

*Messiah Lutheran Church  
Mechanicsville, Virginia*



*June 22, 2025  
Second 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.

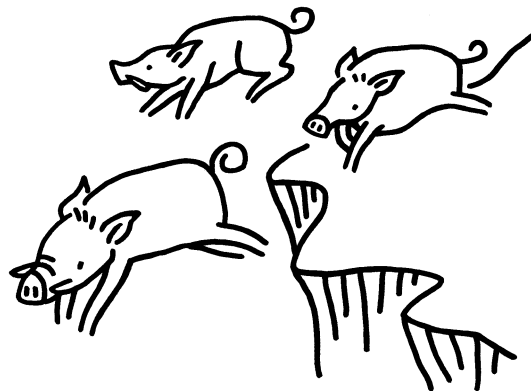
*A brief silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**



**\*GATHERING SONG – Word of God, Come Down on Earth**

**ELW 510**



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from  
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to  
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth  
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,  
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the  
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.  
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.  
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Text: James Quinn, SJ, b. 1919

Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625-1673

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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.**

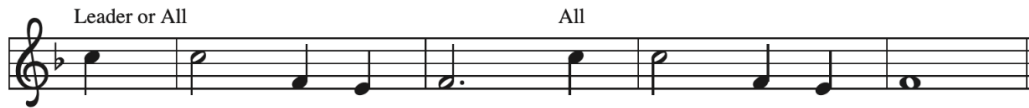
**KYRIE**



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!



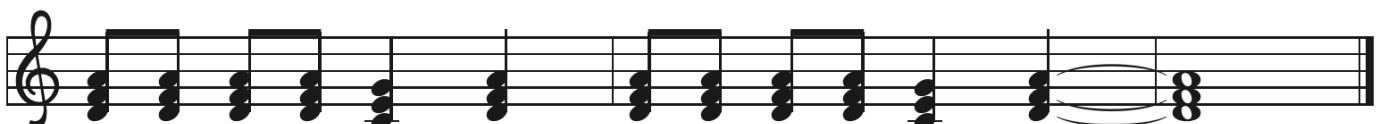
¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre! ¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre!  
 To God be glo-ry for-ev-er! To God be glo-ry for-ev-er!



¡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!  
 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 Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9**

**Lector**

*The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.*

A reading from Isaiah.

- <sup>1</sup> I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name.
- <sup>2</sup> I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;
- <sup>3</sup> a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks;
- <sup>4</sup> who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels;
- <sup>5</sup> who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.
- <sup>6</sup> See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps
- <sup>7</sup> their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.
- <sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.
- <sup>9</sup> I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29**

**Lector**

*For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.*

A reading from Galatians.

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ

came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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 8:26-39**

*Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.*

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

<sup>26</sup> Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—<sup>29</sup> for Jesus had commanded

the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him.

<sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup> Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission.

<sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

Pastor Ryan Radtke





1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the  
 2 Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are  
 3 Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you  
 4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that  
 5 So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the



de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that  
 Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -  
 sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you  
 break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength - ened,  
 de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to



choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.  
 plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame.  
 brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.  
 home in peace to live your gos - pel call.  
 sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

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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: We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet and Christians in our community. God of grace,

**C: *hear our prayer.***

A: We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers, conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers. God of grace,

**C: *hear our prayer.***

A: We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence. When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. God of grace,

**C: *hear our prayer.***

A: We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick (*especially*). Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness, and shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction. God of grace,

**C: *hear our prayer.***

A: We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here, and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life. As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours forever. 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 Fulop, Garbett, and Gigante 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.

