hope, the ministry of your church extends across borders, from nearby neighbors to far and distant countries. Accompany all those who labor eagerly in service of the gospel, that through your good news all might experience transformation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Almighty God, we give you thanks for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land that provides our food. Guard all species of plants and animals from harsh changes in climate and empower us to protect all you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Righteous God, we pray for nations and their leaders. Give them a spirit of compassion and steer them towards a fair distribution of resources; that none among us would have too much or too little. Lord, in your mercy,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: God of healing, your touch has the power to make us whole. We pray for those suffering from physical or mental illness. Embrace those who are sick (especially). Surround them with your unwavering presence. Lord, in your mercy,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: We pray for this assembly and all those gathered together in worship. Revive our spirits, renew our relationships, and rekindle our faith, that we might experience resurrection in this community. Lord, in your mercy,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: We give thanks for the faithful ancestors in every age whose lives have pointed us towards you (especially). Envelop them in your love, that (with Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, and all your saints) we may be reunited with one another in the last days. Lord, in your mercy,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: God, you are life. We pray for our world, our country, our community, and our church as we face the challenges of coronavirus. We pray for those who grieve; for the sick and their families; for the anxious – comfort them. We pray for those who have lost businesses and jobs – restore them. We pray for those working and schooling at home, and for those who remain isolated – sustain them and protect them. We pray for all hospital and health care workers, and all first responders – provide for them and protect them. We pray for those who are making decisions about how to live into the future and when that will happen – guide them. We pray with thanksgiving for vaccines and treatments; for those who develop them, test them, and administer them – encourage them. Keep us all in your care as we continue to love our neighbors near and far. Lord, in your mercy,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: God of all families, you have given us families to be sanctuaries of blessing, comfort, and love for each other. Under your protection fill us with harmony, hope, and health. We pray this week for the Gustafson, Habron and Harris families as well as our Messiah family. Guard all of our hearts that we may display love instead of hate, anger, or bitterness. Lead us all to be grateful for your abiding love and enable us to glorify you by sharing that love with others. Lord, in your mercy,

C: *hear our prayer.*

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

C: *Amen.*

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: *And also with you.*

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: *Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen*

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: *We lift them to the Lord.*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

***PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,*

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: *Amen.*

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: *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.***

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

COMMUNION

P: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C: *Amen*

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ that you have received strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: *Amen*

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: *Amen*

***BLESSING**

P: 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.

C: *Amen*

***SENDING SONG**

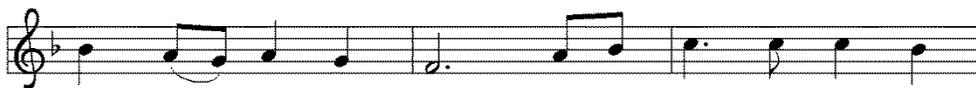
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – SUNDAY, June 27, 2021

Pianist: Debbie Walker
Lay Assistants: (1st Lay Asst.) Becky Collie (2nd Lay Asst.) Lois Schroeder
Lectors: Lois Schroeder
Acolyte: Karoline Combs
Ushers: Daren & Max Williams and Jake Addair
Altar Guild: Becky & Johnnie Collie
Counters: Becky & Johnnie Collie

Announcements

PASTOR RYAN'S OFFICE HOURS

While Pastor Ryan is away, if there is a pastoral emergency please contact Pastor Chris Carr from First English Lutheran Church. His number is 804-998-7526.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Here is this week's information based on our 2021 budget.

- Contributions to the general fund averaged \$3,030.94 (slightly down from \$3,099.73 through June 20, 2021).
- We are \$22,410.50 behind the year-to-date budget needs (increasing from \$19,819.50 the last time reported).
- Weekly budget need is \$3,991.00.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

A sincere thank you to all of the volunteers that came during several days over several weeks as well as on an outside cleanup day to get Messiah ready for our eventual return inside. Special thanks go to volunteers from All Souls who helped with the sanctuary lighting and the anonymous donor who paid to get the pews and carpets cleaned. Many hours were spent by groups of people to declutter, rearrange, paint, fix lighting, and clean throughout the church. The time is quickly approaching that we're able to come together in a space we've missed so long. Praise the Lord! God is Good!

