

*Messiah Lutheran Church  
Mechanicsville, Virginia*



*July 10, 2022  
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. Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/MessiahMech/>

## MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*\*Congregation please stand if able*

### 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,

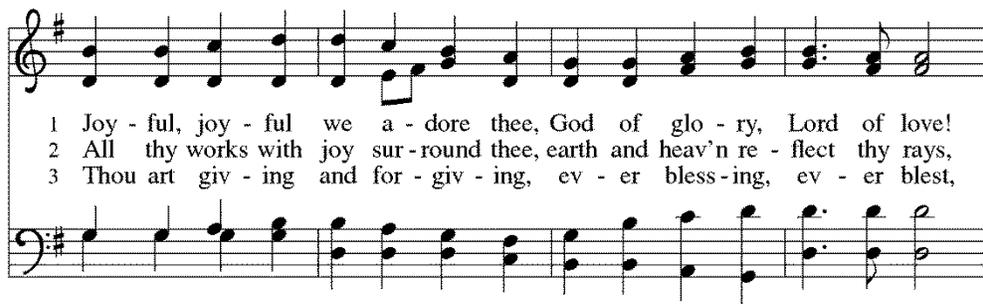
C: ***we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves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

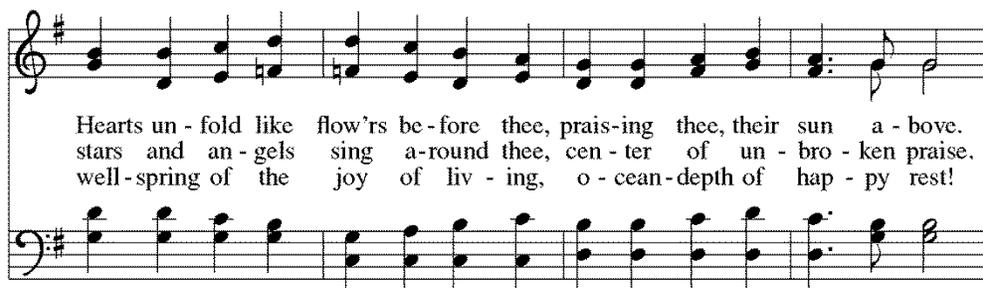
C: **Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* (ELW 836)

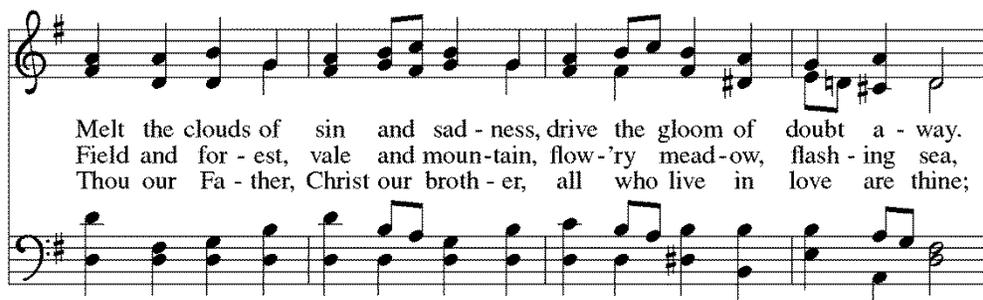
## Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922  
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

### 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, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Lector

A reading from Deuteronomy.

*Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.*

<sup>9</sup>The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup>when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>11</sup>Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup>It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>13</sup>Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>14</sup>No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND LESSON: Colossians 1:1-14

Lector

A reading from Colossians.

*The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. <sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from

Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

*Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.*

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

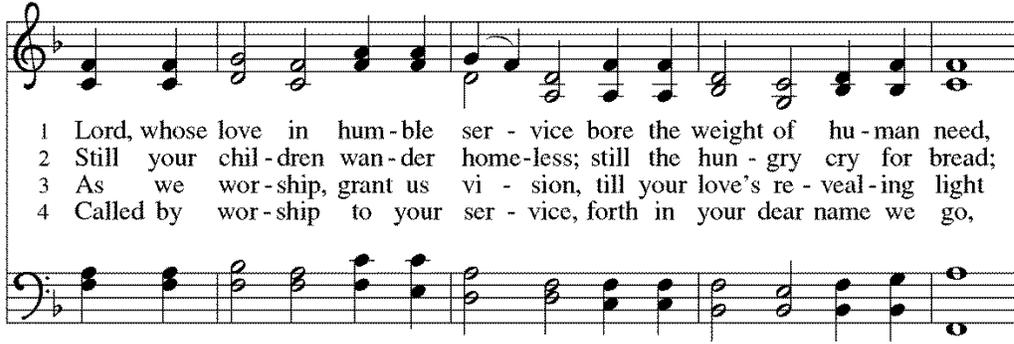
## CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

