

*Messiah Lutheran Church  
Mechanicsville, Virginia*



*January 18, 2026  
Second Sunday after Epiphany*

**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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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026

*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  $\text{†}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{†}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**



**\*GATHERING SONG – Arise, Your Light Has Come!**

**ELW 314**



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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**\*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.**

**KYRIE**

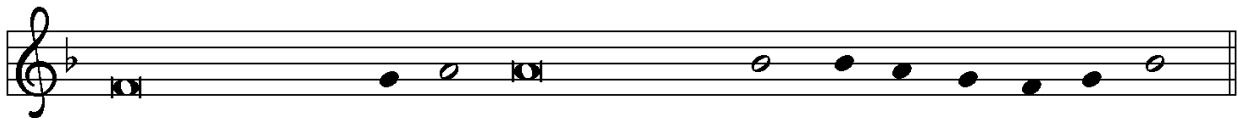
**(ELW p. 165)**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



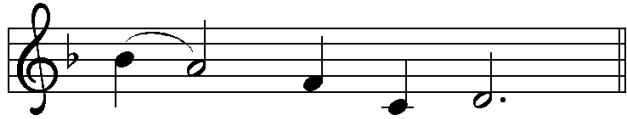
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



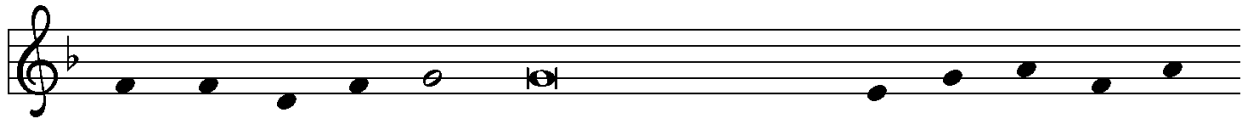
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



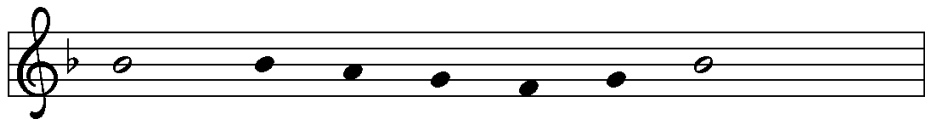
God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



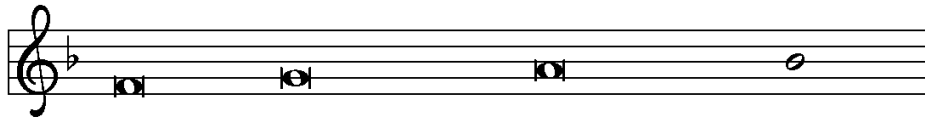
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



**A - men.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

(ELW p.167)

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right



hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -



lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

*Final refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est.  
A - men, a - men.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray:

**C: *Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7**

**Lector**

*Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.*

A reading from Isaiah.

- <sup>1</sup> Listen to me, O coastlands;  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born;  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
- <sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.
- <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
- <sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD  
and my reward with my God."
- <sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—
- <sup>6</sup> he says,

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
“Kings shall see and stand up;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

**Lector**

*Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**





**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

(ELW p. 171)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL: John 1:29-42**

*John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

P: The holy gospel according to John.

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

<sup>29</sup> [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Ryan Radtke**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY- *The Only Son from Heaven***

***ELW 309 (to the  
tune of ELW 264)***

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 The only Son from heaven,<br>foretold by ancient seers,<br>by God the Father given,<br>in human form appears.<br>No sphere his light confining,<br>no star so brightly shining<br>as he, our Morning Star,<br>as he, our Morning Star.        | 3 Awaken, Lord, our spirit<br>to know and love you more,<br>in faith to stand unshaken,<br>in spirit to adore,<br>that we, through this world moving,<br>each glimpse of heaven proving,<br>may reap its fullness there,<br>may reap its fulness there. |
| 2 Oh, time of God appointed,<br>oh, bright and holy morn!<br>He comes, the king anointed,<br>the Christ, the virgin-born,<br>grim death to vanquish for us,<br>to open heav'n before us<br>and bring us life again,<br>and bring us life again. | 4 O Father, here before you<br>with God the Holy Ghost,<br>and Jesus, we adore you,<br>O pride of angel-host:<br>before you mortals lowly<br>cry, "Holy, holy, holy,<br>O blessed Trinity,<br>O blessed Trinity!"                                       |

*Text: Elizabeth Cruciger, 1500-1535; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806-1874, alt.*

**\*CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A: Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness (*especially*). Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community. Kindle in us a desire to help one another. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: God of all relationships, bless this branch of the body of Christ that is Messiah Lutheran Church. Strengthen all its relationships and weave your love and grace into each family and household. We especially pray this week for the Griffin, Griffis, and Gunn families. Make us your people. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**OFFERING** – *You may place an "I give online" card in the plate as a physical offering*

**\*OFFERING SONG – Create in Me a Clean Heart**



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray:

**C: God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**(ELW p. 152)**

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.

