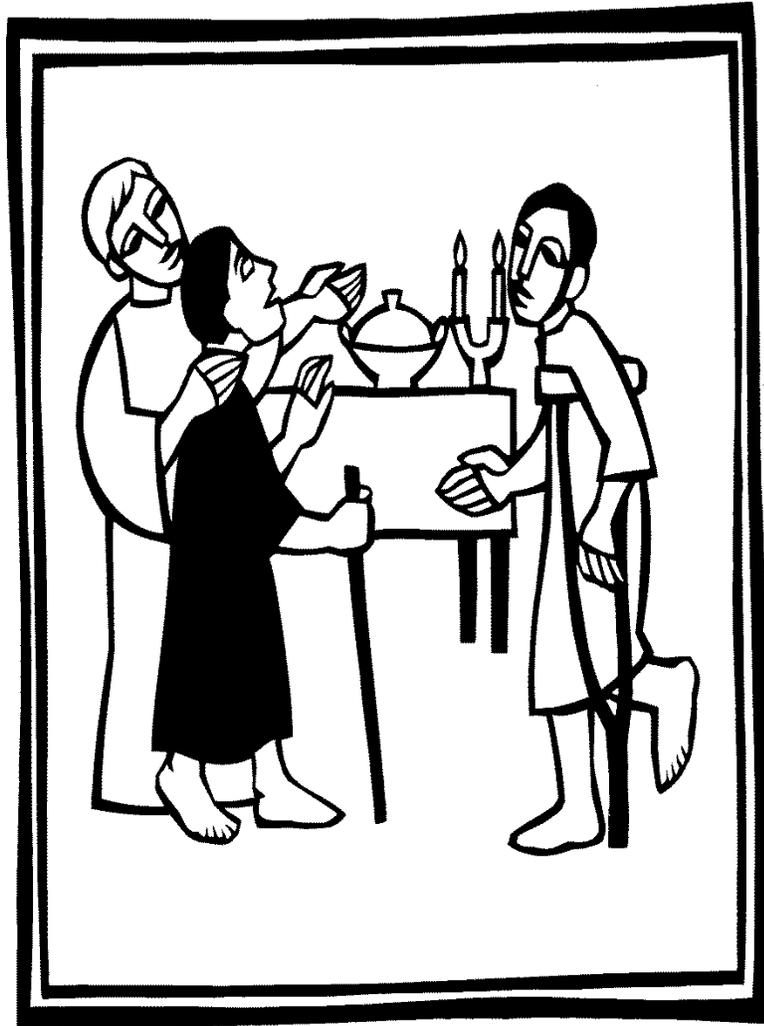


*Messiah Lutheran Church  
Mechanicsville, Virginia*



*August 28, 2022*

*Twelfth 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.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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 Now We Join in Celebration (ELW 462)**

## Now We Join in Celebration



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.  
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990

Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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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 God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

## FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 25:6-7

Lector

A reading from Proverbs.

*The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.*

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great;  
<sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Lector

A reading from Hebrews.

*The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

*Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.*

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Ryan Radtke**

**\* HYMN OF THE DAY LET US GO NOW TO THE BANQUET**

**(ELW 523)**

## Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

### *Vamos todos al banquete*



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la  
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -  
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



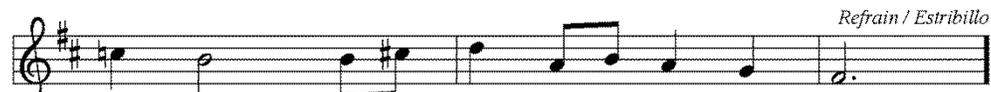
re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.  
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -  
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -  
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the  
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la  
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm  
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be  
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.  
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.  
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.  
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

2 Dios invita a todos los pobres a esta mesa común por la fe,  
donde no hay acaparadores  
y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo

3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo  
una mesa donde haya igualdad,  
trabajando y luchando juntos,  
compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

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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: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer. *[Brief silence]*

A: For the church and its leaders, we pray. Uphold all deacons, pastors, and bishops who serve and teach your people. Awaken in your church a spirit of invitation that reaches ever outward. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: For the well-being of creation and its inhabitants, we pray. Stir in us reverent awe for the beauty of the natural world, for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, forests and deserts. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: For the nations and peoples of the world, we pray. Sustain the efforts of those who pursue justice and equity for all. Defend and accompany all immigrants and refugees and all who are persecuted for their ethnic origin or religious beliefs. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we pray. Be present with those who live in isolation or fear, especially those who are incarcerated or detained. Comfort all who are sick or grieving (*especially*). Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: For this congregation and its ministries, we pray. Prepare children, teachers, and youth ministry directors for a new year of learning. Embolden our witness to invite others to the table. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: For all the saints who confessed God's name, we give thanks. May we cling to the promise of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Merciful God,

**C: receive 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 Sondor, Starrett and Terry 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. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**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.