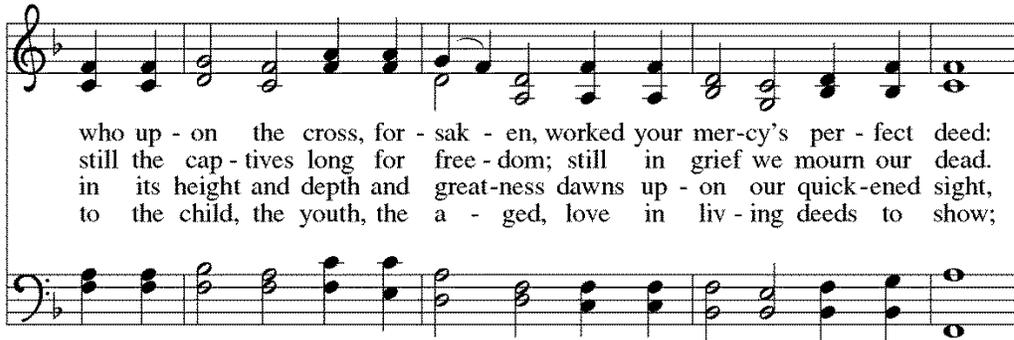
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HYMN OF THE Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

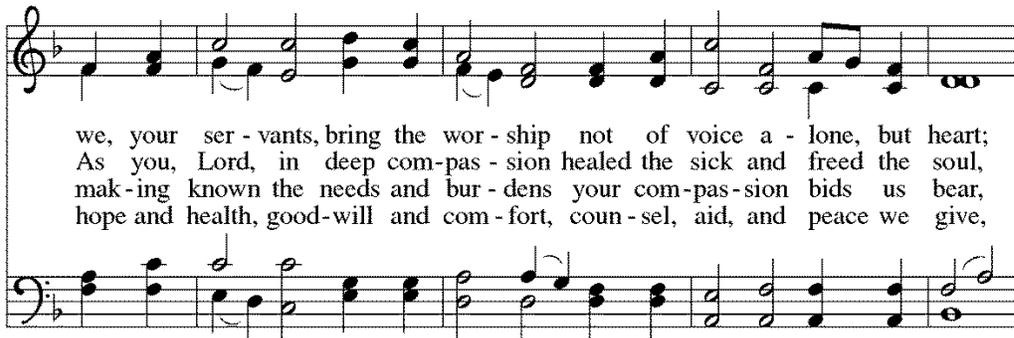
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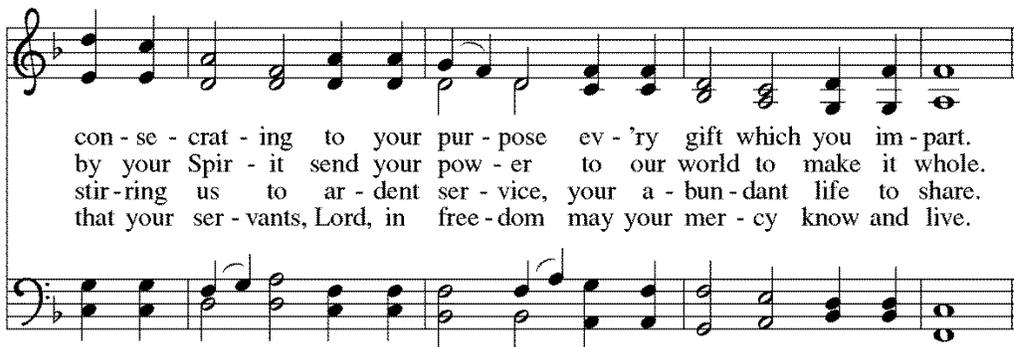
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,  
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light  
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:  
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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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: Good and gracious God, you have placed your word of love in the heart of your church. Fill your church with compassion, that we bear the fruit of your healing mercy to a broken world. God of grace,

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

A: You created the earth with seeds sprouting up to new life. We pray for the flourishing of fruit trees and orchards, vines and bushes. Prosper the work of those who plant, tend, harvest, and gather. God of grace,