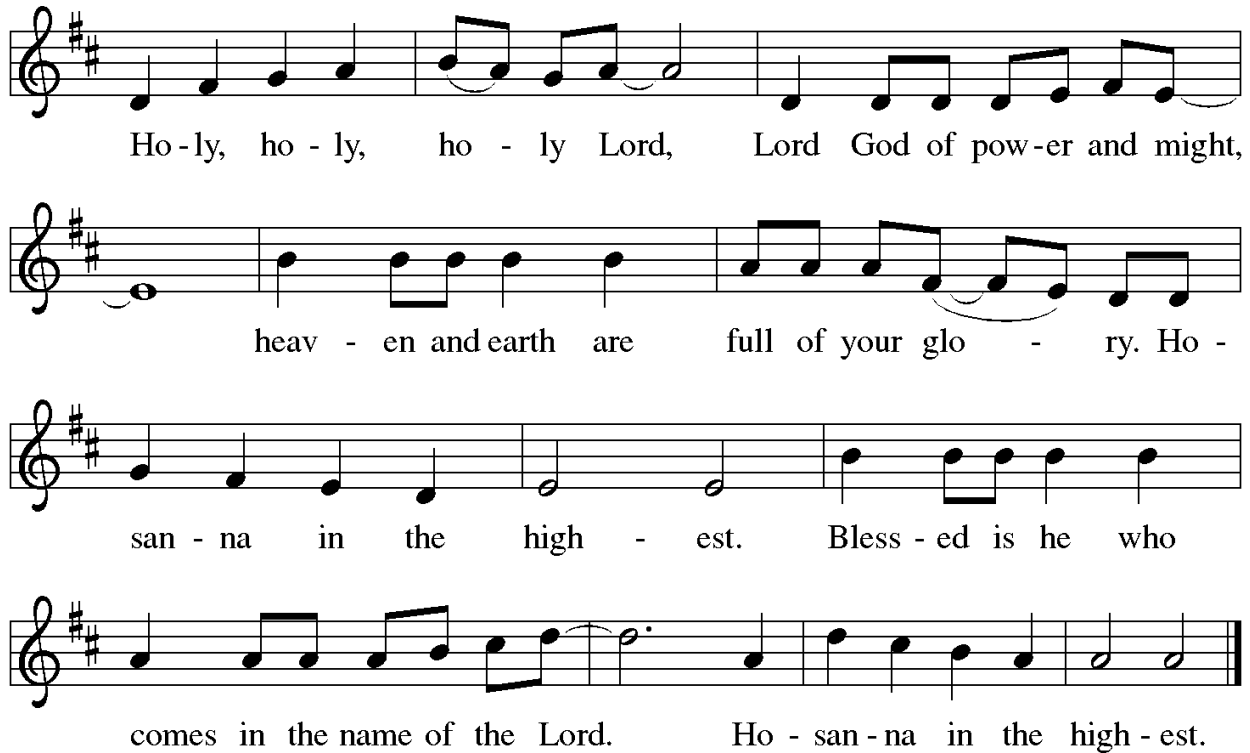
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*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**

(ELW p. 173)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. 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**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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**

**COMMUNION SONG – Lamb of God**

(ELW p. 174)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

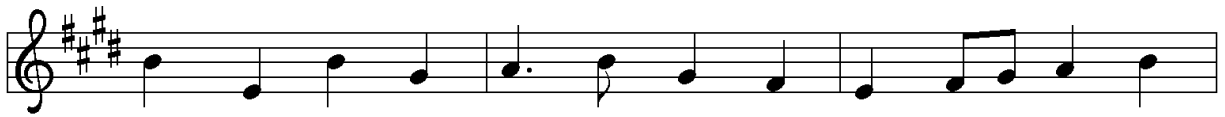
**\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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 – Praise to You, O God of Mercy**

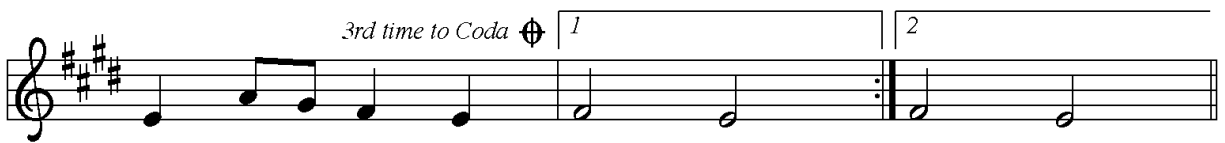
**ELW 208**



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A:** Let us pray: Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

**\*BLESSING**

P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise † bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen**

**\*SENDING SONG – The Lord Now Sends Us Forth/Enviado soy de Dios ELW 538**

En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá  
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,

pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.  
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.

Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar  
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain

un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;  
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;

me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.

