

*Messiah Lutheran Church
Mechanicsville, Virginia*



*June 15, 2025
Holy Trinity Sunday*

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: 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.

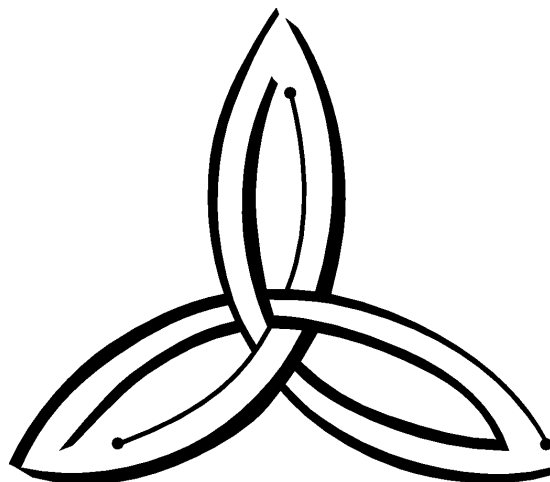
A brief silence is kept for reflection.

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 – Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!**

ELW 413



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

***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.

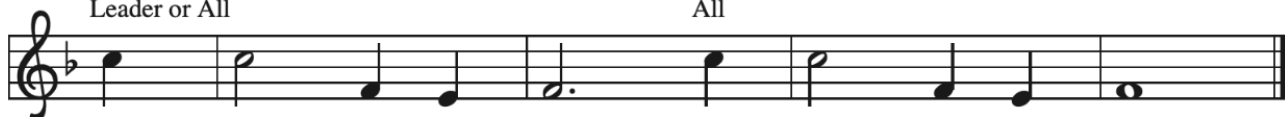
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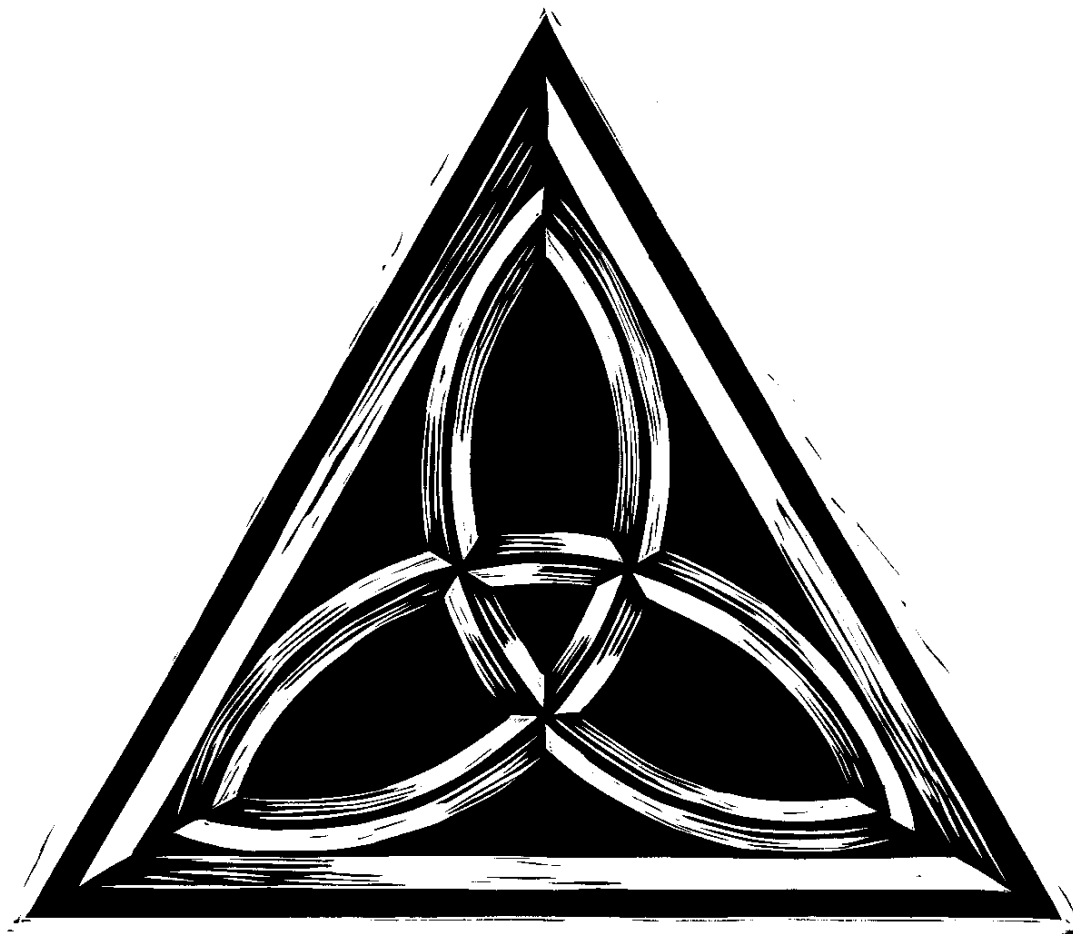
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O Lord, have . . . mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy.