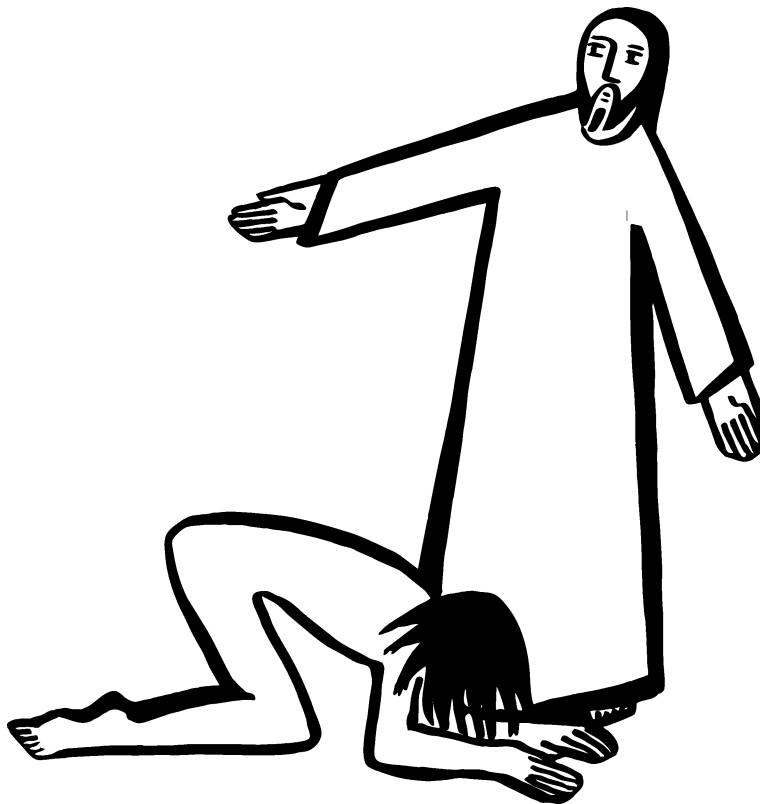
**C: Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**\*OFFERING** *How Can I Keep from Singing*, Sung by Nancy & Jim Berg, & Kylie DeGraff



**\*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.

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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.

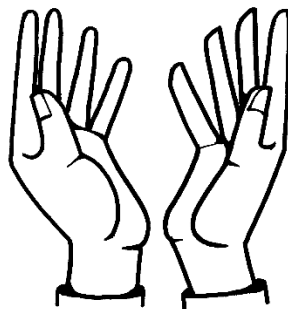
**C: *Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
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 – Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

**ELW 843**



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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**A:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – June 22, 2025**

Pianist: Debbie Walker  
Lay Assistants: (1st Lay Asst.) Kate Radtke (2nd Lay Asst.) Heather Williams  
Lector: Leroy Albertson  
Acolyte: Max Williams  
Greeter: Donna Combs  
Ushers: Daren Williams & Gordon Gunn  
Altar Guild: Becky Collie & Linda Mahovtas  
Counters: Sharon Addair & Judy Glick  
Live Streamer: Valerie Williams

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 *The flowers on the altar today are offered to our loving God by*   
*Marilyn and Gordon Gunn in thanksgiving for their 56th wedding anniversary.*

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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR MESSIAH**

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	10:30 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	10:30 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
July 27	Worship Service	10:30 AM
July 30	PAL Quilt Group	9:00 AM
July 31	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM

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# *Announcements*

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

Pastor Ryan will be at Kairos this week along with four Messiah youth. He'll be serving as a small group leader, but he'll still have times to check and return messages. 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 24th Sunday of 2025:

- Average Contributions to current were \$3,746.66
- Contributions for current June 8th were \$1176
- The YTD total contribution to current is \$89,919.77
- For comparison, current YTD 2024 was \$90,493.85
- Designated giving for the 24th Sunday was \$140

## **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.

## **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)**

The Messiah Youth Group wishes a BON VOYAGE to those heading to Kairos this week!

### **Save the Dates:**

August 3rd - VBS

August 9th - Car Wash Fundraiser

**SHOUTOUT** to Wesley, Anna and Will who all celebrated birthdays last week!

## **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.