A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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**\*DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – January 18, 2026**

Pianist: Debbie Walker  
 Lay Assistants: (1st Lay Asst.) Marilyn Gunn (2nd Lay Asst.) Will Radtke  
 Lector: Susie Weaver  
 Acolyte: Kate Radtke  
 Greeter: Marilyn Gunn  
 Ushers: Gordon Gunn & Bill Weaver  
 Altar Guild: Glady Hubert & Andrea Alness-Tolbert  
 Counters: Gordon & Marilyn Gunn  
 Live Streamer: Heather Williams

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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR MESSIAH**

January 18	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service	10:45 AM
	Annual Reporting Meeting	12:00 PM
	Manna Sunday	
	Pastor Liz's Installation at Christ Lutheran	4:00 PM
January 19	Memorial Service for Steve Gilnett	11:00 AM
January 20	Banner Team	1:00 PM
	AA	5:30 PM
	Messiah Church Council Meeting	5:30 PM
	AA	5:30 PM
January 21	PAL	9:00 AM
January 22	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
January 23-25	Winter Celebration	All Day
January 25	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service	10:45 AM
January 25	Old Ivy Garden Club	9:15 AM
	AA	5:30 PM
January 28	Women's Bible Study	10:00 AM
	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
	Women's Bible Study	6:30 PM
January 29	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
February 1	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service	10:45 AM
	All Souls Annual Meeting	10:45 AM
February 3	Banner Team	1:00 PM
	AA	5:30 PM
February 4	PAL	9:00 AM
February 5	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
February 8	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service	10:45 AM
	Chili Cookoff	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 aims to be in on Tuesday. He will be the chaplain at Winter Celebration next weekend, from Thursday to Sunday. As always, to set up an appointment with Pastor Ryan, please call or email at 507-360-7276 and/or [messiahmechpr@gmail.com](mailto:messiahmechpr@gmail.com).

## **WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Numbers For the 2nd Sunday of 2026:

- Average Contributions to current were \$4,813.50
- Contributions for current January 11th were \$6,330.00
- The YTD total contribution to current is \$9,367.00
- For comparison, current YTD 2025 was \$11,238.00
- Designated giving for the 2nd Sunday was \$0.00

## **MCEF NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SENIORS IN MECHANICSVILLE**

MCEF needs volunteers to help our seniors and disabled persons by providing the rides they need to live independently. We also need volunteer ride coordinators to help them schedule rides for medical appointments, to their grocery store or to do personal business. If you can share a few hours each month and have a desire to help in our ministry to seniors please contact MCEF Senior Rides at (804) 357-9360, or by email at: [Office@4mcef.com](mailto:Office@4mcef.com)

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

Please stick around after worship to receive your copy of the Annual Report and hear some highlights from congregation leaders about our shared ministry in 2025 and what we are looking forward to in 2026. We will also vote on the required congregation constitution updates.

## **SYNOD TAPESTRY TEAM – WEAVING OUR STORIES ZOOM GATHERINGS**

In 2026, the Tapestry Team invites you to storytelling Zoom gatherings. Weaving Our Stories invites us to tell stories and listen deeply to one another. Each of the five Tapestry Threads will host a series of three Zooms to explore participant experiences about the focus Thread. The second of the three Zooms takes place on January 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. Please visit <https://vasynod.org/ministries/tapestry/> to register and for more information.

## **PAL**

We have completed 20 LWR quilts and have two more in progress. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 9am-noon at church. Next Meeting: January 21

## **BANNER TEAM**

The Banner Team meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month. This month we will meet on 20th in the church fellowship hall at 1:00. We are making good progress on our current banner project and want to keep going. Anyone who is interested in joining us is welcome! Please bring your own scissors because I am left handed and so are my scissors (lol).

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

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Youth Group will be holding its 3rd annual Craft Fair and Yard Sale event on **MARCH 7th** from 8am-2pm. Start your spring cleaning now! As the youth will be collecting items for its own yard sale space beginning March 1st. Want to be a vendor? You may register at <https://form.jotform.com/260107232551142>. See our vendor flyer for more details!

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The Women's Bible Study groups meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. This month we will meet on Wednesdays January 28th. We are continuing to study the women in A Lineage of Grace book. This month we are starting on Rahab reading pages 103 – 130. If you have any questions talk to Nancy Berg, Marilyn Gunn or Donna Combs.

## **MIDWINTER POWER IN THE SPIRIT**

Registration is open for the Midwinter Power in the Spirit, an online gathering February 2-4, 2026. We will learn how the words of 2 Timothy 1:7, "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline," relate to the foundations of Lutheran faith. The event will feature Bible study leaders from around the Synod. Visit <https://vasynod.org/power-in-the-spirit/> for more information, registration, and an event flyer.

## **INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR REV. LIZ RADTKE**

The Rev. Liz Radtke will be installed as pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Richmond TODAY, January 18th, 2026, at 4:00 pm, at Christ Lutheran. Messiah members are invited to attend. Any Messiah singers are invited to join a pop-up choir for the service. Please talk to one of the Pastors Radtke with any questions.

