

*Messiah Lutheran Church  
Mechanicsville, Virginia*



*June 19, 2022  
2nd 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. 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.*

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C: Amen**

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

P: Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

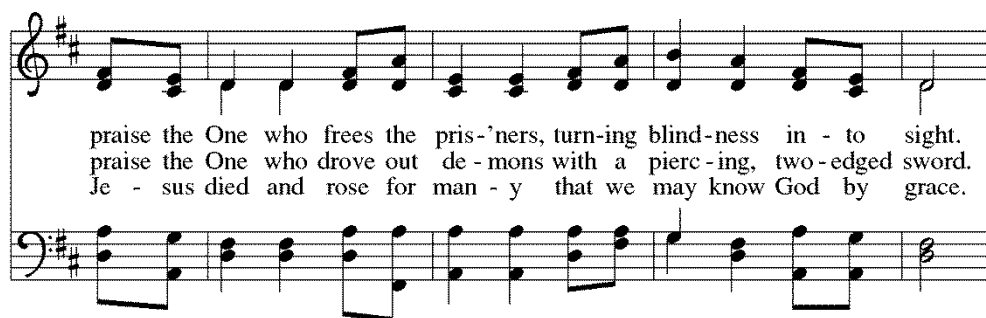
**C: Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* (ELW 843)

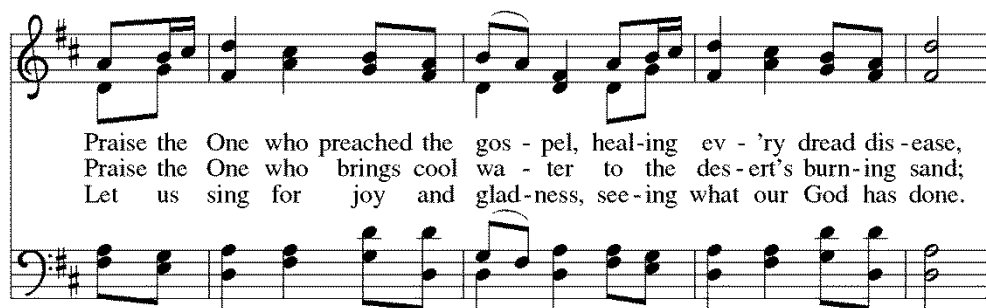
## Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



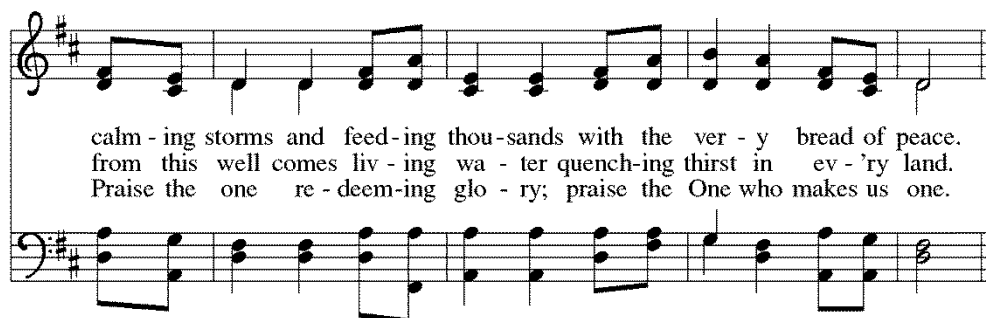
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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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: ***O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

## FIRST LESSON Isaiah 65:1-9

Lector

A reading from Isaiah.

*The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.*

<sup>1</sup>I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"  
to a nation that did not call on my name.

<sup>2</sup>I held out my hands all day long  
to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices;

<sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me  
to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens  
and offering incense on bricks;

<sup>4</sup>who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat swine's flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

<sup>5</sup>who say, "Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,  
a fire that burns all day long.

<sup>6</sup>See, it is written before me:  
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps  
<sup>7</sup>their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,  
says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains  
and reviled me on the hills,  
I will measure into their laps  
full payment for their actions.

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, "Do not destroy it,  
for there is a blessing in it,"  
so I will do for my servants' sake,  
and not destroy them all.

<sup>9</sup>I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall inherit it,  
and my servants shall settle there

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND LESSON: Galatians 3:23-29**

**Lector**

A reading from Galatians.

*For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.*

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but*

*the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.*

<sup>26</sup>Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—<sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission.

<sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

**Pastor John Wertz**

# HYMN OF THE DAY *Cast Out, O Christ* (ACS 1016)

## Cast Out, O Christ

The musical score is written in a three-system format. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the  
2 Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are  
3 Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you  
4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that  
5 So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the

de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that  
Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -  
sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you  
break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength - ened,  
de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to

choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.  
plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame.  
brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.  
home in peace to live your gos - pel call.  
sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929–2003

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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: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need. [*Brief silence*]

A: Holy God, you hear the cries of those who seek you. Equip your church with evangelists who reveal the continuous call of your outstretched hands and your promises of a home in you. God of grace,

**C: *hear our prayer.***

A: You hear the cries of the earth. Restore places where land, air, and waterways have been harmed. Guide us to develop and implement sources of energy and food production that do not destroy the earth. God of grace,

**C: *hear our prayer.***

A: You hear the cries of those who are marginalized or cast out. On this Juneteenth observance, guide us continually toward the end of oppression in all its forms, especially white supremacy. Bring true freedom and human flourishing to all your beloved children. God of grace,

**C: *hear our prayer.***

A: You hear the cries of those who suffer. Come to the aid of all who are homeless, naked, hungry, and sick (*especially*). Bring peace to any experiencing mental illness, that they can clearly recognize your loving presence. God of grace,

**C: *hear our prayer.***

A: You hear the cries of those who celebrate and those who grieve on this Father's Day. Nurture mutual love and tender care in all relationships. Comfort those for whom this day brings sadness or longing. God of grace,

**C: *hear our prayer.***

A: We give thanks for the faithful departed whose lives proclaimed all you had done for them (*especially*). At the last, unite us with them as we make our home in you. God of grace,

**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 Gustafson, Habron and Harris 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 of grace,

**C: *hear our prayer.***

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

**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.*

### **THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A: Let us pray.

**C: *God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. 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:

**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 God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

P: We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: *Christ has died.***  
***Christ has risen.***  
***Christ will come again.***

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C: *Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.***

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C: *Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.***

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he

comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

**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.

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**C: Amen**

#### **BLESSING**

P: The God of peace, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**C: Amen**

**SENDING SONG *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* (ELW 860)**

**I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me**



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing-ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

**DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – SUNDAY, June 19, 2022**

- Pianist: Debbie Walker
- Lay Assistants: (1st Lay Asst) Karen Morris (2nd Lay Asst.) Roberta McMillen
- Lectors: Roberta McMillen
- Acolyte: Abby Schroeder
- Greeters: Jean Martin
- Ushers: Roger Schroeder & Bill Weaver
- Altar Guild: Becky Collie & Linda Mahovtas
- Counters: Becky Collie & Leroy Deere
- Live Streamer: Heather Williams

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### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR MESSIAH**

Jun 15-22	Pastor on Vacation	
Jun 19	HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	
	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service (Messiah Lutheran)	10:45 AM
June 20	FUNdraising for MCEF at Chicken Salad Chick	10 AM – 8 PM
Jun 20-24	Hanover Parks and Recs Youth Camp	7:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Jun 26	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service (Messiah Lutheran)	10:45 AM
	Worship Team Meeting (after service)	11:30 AM

## *Announcements*

### **PASTOR RYAN ON VACATION THIS WEEK**

Pastor Ryan will be out of the office most of this week, visiting family back in Wisconsin. Please extend a warm welcome to Pastor John Wertz, Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission in the Virginia Synod, who will be leading worship today. To set up an appointment with Pastor Ryan when he gets back call or email 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 \$3,337.58 (up from \$3,147.69 through June 5, 2022).
- We are \$16,891.57 behind the year-to-date budget needs. (decreasing from \$22,927.57)
- Weekly budget need is \$4,072.

### **LETTER JOCKEY REMINDER**

The Letter Jockey sign-up sheet is located in the narthex on the bulletin board. There are suggestions for the sign and letters in the tall cabinet in the fellowship hall. Please take a picture after you change the sign and send it to Donna Shaw at dmshaw70@gmail.com. If you have any questions please call Linda Mahovtas 804.387.5674.

### **FUNdraising FOR MCEF AT CHICKEN SALAD CHICK (6/20/22)**

When: Third Monday of each month from 10 a.m. — 8 p.m.  
Where: Chicken Salad Chick (to the left of Publix)  
What: Applies to all orders (eat in, carry out, or drive thru) The menu is available at [www.chickensaladchick.com](http://www.chickensaladchick.com).  
How: Mention MCEF when you place your order and 10% of your purchase will be donated to support MCEF's ministries right here in Mechanicsville.

## **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!

## **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**

We will continue our series on the book *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Father Gregory Boyle next week, and we'll continue meeting for a few weeks this summer to complete our discussion of the book. We are discussing chapter 7 for June 26th.

## **COVID PROTOCOLS UPDATE FROM COUNCIL**

The newest community levels posted by the CDC put Hanover County back in the "high" category for COVID cases. A number of church members or their family members are recovering from positive cases from this most recent wave. 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. Once we go back to medium we'll be back to masks encouraged; once we are two weeks in the low range we'll pick up where we left off at Easter. 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.