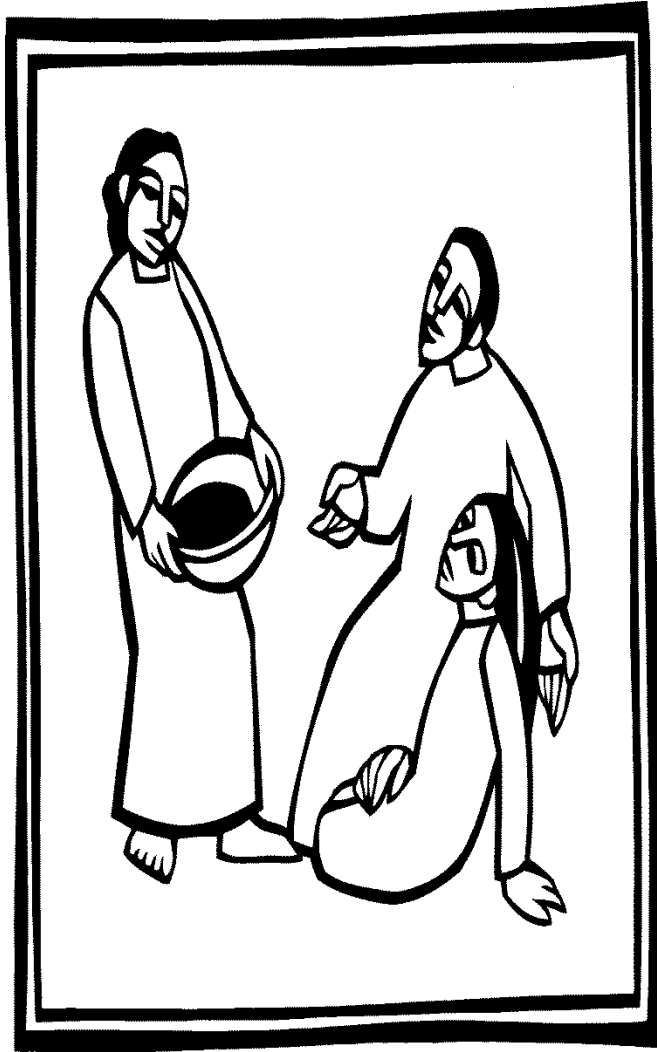


*Messiah Lutheran Church
Mechanicsville, Virginia*



*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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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2022

**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 *Dearest Jesus, at Your Word* (ELW 520)

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word



1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
Music: LIEBSEER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

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: ***Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 18:1-10a

Lector

A reading from Genesis.

The LORD visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a}Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 1:15-28

Lector

A reading from Colossians.

This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

¹⁵[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from

the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

³⁸Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Sarah Derrick

HYMN OF THE DAY *Be Thou My Vision* (ELW 793)

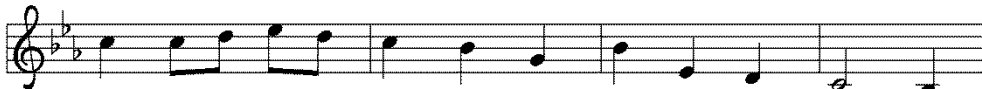
Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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: Ever-present God, in Christ you fill all things. As your church gathers to hear your word, share your meal, and receive your blessing, teach us to welcome strangers as we have been welcomed by you. God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Through Christ you created all things, visible and invisible. Teach humankind to honor and protect all creation, including living things that remain hidden from our eyes such as air, atmosphere, molecules, and microscopic creatures. God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Through Christ you reconcile all things. Motivate those in power to end enslavement, dehumanization, or brutality of any kind and to protect and improve the lives of Indigenous peoples. God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Through Christ you bring peace. Assure all who are worried and distracted by many things of your constant presence. Soothe those suffering in mind, body, or spirit. Sustain all who are afflicted and those who serve as caregivers (*especially*). God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: In Christ you make your word fully known. Inspire Messiah Lutheran Church to abide fully in your word as we sit at the feet of Jesus. Bless the ministry of teachers and Bible study leaders. God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: In Christ you brought forth the firstborn from the dead. We give thanks for the saints you have gathered at your table. Gather us with them in your eternal glory. 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 Major and Martin 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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. 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 We Give Thee but Thine Own (ELW 686)

We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – SUNDAY, July 17, 2022

- Pianist: Debbie Walker
- Lay Assistants: (1st Lay Asst) Dianne Absher (2nd Lay Asst.) Karen Morris
- Lectors: Susie Weaver
- Acolyte: Max Williams
- Greeters: Gladys Hubert
- Ushers: Daren Williams & Max Williams
- Altar Guild: Dianne Absher & Anita Philp
- Counters: Becky Collie & Leroy Deere
- Live Streamer: Valerie Williams



Altar Flowers:



Given by Jean Martin in memory of Dawn Martin's birthday.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MESSIAH

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
July 24	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service (Messiah Lutheran)	10:45 AM
July 25-29	Hanover Parks & Recs (Youth Summer Camp)	7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Announcements

PASTOR RYAN'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Ryan at Lutherock camp in NC for some continuing education time. Please welcome Pastor Sarah Derrick who will be preaching and presiding today! 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 \$3,176.84 (down from \$3,230.79 through July 10, 2022).
- We are \$22,712.57 behind the year-to-date budget needs. (increasing from \$22,712.57)
- Weekly budget need is \$4,072.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and love this week while covid made its way through our house. Thank you to Pastor Jim Berg for stepping in to lead worship last week, and to the Williams family for covering our worship duties. Our prayers go out to everyone who is in the midst of this disease, or still handling the long-term effects.

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.

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 dmslaw70@gmail.com. If you have any questions please call Linda Mahovtas 804.387.5674.

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION STUDY

We will try again to conclude our series on the book *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Father Gregory Boyle next week, the 24th, 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!

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 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: August 3 and 17.

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: **this week** 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!

COVID PROTOCOLS UPDATE FROM COUNCIL

The community levels posted by the CDC have finally put Hanover County back down to the "medium" category for COVID cases. A number of church members or their family members are recovering from positive cases from this most recent wave. We've only been in "medium" for one week, so 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. One more week at medium and we'll be back to masks encouraged; two weeks in the low range and we'll lift restrictions. 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.