

*Messiah Lutheran Church
Mechanicsville, Virginia*



*June 1, 2025
Seventh Sunday of Easter*

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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7th Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available upon request.

** Please stand as you are able **

Welcome visitors! May the Spirit of Christ fill your heart as we worship today. You are invited to make Messiah your church home.

EASTER GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: **Amen.**

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

A brief silence is kept for reflection.

P: To you, O God,

C: ***all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

P: By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of † Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

C: **Amen.**



***GATHERING SONG – One Bread, One Body**

ELW 496

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,



2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,



3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,



Refrain
wom - an or man, no more.



one in the Lord of all.



gath - ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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***THE GREETING**

(ELW p. 203)

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.*

KYRIE

Leader or All



Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.
O Lord, have . . . mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy.

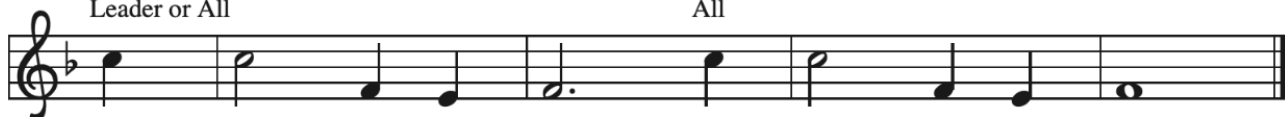
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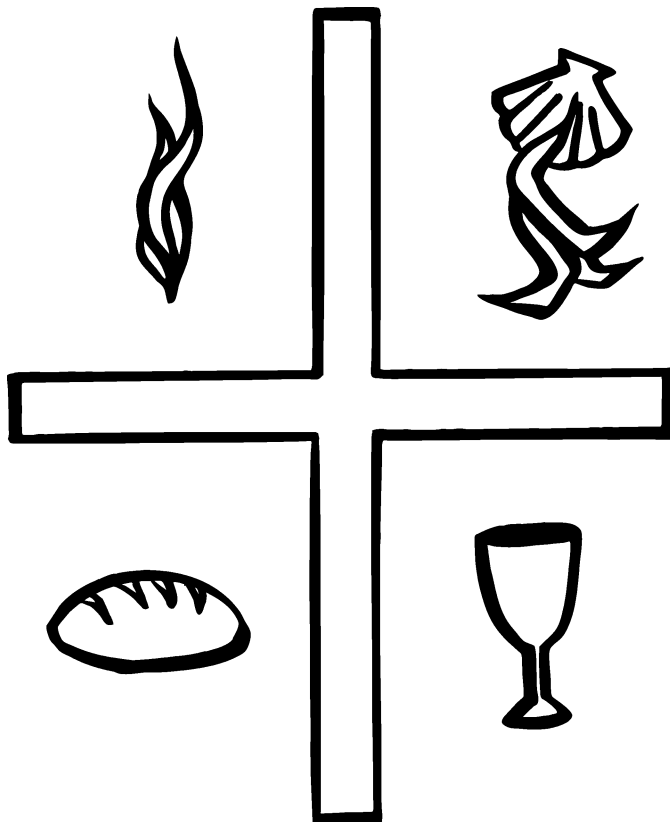
Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.
O Lord, have . . . mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy.

Leader or All

All



Se - ñor, ten pie - dad. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad.
Have mer - cy, O Lord. Have mer - cy, O Lord.



CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!
 1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre! ¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre!
 To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! To God be glo-ry for - ev - er!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

2 Glory to God,
 glory to God,
 glory to Christ Jesus!

2 ¡Gloria a Dios,
 gloria a Dios,
 gloria a Jesucristo!

3 Glory to God,
 glory to God,
 glory to the Spirit!

3 ¡Gloria a Dios,
 gloria a Dios,
 gloria al Espíritu!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray:

C: O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34

Lector

Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

A reading from Acts.

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought

them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-21

Lector

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

A reading from Revelation.

¹² "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶ "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; ¹⁹ if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris' n in - deed.

*GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰ "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY – When Our Song Says Peace**

ELW 709



1 When our song says peace and the world says war, we will
 2 When our song says free and the world says bound, we will
 3 When our song says home and the world says lost, we will



sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
 sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
 sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,



who breaks the spear and sword and stills the storm of war.
 who o - pens pris - on doors and sets the cap - tives free.
 who brings us home at last, and gives a song to all.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: JENKINS, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

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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 OF INTERCESSION**

A: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A: Welcoming God, you invite all people to come and encounter your love. Give your church open hearts and minds to embrace all who seek your presence. Increase the capacity for cooperation between denominations and congregations. Hear us, O God.

