

*Messiah Lutheran Church
Mechanicsville, Virginia*



*June 5, 2022
Pentecost Sunday*

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. Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/MessiahMech/>

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

EASTER GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: ***He is risen, indeed! Alleluia***

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Gracious God,

C: *have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

O Living Breath of God

(ELW 407)



1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

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Music: VÄRVINDAR FRISKA, Swedish folk tune
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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: **God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Acts 2:1-21

Lector

A reading from Acts.

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true..

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:14-17

Lector

A reading from Romans.

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive a new name in our adoption: child of God.

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 14:8-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

⁸Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Ryan Radtke

HYMN OF THE DAY

Here I Am, Lord

(ELW 574)



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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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: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation. *[Brief silence]*

A: Holy Living One, Holy Moving One, burst open our locked doors, and by your Spirit drive us out into the world proclaiming your mighty deeds. Direct our words and actions, trusting the Advocate abiding in and among us. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Feed and care for creatures that remain hidden to us yet contribute to the vibrancy of your creation. Train us to interact with creation from a place of wonder, awe, and reverence. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Send your Spirit to places where language is a barrier to justice and mercy for those who seek it. Bless the work of translators, interpreters, and teachers. Promote understanding for the sake of those longing for true freedom and peace. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Comfort all who live in constant fear and any who are suffering (especially). Remind them that your Spirit has made them your children and that they are never far from your glory. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Guide all bishops, pastors, missionaries, and other ministers of the gospel
Foster our relationships with partner synods and local ministry partners, that
our visions and actions are Spirit-led. God, in your mercy,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Gather your people across regions, nations, and lands. Root our common
life in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and by your Spirit bind us
together with all the saints who have gone before us. God, in your mercy,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Heavenly Father, You have generously blessed us with families. Thank you for
your guidance and protection. As you love and care for us, may we also
always love and care for our families and keep them in our prayers. We pray
this week for the Gigante, Gilnett and Glatfelter families as well as our
Messiah family. May You keep us all from danger and sickness and guard
our hearts so that we are reminded of Your Grace. God, in your mercy,

C: *hear our prayer.*

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-
giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: *Amen.*

PEACE-IN-PLACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: *And also with you.*

***Please share signs of peace with those in your immediate vicinity only. If any
are not comfortable making physical contact during the peace, please share
peace in other ways.*

PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

**C: *Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your
peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us
through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may
be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

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.

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: 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

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.

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more.

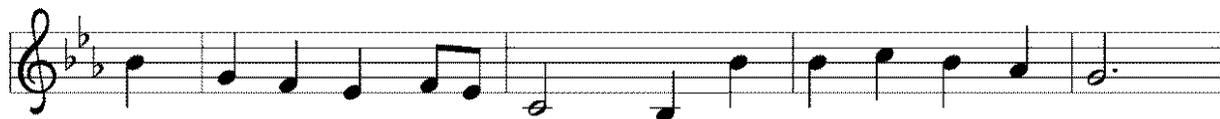
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C: *Amen*

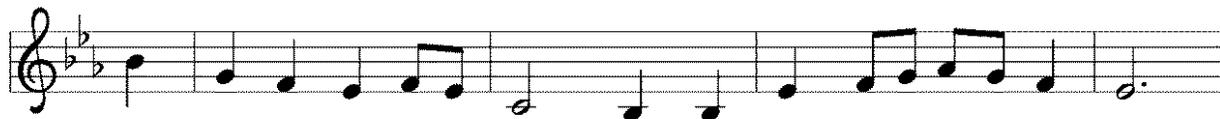
BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

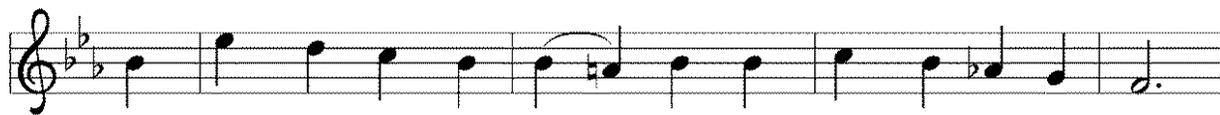
C: *Amen*



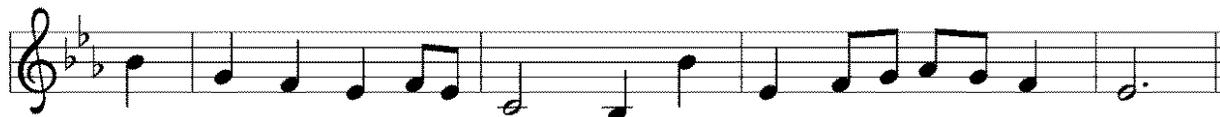
1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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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 5, 2022