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.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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**

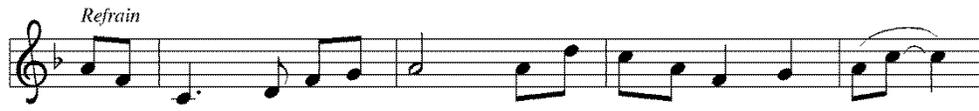
#### **\*BLESSING**

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 SENDING SONG I Received the Living God (ELW 477)**

**I Received the Living God**



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



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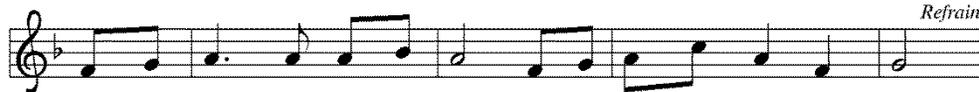


1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;

2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;

3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.

4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.  
 so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.  
 You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.  
 but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

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 Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

**\*DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – SUNDAY, August 28, 2022**

- Pianist: Sandy Dacus
- Lay Assistants: (1st Lay Asst) Anita Philp (2nd Lay Asst.) Dianne Absher
- Lectors: Dianne Absher
- Acolyte: Kate Radtke
- Greeters: Dianne Absher
- Ushers: Gordon Gunn & Roger Schroeder
- Altar Guild: Donna Combs and Marilyn Gunn
- Counters: Donna Combs & Erna Jung
- Live Streamer: Donna Shaw

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### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR MESSIAH**

Aug 28	Worship Service (Messiah Lutheran)	10:45 AM
Sep 5	Labor Day (Office Closed)	
Sep 7	PAL Meeting	9 AM – 12 PM
Sep 11	Rally Day	
	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. To set up an appointment with Pastor Ryan please call or email at 507-360-7276 and/or [messiahmechpr@gmail.com](mailto:messiahmechpr@gmail.com).

### **WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE**

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

- Contributions to the general fund averaged \$3,229.08 (down from \$3,358.06 through August 21, 2022).
- We are \$28,659.22 behind the year-to-date budget needs. (increasing from \$26,918.22)
- Weekly budget need is \$4,072.

### **MIDWEEK MESSAGES**

Please stay tuned to your emails, or keep a tab open for Messiah's website or Facebook page, to check in for weekly midweek messages from Pastor Ryan for the rest of the summer. He will be sharing some reflections from the book *Betrayal: German Churches and the Holocaust* as a framework to discuss a recent upswing of conversation in the public square around the idea of "Christian Nationalism."

### **MORE HANDS MAKE LESS WORK**

To get ready for Rally Day, we're going to clean! This Thursday, September 1, members of the Evangelism Team will begin to clean the church for Rally Day. Please feel free to come anytime during the day to give a hand. If that day doesn't work for you, there will be a list of tasks on the bulletin board that you can choose to do at a time that fits your schedule. Just make sure to check the task(s) off the list when you're done! Watch for a reminder email on Monday that will provide more details along with the tasks to be accomplished. Any and all hands are welcome!

### **BIBLE STUDY: WOMEN IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**

Join Pastor Kelly Bayer Derrick on Zoom for a Bible study, for five Tuesdays: September 6-October 4, 7:00-8:15 pm. The Gospel of John is filled with stories of Jesus' encounters with women – Mary, the Mother of Jesus; Martha of Bethany; the Samaritan woman at the well; Mary Magdalene; and many others. From these experiences, we learn much about Jesus (Martha tells us he is "the Messiah, the Son of God"! ) and much about how Jesus calls us all to follow, to witness, and to lead (Mary Magdalene is the first to proclaim: "I have seen the Lord!"). Expanded from Pastor Kelly's Power in the Spirit Workshop, this study invites participants to dig deeper.

Participants are welcome to attend just one session or all five. Go to [vasynod.org](http://vasynod.org) and look for "Upcoming Events" to register.

### **A SIMPLE WAY TO EVANGELIZE**

LIKE, LOVE, SHARE Messiah's Facebook or Instagram posts! It's that simple. Every day there are posts made to our Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com/MessiahMech/>, that include a post on that day's liturgical reading along with a Christian inspiration post that is also posted to our Instagram Page, <https://www.instagram.com/messiahmech/>. LIKE, LOVE, SHARE. Evangelism can be that simple.

### **MCEF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

MCEF needs Volunteers to help seniors in Mechanicsville: MCEF needs volunteer ride coordinators and drivers for seniors and disabled persons who can no longer drive themselves. MCEF's Senior Rides program helps our seniors and disabled stay in their homes by giving rides to medical appointments, to the grocery store or to do personal business. Ride coordinators schedule the rides and inform the drivers of the needed rides. Volunteer drivers use their own vehicles and choose the rides to fit their schedule. Drivers are reimbursed \$.50 per mile to offset the cost of gas. If you can share a few hours each month and have a desire to help our seniors please contact MCEF Senior Rides at (804) 357-9360, or by email at: <<mailto:Office@4mcef.com>> [Office@4mcef.com](mailto:Office@4mcef.com).