

*Messiah Lutheran Church
Mechanicsville, Virginia*



*June 29, 2025
Third 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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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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

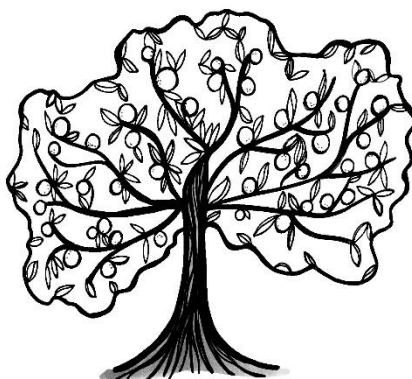
A brief silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.





1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 “Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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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.**

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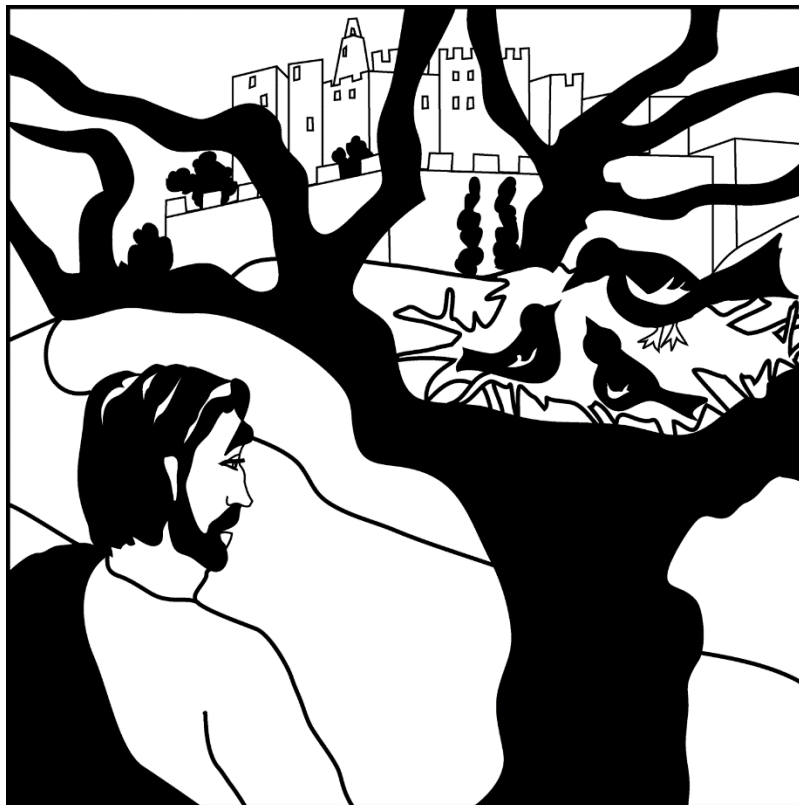
Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no-so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.
O Lord, have . . . mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.



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.



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!
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¡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: Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Lector

In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.

A reading from 1 Kings.

¹⁵Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place."

¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Lector

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.

A reading from Galatians.

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to

the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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: Luke 9:51-62**

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and

John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Ryan Radtke

*HYMN OF THE DAY – Faith Begins by Letting Go

ACS 1004



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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CREED

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A: Guide your church, O God. Anoint us for service and make us messengers of your peace. Emboldened by the witness of Christians throughout history, send us to proclaim your reign come near. God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Protect this world, O God. Watch over fields and fruit trees, foxes and birds, the pleasant land beneath us and the sun and moon above. Keep us mindful of the rich inheritance you have given us in the natural world. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Counsel our leaders, O God. Make them steadfast in seeking justice and unable to be shaken as they pursue peace. Lead them by your Spirit to listen and respond to the people they govern. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Uphold all who suffer, O God. Give refuge to those of us who know rejection, and shelter to those of us who have nowhere to lay our heads. Bring any who are sick into your healing presence (*especially*). Give all your fullness of joy. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Set free this assembly, O God. Grow your Spirit's fruits within us and within our congregation's ministries. Set our faces always on you, that we might live in the freedom to which you have called us. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Embrace all your saints, O God. We thank you for the faithful departed. Let us rejoice that you do not abandon us to the grave but lead us on the path of life. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

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 Gilnett, Glatfelter, and Glick families, as well as our Messiah family. Grant all help where needed, and foster love and appreciation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

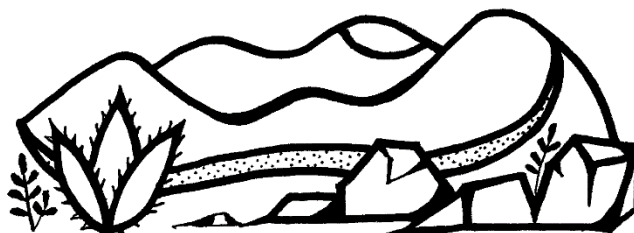
A: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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, 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



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: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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.

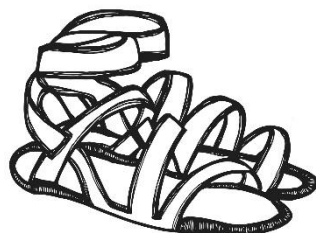
**C: *Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.***

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION



COMMUNION SONG – *Lamb of God*

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no -
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up -

so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - stros.
on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.

Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.
Grant us your peace. A - mén.

***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: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: **Amen**

***BLESSING**

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

C: **Amen**

*SENDING SONG – Here I Am, Lord

ELW 574



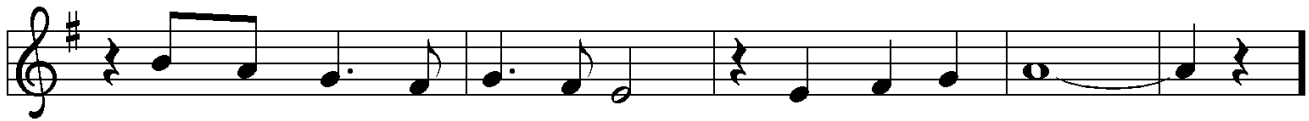
1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – June 29, 2025

Pianist: Debbie Walker
 Lay Assistants: (1st Lay Asst.) Becky Collie (2nd Lay Asst.) Lois Schroeder
 Lector: Susie Weaver
 Acolyte: Will Radtke
 Greeter: Dianne Absher
 Ushers: Bill Weaver & Gordon Gunn
 Altar Guild: Becky Collie & Linda Mahovtas
 Counters: Donna Combs & Erna Jung
 Live Streamer: Teresa Gigante

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MESSIAH

June 29	Worship Service	10:45 AM
July 2	PAL Quilt Group	9:00 AM
July 3	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
July 4	Independence Day (Church Office Closed)	
July 6	Joint Worship Service with All Souls	10:30 AM
July 7	Church Office Closed	
July 9	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
July 12	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
July 13	Joint Worship Service with All Souls	10:30 AM
	Fellowship	
July 16	PAL Quilt Group	9:00 AM
July 17	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
July 20	Worship Service	10:30 AM
	Manna Sunday	
July 23	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
July 24	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
July 27	Joint Worship Service with All Souls	10:30 AM
July 30	PAL Quilt Group	9:00 AM
July 31	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
August 3	Worship Service	10:45 AM
	First Sunday Fellowship	
	VBS	
August 6	PAL Quilt Group	9:00 AM
August 7	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM

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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 Wednesday and Thursday. As always, to set up an appointment with Pastor Ryan, please call or email at 507-360-7276 and/or messiahmechpr@gmail.com.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. The office will also be closed on Monday, July 7.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Numbers For the 25th Sunday of 2025:

- Average Contributions to current were \$3,728.99
- Contributions for current June 22nd were \$3,285
- The YTD total contribution to current is \$93,224.77
- For comparison, current YTD 2024 was \$98,950.85
- Designated giving for the 24th Sunday was \$5,180

COUNTERS NEEDED

The counters team is in need of 1-3 more members. Counters work in pairs to count and organize the weekly offerings and prepare them for deposit. This is an important task, but not usually a difficult task. With a full complement of teams, each pair will end up counting around once per month. Please prayerfully consider joining this team - we know we can count on you!

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.

CLEANING TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

The Cleaning Team has been taking on the responsibility of weekly cleaning of the church for seven years now. Currently, there are four families who are actively attending to the cleaning of the church every week. Basically, we clean the bathrooms and run the dust mop over the hard floors. Occasionally, we need to sweep cobwebs, clean handprints off of the glass doors, and run the vacuum in the sanctuary as needed. We also keep tabs on the toilet paper and paper towels in the bathrooms. It is recommended that at least two people are on each team or a family unit.

Training is available and you will be sent guidelines, if you wish to volunteer.

JOINT WORSHIP WITH ALL SOULS IN JULY

We are excited to return to the practice of worshipping together with our friends from All Souls Episcopal Church during the month of July! Services this month will be at 10:30. We will worship using a blended Lutheran-Episcopalian liturgy, taking turns from week to week with which Communion liturgy we use. Thanks be to God for our shared faith and service!

CHANGE IN THE SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY

Fellowship Sunday for the month of July will be on the 13th. Since Messiah and All Souls are meeting together for worship during this month, we have decided to have a joint fellowship experience and get to know our brothers and sisters better. Church is at 10:30am and fellowship will follow immediately thereafter. Please help by bringing your favorite savory snack or finger sandwiches, cheese and crackers, nibbles, sweets, or fruit. Coffee, tea, and drinks will be provided. Come have a nice time sharing the love and joy of Christ with our sister congregation.

SUMMER MIDWEEK MESSAGES

This year marks the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. Please check out Pastor Ryan's videos that will delve into the history and significance of the Nicene Creed, and why the word "filioque" matters. By the end of the summer, we hope that you'll be able to better profess your own beliefs in your own words, and come away with a deeper understanding about our Trinitarian God who is both bigger than we can ever imagine and closer that we'll ever know.

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)

WELCOME BACK Will, Anna, Stewart and Abby! We hope you had an amazing time at Kairos!!

Save the Dates:

August 3rd - VBS

August 9th - Car Wash Fundraiser

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!

REGISTER 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. The deadline to register is July 1.