C: *Your mercy is great.*

A: Creating God, your might is seen in storms and in silence. Where drought threatens, bring rain. Where waters flood, ease them back. Where fire, earthquake, hurricane, or tornado destroy, shelter your people and restore your land. Hear us, O God.

C: *Your mercy is great.*

A: Discerning God, fill the hearts of leaders with your passion for justice and mercy. Call the nations of this world to tables of peace and collaboration. Encourage governments to seek avenues of collective benefit and joy. Hear us, O God.

C: *Your mercy is great.*

A: Abiding God, all people are held in your care. Accompany survivors of abuse, trauma, and exploitation. Strengthen our resolve to listen and advocate on behalf of all who are unnoticed. Hear our prayers for those close to our heart (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: *Your mercy is great.*

A: Rejoicing God, be with this congregation as summer begins in the northern hemisphere. Keep travelers safe. Keep the vulnerable cool. Invigorate summer ministry efforts in our community, and support the well-being of children and young people. Hear us, O God.

C: *Your mercy is great.*

A: Loving God, the beginning and the end, you are with us throughout our lives. In gratitude for the saints who have died, we look toward your coming again among us. Hear us, O God.

C: *Your mercy is great.*

A: Gracious God, you created us to live in community. Bless our families, in all their shapes and sizes. Sustain and strengthen all our communal connections. We especially pray this week for the Combs, Cramer, and Deere families, as well as our Messiah family. Grant all help where needed, and foster love and appreciation. Hear us, O God.

C: *Your mercy is great.*

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: **Amen.**

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

***OFFERING SONG – Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

ELW 184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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***OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray:

C: **Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(ELW p. 206)

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 our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

(ELW p. 208)

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

COMMUNION SONG – Lamb of God

(ELW p. 208)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

***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**



***SONG AFTER COMMUNION – Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise**

ELW 207



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

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***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C: Amen

***BLESSING**

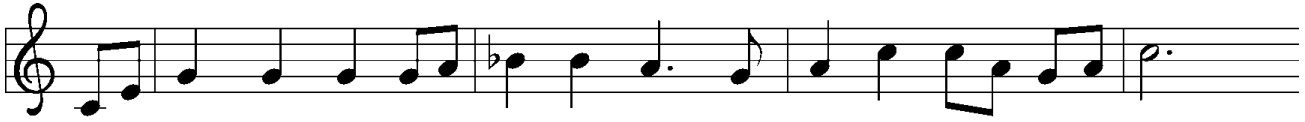
P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C: Amen

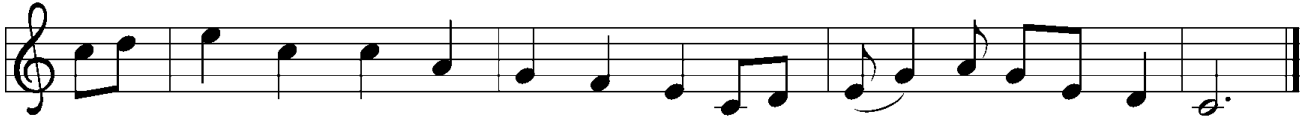


***SENDING SONG – In Christ There Is No East or West**

ELW 650



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

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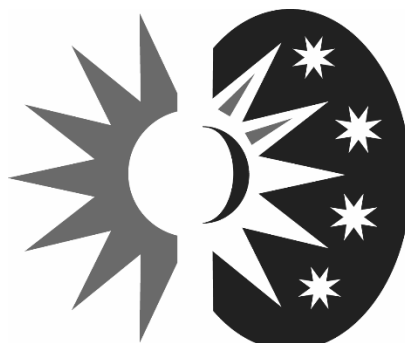
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Lay Assistants: (1st Lay Asst.) Glady Hubert (2nd Lay Asst.) Nancy Berg
Lector: Becky Collie
Acolyte: Dean Anderson
Greeter: Marilyn Gunn
Ushers: Bill Weaver & Gordon Gunn
Altar Guild: Becky Collie & Linda Mahovtas
Counters: Donna Combs & Erna Jung
Live Streamer: James Anderson

Altar Flowers: Given by Chris and Diana Sondor
Congratulatlons 2025 Graduates!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MESSIAH

June 1	Worship Service	10:45 AM
	Quilt Tying	
June 4	PAL Quilt Group	9:00 AM
June 8	Worship Service	10:45 AM
	Graduate Recognition Sunday	
June 11	Women’s Bible Study	6:30 PM
June 12	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
June 12-15	Synod Assembly	
June 15	Worship Service (no Communion)	10:45 AM
	Father’s Day	
	Manna Sunday	
June 17	Messiah Church Council Meeting	6:15 PM
June 18	PAL Quilt Group	9:00 AM
June 19	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
June 22	Worship Service	10:45 AM
June 25	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
June 26	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
June 29	Worship Service	10:45 AM

