

*Messiah Lutheran Church  
Mechanicsville, Virginia*



*June 8, 2025  
Day of 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

### \*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**C: Amen.**

**\*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: ***God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.***

***Amen.***

**\*PENTECOST PROCESSION**

**\*PENTECOST READING – PART 1: Acts 2:1-2**

**Lector**

A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

<sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.



**\*PENTECOST SONG – God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind (verse 1)**

**ELW 400**



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -  
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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**\*PENTECOST READING – PART 2: Acts 2:3-4**

**Lector**

A reading from Acts.

<sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

A reading from Acts.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**VISIONS & DREAMS - "IT'S PENTECOST"**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

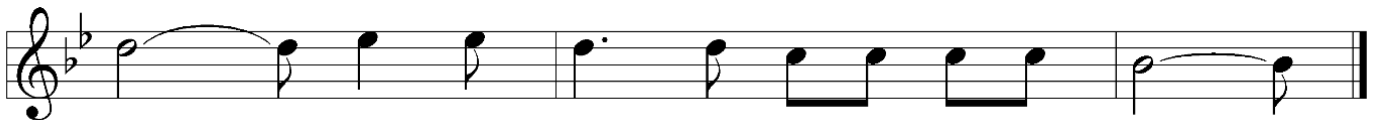




1 I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says sing. I'm goin' - a  
 2 I'm goin' - a pray when the Spir - it says pray. I'm goin' - a  
 3 I'm goin' - a moan when the Spir - it says moan. I'm goin' - a  
 4 I'm goin' - a shout when the Spir - it says shout. I'm goin' - a



sing when the Spir-it says sing. I'm goin'-a sing when the Spir-it says  
 pray when the Spir-it says pray. I'm goin'-a pray when the Spir-it says  
 moan when the Spir-it says moan. I'm goin'-a moan when the Spir-it says  
 shout when the Spir-it says shout. I'm goin'-a shout when the Spir-it says



sing, and o - bey the Spir - it of the Lord.  
 pray, and o - bey the Spir - it of the Lord.  
 moan, and o - bey the Spir - it of the Lord.  
 shout, and o - bey the Spir - it of the Lord.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: I'M GOIN'-A SING. African American spiritual

**\*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: We pray for the church. Continue to inspire our sharing of the gospel and equip us to tear down the barriers we have erected. Make our welcome expansive, intentional, and open to loving challenge. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for creation. Allow fire to burn safely in habitats where it's needed and quench flames when they threaten to run wild. Protect forests, prairies, and grasslands from destruction by natural forces or human misdeeds. Safeguard firefighters and rescuers in their dangerous work. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for courts and legislatures. Write your commandments on our hearts, and inspire all who govern to lead with love over retribution. Unite judges, lawyers, and systems of justice in a desire for reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Lift up all who have been bowed low by circumstances or internal strife. Bring to wholeness those who cry out to you in need. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for this congregation. Raise up in us a deep desire to live out our baptismal promises and to support those of all ages in our shared journey of faith. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We offer thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in you. Let their lives encourage our own daily living. Console us with the promise of eternal life. 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 DeGraff, Duke, and Dworak 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.**

### **YOUTH CHOIR**

### **The Church Song**

### **\*THE 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 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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. 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: 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: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION**

As you serve Communion to your neighbor, first say, "Peace be with you." Then, as the bread is given, say, "The body of Christ, given for you." As they dip the bread into the wine, say "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

**SONG DURING COMMUNION— Dona Nobis Pacem**

**ELW 753**

1 Canon

Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Text: Traditional  
Music: DONA NOBIS PACEM, traditional

**\*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. 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**

**\*GOSPEL: John 14:8-17**

P: The holy gospel according to John.

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

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup>If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

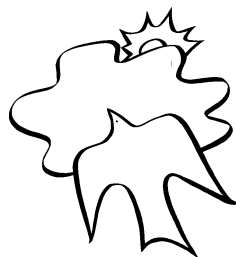
**Pastor Ryan Radtke**

**\*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**

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION**





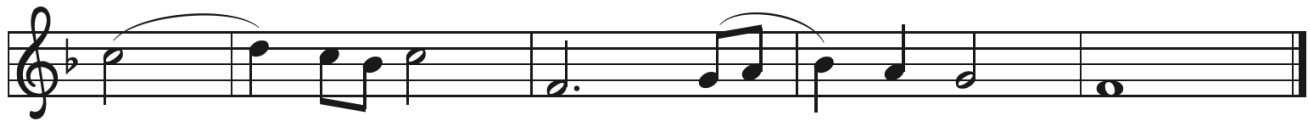
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
 4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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**\*DISMISSAL**

**A:** Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C:** *Thanks be to God.*

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – June 8, 2025**

Pianist: Debbie Walker  
Lay Assistants: (1st Lay Asst.) Teresa Gigante (2nd Lay Asst.) Becky Collie  
Lector: Donna Combs  
Acolyte: Ella Anderson  
Greeter: Nancy Berg  
Ushers: Gordon Gunn & James Anderson  
Altar Guild: Becky Collie & Linda Mahovtas  
Counters: Becky Collie  
Live Streamer: Teresa Gigante

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*Altar Flowers Given by Lorrie Albertson*



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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR MESSIAH**

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
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	Worship Service	10:45 AM
	First Sunday Fellowship	
July 7	Church Office Closed	
July 9	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
July 12	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
July 13	Worship Service (no Communion)	10:45 AM
July 16	PAL Quilt Group	9:00 AM
	Messiah Church Council Meeting	6:15 PM
July 17	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM

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# *Announcements*

## **PASTOR RYAN'S OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor Ryan will be in the office Tuesday this week, before heading out to Salem to help set up for the Synod Assembly. As always, to set up an appointment with Pastor Ryan, please call or email at 507-360-7276 and/or messiahmechpr@gmail.com.

## **SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

Please hold the Virginia Synod in prayer this coming week as the Synod Assembly takes place. Pastor Ryan, James Anderson, and Anita Philp will be Messiah's voting members at the Assembly, while Anna, Will, and Kate Radtke will represent Messiah at the Youth Assembly. Worship on June 15<sup>th</sup> will be a Service of the Word and will feature a sermon written by Bishop Milton that all congregations in the Synod can hear as a sign of unity.

## **WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Numbers For the 22 nd Sunday of 2025:

- Average Contributions to current were \$3,868.08
- Contributions for current June 1st were \$2,201
- The YTD total contribution to current is \$85,097.77
- For comparison, current YTD 2024 was \$81,873.85
- Designated giving for the 22nd 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.

## **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.

### **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!

### **MANNA SUNDAY FOR MCEF**

Next Sunday, June 15 is Manna Sunday. Current needs include canned meats such as Spam and canned stew (other than tuna and canned chicken), apple sauce and jelly (any flavor). All donations of non-perishable foods are greatly appreciated. All Souls garden is now producing fresh vegetables for clients. If your garden is "over producing", these donations may be made Monday or Thursday mornings 9-9:30 a.m.

### **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](mailto:tander1021@yahoo.com). In the meantime, mark your calendars for Messiah's VBS on August 3rd after worship!

### **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](http://vasynod.org/power-in-the-spirit) for more information.

## **JAMES UPDATE**

Dear Messiah Family,

Here is the most recent information about our grandson, James. Last week, the family was informed that the tumors have started to grow. He is currently at home, under hospice care.

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