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: *Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Lector

In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.

A reading from Proverbs.

- ¹ Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?
² On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;
³ beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
⁴ "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.
²² The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.
²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—
²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.
²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸ when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,
³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

Lector

Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.

A reading from Romans.

- ¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which

we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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 16:12-15**

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Bishop Phyllis Blair Milton, read by Teresa Gigante



1 Source and Sov'-reign, Rock and Cloud, For - tress, Foun-tain, Shel - ter, Light,
2 Word and Wis-dom, Root and Vine, Shep-herd, Sav - ior, Ser - vant, Lamb,
3 Storm and Still-ness, Breath and Dove, Thun-der, Tem - pest, Whirl-wind, Fire,



Judge, De - fend - er, Mer - cy, Might, Life whose life all life en-dowed:
Well and Wa - ter, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM:
Com - fort, Coun-s'lor, Pres - ence, Love, En - er - gies that nev - er tire:

Refrain



May the church at prayer re - call that no sin - gle ho - ly name



but the truth be - hind them all is the God whom we pro-claim.

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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: Abiding God, your love pours into your whole church, creating faith and bestowing hope. Fill all the baptized with these good gifts in our various callings. Gather your church in every place and expression into the unity of your Spirit. We especially ask for your guidance during the Synod Assembly in Salem. God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Creating God, your name is majestic in all the earth, and we are filled with awe at your creation. Renew this planet and all its wonders: springs abounding with water, earth and soil, beasts of the field, birds of the air, and fish of the sea. God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Sovereign God, you delight in the whole human race. On this week of Juneteenth, bring an end to racial oppression and heal the wounds of racial trauma. Grant us your wisdom, so that all people, especially those in authority, work for the life and freedom of others. God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Compassionate God, your mindful care for us is everlasting. Give peace to all who are troubled, endurance to all who suffer, deliverance to all who are afflicted, and healing to all who are sick (*especially*). God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Living God, your glory appears in our shared life. On this Father's Day, give to all fathers and father figures gentle hearts and strong spirits, heal the wounds in our families, and comfort those for whom this day brings pain. God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Eternal God, your hope does not disappoint. We give you thanks for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection. Hold us in our grief, and bring us at last to fullness of life in you. 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 Dworak, Ewing, and Ford 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



bless-ing. 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.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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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.*

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P: Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

C: *we give you thanks and praise.*

P: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

C: *we give you thanks and praise.*

P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

C: *we give you thanks and praise.*

P: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.***

***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 – Come, Join the Dance of Trinity**

ELW 412



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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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 15, 2025

Pianist: Debbie Walker
 Lay Assistants: (1st Lay Asst.) Lois Schroeder (2nd Lay Asst.) Diana Sondor
 Lector: Teresa Gigante
 Acolyte: Michael Sondor
 Greeter: Judy Glick
 Ushers: Chris Sondor & Roger Schroeder
 Altar Guild: Becky Collie & Linda Mahovtas
 Counters: Gordon & Marilyn Gunn
 Live Streamer: Donna Shaw

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MESSIAH

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
July 20	Worship Service	10:45 AM
	Manna Sunday	
July 23	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
July 24	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 Thursday and Friday. 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 Thursday, June 19, in observance of the Juneteenth federal holiday.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Numbers For the 23rd Sunday of 2025:

- Average Contributions to current were \$3,858.42
- Contributions for current June 8th were \$3,646
- The YTD total contribution to current is \$88,743.77
- For comparison, current YTD 2024 was \$85,773.85
- Designated giving for the 23rd Sunday was \$2168.31

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Please hold the Virginia Synod in prayer 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 15th 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.

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.

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.

MCEF MAY NOTES

Some clients visit the OSS monthly while others occasionally need a little assistance to get through the month with food. In May, there were 159 visits which served 487 adults and 340 children with 225 well filled bags of groceries. 47 people were assisted with clothing and/or linens. Senior Rides provided 122 rides to doctor appointments and essential services for seniors. Current pantry needs include canned fruit, canned chicken, ketchup and ramen noodles. Your donation of any nonperishable food item is greatly appreciated. All Souls Garden has started to bring fresh vegetables, cauliflower, spinach, onions and lettuce. Thank you for your generous support to assist Mechanicsville residents.

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!

Shoutout to all the DADs of Messiah! Happy Father's Day!!!

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.