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

A: Show us your ways and teach us your paths of justice and love. Raise up community and national leaders to challenge and dismantle societal structures that perpetuate ethnic, racial, and religious profiling and discrimination. God of grace,

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

A: Come near to all in need. Orchestrate kindness in the face of cruelty, hope where there is despair, love in the face of neglect, comfort where there is death, and healing in illness (*especially*). God of grace,

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

A: Turn this community toward neighbors in need. Bring aid and support to those who are poor, beaten down, abused, forgotten, silenced, or avoided. God of grace,

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

A: We give thanks for the saints who revealed your love and mercy in this life. Inspired by their witness, strengthen us to live in hope. 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 Laveck and Mahovtas 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, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

P: The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**C: *We praise you, O God.***

P: Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**C: *We bless you, O God.***

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**C: *We thank you, O God.***

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**C: *Christ has died.***

***Christ has risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

P: Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**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**

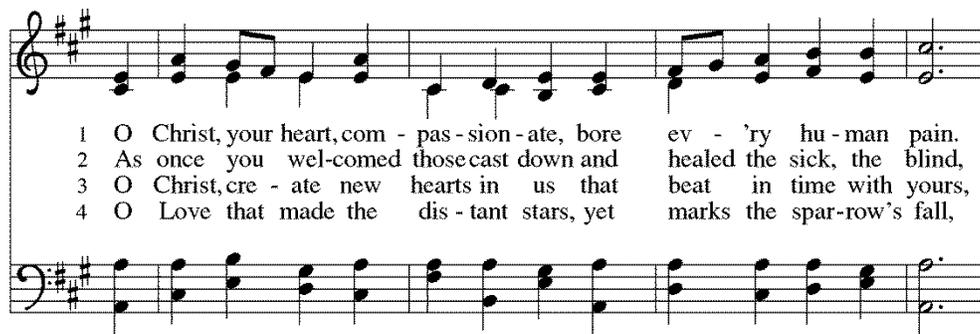
#### **BLESSING**

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.

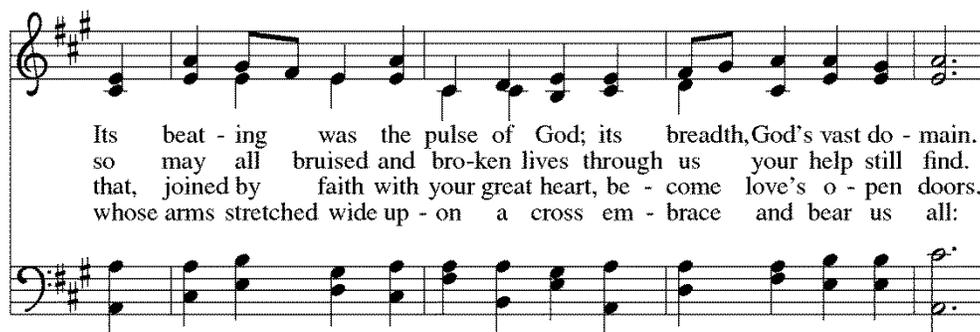
**C: Amen**

# SENDING SONG O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate (ELW 722)

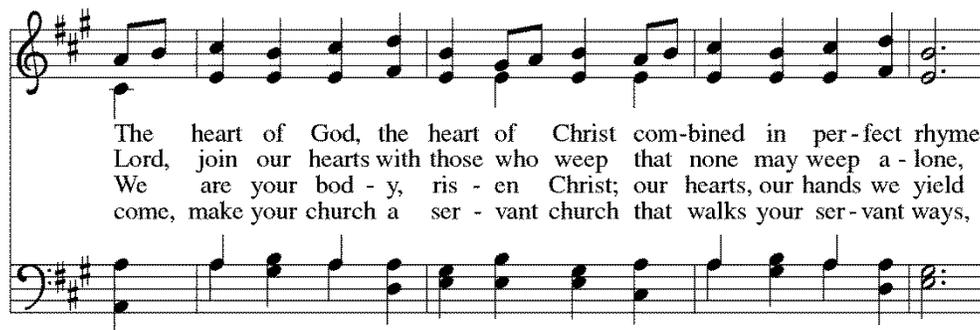
## O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