Pianist: Debbie Walker
Lay Assistants: (1st Lay Asst) Gladys Hubert (2nd Lay Asst.) Marilyn Gunn
Lectors: Marilyn Gunn
Acolyte: Michael Sondor
Greeters: Sue & Steve Gilnett
Ushers: Roger Schroeder & Chris Sondor
Altar Guild: Becky Collie & Linda Mahovtas
Counters: Donna Combs & Erna Jung
Live Streamer: Heather Williams

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MESSIAH

Jun 5	Christian Formation (<i>Tattoos on the Heart</i>)	9:15 AM
	Worship Service (Messiah Lutheran)	10:45 AM
	Confirmation Youth Group	11:30 AM
Jun 8	Women’s Bible Study	6:30 PM
Jun 12	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service (Messiah Lutheran)	10:45 AM

Announcements

PASTOR RYAN’S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Ryan will be in and out of the office this week. Please call or email him to set up an appointment, at 507-360-7276 and/or messiahmechpr@gmail.com.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Here is this week’s information based on our 2022 budget.

- Contributions to the general fund averaged \$3,029.84 (down from \$3,147.69 through May 29, 2022).
- We are \$22,927.57 behind the year-to-date budget needs. (increasing from \$19,410.57)
- Weekly budget need is \$4,072.

CHURCH PICNIC – TODAY!

Following today's worship service, please stick around for the return of the annual church picnic! The church will provide hot dogs and fried chicken. Others have signed up to bring sides, salads, and desserts to share. There will also be some outdoor games and other activities. Let's kick off the summer with praise and play!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It is with great pleasure to announce that Parks and Recreation for Hanover County will be using some space at Messiah again for their summer program (fellowship hall, restrooms, and a couple of classrooms). They will be with us for 3 weeks: June 20-24, July 18-22, and July 25-29 from 7:30am-5:30pm. It is our policy to have someone from Messiah to be present during these hours. On the days that Davina is working, she fills that roll. Volunteers are needed for the times that she is not working. There are no expectations other than opening and/or closing the building if needed, and simply being in the building should something arise that would require our attention. A person who teleworks from home could even volunteer since our internet has improved significantly. A volunteer could also read a book, watch a movie, or bring a project from home. **PLEASE SEE THE SIGN-UP SHEET** on the bulletin board in the narthex for time slots. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Shaw or Pastor Ryan. Your help is truly appreciated!

MCEF NOTES

The MCEF OSS (One Stop Shop) continues to provide the necessities of food, clothing, rides and financial assistance to our neighbors in need. Summer is fast approaching and the needs continue. Please consider a Christmas in the Summer donation of nonperishable food items. Current needs include pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, hearty soups, graham crackers and boxed cereal. The clothing closet needs include men and women's new underwear (especially larger sizes). A back-to-school shopping day will be held in August for current clients. Kids school clothing and school supplies will be distributed. See narthex bulletin board for list of school items, any extra will be given to T4T (Tools for Teachers) Thank you for your continued support of these missions. ~ Gladys Hubert

VBS NIGHT FOR ALL– THE BODY OF CHRIST

Mark your calendar for July 6th when Messiah will host a night of VBS activities. This event is designed to bring our entire church family together to eat a meal, sing songs, play games and make crafts while we immerse ourselves in the truth that we ARE the body of Christ. We will need a head count to ensure that we have enough food and supplies so please call Davina at (804) 746-7134 to RSVP. If you would like to help by leading a game or a craft, please email Anita Philp at anitaphilp1961@gmail.com.

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION STUDY

This Sunday we will continue our series on the book *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Father Gregory Boyle. It tells the story of Father Boyle's work with gang populations in East Los Angeles, and it is full of powerful stories of grace, redemption, and compassion – perfect for the Easter season of resurrection. If you haven't already secured a copy, a handful are available for purchase today. We are discussing chapter 5 for today. We'll continue meeting during the month of June to finish the book, then take a break for the remainder of the summer.

NEXT PAL MEETING (June 15, 2022)

Messiah's quilting group will continue to meet during the summer. If you are unable to attend contact either Glady (814) 449-1392 or Cheryl (804) 366-0074. Decision to cancel will be made if there are only a couple attending for any of the summer dates. We will continue to put together quilt squares for tops and assemble quilts. Upcoming dates: July 6, August 3 and 17

COVID PROTOCOLS UPDATE FROM COUNCIL

The newest community levels posted by the CDC put Hanover County back in the "high" category for COVID cases once again. We have also had an upswing in the number of church members reporting that either they themselves or close family members have been testing positive. According to the protocols the Church Council set if numbers were to reach this level again, we will be requiring masks for all activities in the building. We will continue to monitor the reports and keep you all posted. Please continue to pray for those who are sick and their families, for our community, and for this latest wave to be the last.

SUMMER REGISTRATIONS

If you would still like to register for the upcoming Synod-sponsored summer events like Power in the Spirit or the in-person Synod Gathering, or if you have any questions about them, please let Pastor Ryan know.