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Announcements

PASTOR RYAN'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Ryan will be in and out of the office this week, but especially aims to be in on Friday. As always, to set up an appointment with Pastor Ryan, please call or email at 507-360-7276 and/or messiahmechpr@gmail.com.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Numbers For the 21st Sunday of 2025:

- Average Contributions to current were \$3,947.47
- Contributions for current May 25th were \$967
- The YTD total contribution to current is \$82,896.77
- For comparison, current YTD 2024 was \$80,458.85
- Designated giving for the 21st Sunday was \$0

ALTAR GUILD – NEW MEMBERS NEEDED!

Altar guild needs new members! Anyone can help - the more people we have the less of a time commitment it is. Many hands make light work. Contact Lorrie Albertson if you can help.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study groups will meet for an end of the season celebration potluck at 6:30 on June 11th in the church fellowship hall. We hope all of you will come!

THANK YOU!

Many, many thanks to everyone who made last week's Mortgage Burning Celebration such a wonderful success! Thanks to Becky and Marilyn for organizing the meal, and to everyone who brought dishes to share. Thanks to Daren and Valerie for bringing the fire pit and guiding the roasting of things. Thanks to Bishop Milton for joining us for worship and fellowship, and for sharing the Word with us. Thanks to Donna Shaw and everyone who took pictures for helping us preserve a record of the day and to share it online. Thank you to all the councils and leaders and property caretakers over the years and decades who were good stewards of Messiah, our building, and all our resources. And thank you to the generous members of Messiah Lutheran who kept giving patiently and consistently over the course of almost thirty years of refinancing and extending for us to finally reach this milestone. Thanks be to God for being faithful to us, and may God guide us into the future as we keep loving and serving one another and our communities and beyond!

BIBLE TRANSLATION UPDATE

Beginning in July, our Bible readings will change from the NRSV translation (New Revised Standard Version) to the NRSVue (NRSV updated edition). All publishers of the NRSV (including our own Augsburg Fortress) are required to make the change. The NRSVue reflects discoveries of ancient texts and new insights made in the 30 years since the NRSV was last revised. Some revisions may be more noticeable than others, but the gospel is the same. For more information, please visit <https://www.friendshippress.org/pages/nrsvue-quick-faq> and scroll to the bottom of the page.

Y.O.U.T.H. IN ACTION (YOUTHFUL OUTREACH TO UPLIFT AND THRIVE IN HOLINESS)

Summer Break is upon us! The youth group will continue to hold monthly events throughout the summer. Dates and details will be announced shortly and communicated via email and Sunday bulletins. If you would like to be added to the email list, contact Tracey Anderson at tander1021@yahoo.com. In the meantime, mark your calendars for Messiah's VBS on August 3rd after worship!

YOUTH CHOIR

Youth Choir will be practicing today on our song for Pentecost – we'll meet in the large Sunday School room.

SUPPORT OUR GRADUATES

A new service group has been created at MLC – the Graduation Quilt Project Group. We will be making quilts for high school seniors. This year the presentation and Graduate Recognition Sunday is June 8. Since the quilt is a gift from the congregation, you will be given the opportunity to help tie the quilt on Sunday, June 1. Questions? See Pastor Ryan.

SAVE THE DATE 8/3/25 FOR VBS EVENT

This is the announcement you've been waiting for and didn't know it! Messiah's 4th annual Intergenerational VBS Event will be held on Sunday August 3rd, 2025 to coincide with First Sunday Fellowship, which you were already planning to attend!!! As always, we encourage participation from all of God's children from the youngest among us to those with the most life experience! When the date draws nearer, we will ask for RSVPs to prepare adequately. Stay tuned for theme information and opportunities to participate with implementation!

SAVE THE DATE FOR POWER IN THE SPIRIT

Power in the Spirit will be July 17-19 at Roanoke College, with the theme "Wings of Hope," based on Isaiah 40:31 and the director of Lutheran Disaster Response as the keynote speaker. Please visit vasynod.org/power-in-the-spirit for more information.

FYI - MAY IS BRAIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Dear Messiah Family,

Here is the most recent information about our grandson. James had an MRI after his 30 radiation treatments in early March. The results showed that the three new tumors had stopped growing. The next milestone will be when he gets his next MRI in early June.

We continue to thank you for all the love and support you have given our family since James's diagnosis. Here is the GoFundMe link:

(<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-james-and-his-family-battle-pediatric-cancer>)

Peace of the Lord be with you.

Lee and Cheryl Griffis

Matthew, Amy, Hensley, James and Nolan