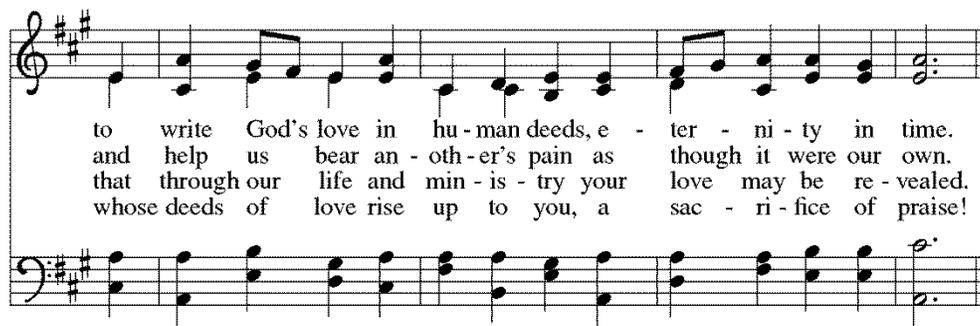
1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.  
2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,  
3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,  
4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.  
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.  
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.  
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme  
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,  
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield  
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.  
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.  
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.  
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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**DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – SUNDAY, July 10, 2022**

- Pianist: Debbie Walker
- Lay Assistants: (1st Lay Asst) Lois Schroeder (2nd Lay Asst.) Donna Combs
- Lectors: Will Radtke
- Acolyte: Anna Radtke
- Greeters: Sally Bennett
- Ushers: Bill Weaver & Gordon Gunn
- Altar Guild: Dianne Absher & Anita Philp
- Counters: Marilyn & Gordon Gunn
- Live Streamer: Teresa Gigante

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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR MESSIAH**

July 10	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service (Messiah Lutheran)	10:45 AM
July 17-23	Pastor Away for Continuing Education	
July 17	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service (Messiah Lutheran)	10:45 AM
July 18-22	Hanover Parks & Recs (Youth Summer Camp)	7:30 am – 5:30 pm

*Announcements*

**PASTOR RYAN'S OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor Ryan will be in and out of the office this week and will be heading out Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> on his way to Lutherock camp in NC for some continuing education time. Please welcome Pastor Sarah Derrick who will be preaching and presiding on the 17<sup>th</sup>. To set up an appointment with Pastor Ryan please 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 \$3,230.79 (up from \$3,207.71 through July 3, 2022).
- We are \$22,712.57 behind the year-to-date budget needs. (increasing from \$22,471.57)
- Weekly budget need is \$4,072.

## **THANK YOU!**

A giant thank-you to everyone who made our Body of Christ VBS Night happen! Thank you to the kitchen crew for the marvelous meal, the fabulous folks who led our activities, our set-up and clean-up crews for their quick work. We learned that each of us is a loved, needed, and important part of Messiah Lutheran and God's family. We hope you enjoy the body of Christ on the wall by the choir loft – each body in the body is decorated with the gifts God gave the person who decorated it! A final thank-you to everyone who attended – *and participated!* – of all ages! Stay tuned for future events, and if you'd like to help plan them contact Anita Philp or Pastor Ryan!

## **WE'RE ORDERING MLC T-SHIRTS!**

The Evangelism Team is excited to announce that we're ordering Royal Blue Messiah T-shirts with a new logo in time for Rally Day. We need your help to know how many of which sizes to order. You can order in 1 of 3 ways:

- Sign up on the order form in the narthex on the bulletin board. Put your name, size, and number of shirts.
- Call/email Davina at the church office and give her your name and the size of shirt along with the number of each size that you need.
- Respond to a recently sent email from Donna Shaw with your name and the size along with the number of each size that you need.
- The cost to you will be the cost of the shirt itself (TBD).
- The deadline to place an order will be July 31, 2022.
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Please contact Donna Shaw with any questions. Thank you for your quick response and support!

## **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.

### **ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION STUDY**

We will conclude our series on the book *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Father Gregory Boyle this week, discussing chapter 9. Thanks to everyone for the wonderful conversations. This book works its way into your heart and soul, so if you have further reflections to share, Pastor Ryan would love to hear them!

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Parks and Recreation department for Hanover County will continue using some space at Messiah for their summer program (fellowship hall, restrooms, and a couple of classrooms). They will be with us two more weeks: 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!

### **NEXT PAL MEETING (August 3, 2022)**

Messiah's quilting group will continue to meet during the summer. If you are unable to attend contact either Gladys (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: August 3 and 17.

### **COVID PROTOCOLS UPDATE FROM COUNCIL**

The newest community levels posted by the CDC have Hanover County still in the "high" category for COVID cases. 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 drop down to and stay in "Medium" for two weeks, we'll go back to masks encouraged; two weeks in the low range and we'll lift restrictions and recommendations. 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.