'DOPESICK' THANKS MESSIAH

“On behalf of the Cast and Crew we would like to **thank you** for your participation in the filming of 'Dopesick'. We have enjoyed working in Virginia and truly appreciate your support. ~Location Department~” (Pacific 2.1 Entertainment Group, Inc. used our parking lot on different occasions while filming the Hulu series in and around Mechanicsville. The series will air sometime in the near future).

PRAYER LIST TO BE RESET

The current prayer list will be reset on July 4 to begin the third quarter. Please contact Davina with names that need to remain on the list. Email her at MessiahMech@gmail.com or phone 746-7134 with your requests.

MIDWEEK MESSAGES FOR JUNE – LUTHERAN STORIES

Pastor Ryan will be sharing some Lutheran stories for Midweek Messages for the month of June. The stories will be selected from two relatively recent books: *Together by Grace: Introducing the Lutherans*, and *Stories from Global Lutheranism: a Historical Timeline*. Both books feature a multitude of short essays about Lutherans and Lutheranism throughout history and around the world, and look forward to what comes next in this, the sixth century of the Lutheran movement.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY MISSION PARTNER DISPLAYS

One of the best parts of any Synod Assembly is the collection of displays presented by all the Synod's mission partners. You get to see where your mission support is going and talk to the individuals who are guiding those ministries. Since our Synod Assembly was virtual this year, so were the displays. In a way, it provides an opportunity for everyone to learn more about our mission partners. Check out this website for videos and links to all our partners in ministry: <https://www.vasynod.org/2021-assembly-mission-partner-displays/>.

WORSHIP OUTSIDE YOUR CAR

Our new step forward in this long journey is that you are all invited to worship outside your car! Please bring your own chair(s), and stick to the following guidelines:

- Sit in front of your cars or join us on the grassy area by the cross
- If you are not vaccinated, for whatever reason, continue to maintain social distancing between your car's occupants and other cars' occupants (don't mix households).
- If you are not vaccinated, and you visit before or after the service, please wear a mask or face-covering.
- You should be able to hear everything from the amp that's set up for the livestream.
- Check the weather ahead of time and dress/do sun-prep accordingly.

COMMUNITY- ALL SOULS COMMUNITY GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Help put the "Community" in the Garden! The All-Souls Community Garden depends on the good hearts of volunteers to plant and harvest the vegetables. The Garden is located on Atlee Rd. in Mechanicsville. Items are shared with MCEF and other Mechanicsville food banks. Church and community groups as well as individuals are needed. Students in middle and high school, and even college ages are especially welcomed. Garden lessons are available for younger children. Jobs include planting and picking produce, tilling, pulling weeds, washing and weighing produce, and delivery to food banks. To schedule a time to volunteer, contact Lee Hanchey at lghanchey@gmail.com or by phone 804- 514-3020.

INFORMATION ON VACCINATIONS

The Virginia Department of Health recently released a downloadable Virginia COVID Info Toolkit with information on vaccines and the vaccine registration system. You can access the information at: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/covid-19-vaccine/patient-education/>. If you need to register for the vaccine, confirm your registration, or update your record, go to: <https://vaccinate.virginia.gov/>.

SMALL GROUPS

If you'd like to have a small group or committee meeting at the church, please check out the Small Group Meetings and Cleaning Protocols. You can contact Davina when wanting to schedule a time for your group to meet and get the latest protocols. The only areas open at this time include the Fellowship Hall, the hallway to the restrooms, and the restrooms. All other parts of the building remain 'closed' for now. There are also copies of the forms at church on the kitchen counter for you to use at your meeting along with necessary cleaning supplies. Davina will maintain the completed forms in her office. Thanks for all you do! Stay well everyone!

REBUILD! VA – SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM

All available funds for the Rebuild VA Grant Program have been exhausted at this time. They are hopeful that Congress will soon pass a stimulus package that provides additional relief to small businesses. To be notified of any additional developments, please sign up at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7TRWMD6>.

VIRGINIA RENT AND MORTGAGE RELIEF PROGRAM (RMRP)

The Virginia Rent and Mortgage Relief Program (RMRP) is designed to support and ensure housing stability across the commonwealth during the coronavirus pandemic. Depending on availability of funds and household need, the RMRP may provide financial assistance for rent payments for eligible households. This includes financial assistance for rent payments past due beginning April 1, 2020 and onward. For more information please visit: Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD): www.dhcd.virginia.gov/rmrp.

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