

*Messiah Lutheran Church
Mechanicsville, Virginia*



*March 1, 2026
Second Sunday in Lent*

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 forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our 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: Gracious God,

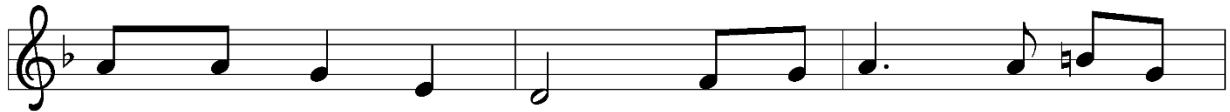
C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
 2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
 3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
 on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
 though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
 bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
 sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
 bod - y of our Lord.
 riv - er, you the sea.

One of the following may be sung as a final stanza at the appropriate time.

General

Light of life beyond conceiving,
 mighty Spirit of our Lord;
 give new strength to our believing,
 give us faith to live your word

Lent 3

Living Water of salvation,
 be the fountain of each soul;
 springing up in new creation,
 flow in us and make us whole.

Lent 1

From the dawning of creation
 you have loved us as your own;
 stay with us through all temptation,
 make us turn to you alone.

Lent 4

Give us eyes to see you clearly;
 make us children of your light.
 Give us hearts to live more nearly
 as your gospel shining bright.

Lent 2

In our call to be a blessing,
 may we be a blessing true;
 may we live and die confessing
 Christ as Lord of all we do.

Lent 5

God of all our fear and sorrow,
 God who lives beyond our death,
 hold us close through each tomorrow,
 love as near as every breath.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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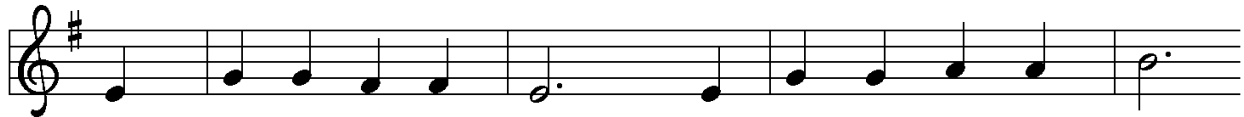
***THE GREETING**

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. 203)



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

(ELW p.204)



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray:

C: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

Lector

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

A reading from Genesis.

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Lector

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

A reading from Romans.

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is

the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

(ELW p. 205)



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

***GOSPEL: John 3:1-17**

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Ryan Radtke

HYMN OF THE DAY- *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

ELW 735



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

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***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: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A: Faithful One, you renew us by grace. As you have inspired faith through the work of church artists and hymnwriters throughout the ages, give your church the means to praise your beauty today. Hear us, O God.

C: *Your mercy is great.*

A: Living One, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare your goodness. Preserve this earth, and protect conservationists, scientists, and all who labor in service to creation. Hear us, O God.

C: *Your mercy is great.*

A: Ruling One, you bless us to be a blessing. Open the hearts of all leaders to seek the flourishing of every person and lend your help to all who wait for justice, deliverance, and peace. Hear us, O God.

C: *Your mercy is great.*

A: Compassionate One, you send your Son to save. Declare your word of acceptance to any who feel condemned and lift up any brought low by hatred and exclusion. Tend to all who are struggling with illness or loss (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: *Your mercy is great.*

A: Guiding One, you watch over our going out and coming in. Bless newcomers and new members in this assembly and accompany those who have recently left this community to journey elsewhere. Hear us, O God.

C: *Your mercy is great.*

A: Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. Thank you for our beloved who have died, and for your promise which saves this whole world by your love. Hear us, O God.

C: *Your mercy is great.*

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 O'Brien, Polesky, and Porter families. Make us your people. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

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 our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our 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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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. 207)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
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. 208)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

***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



A - ho - ra, Se - ñor, se - gún tu pro - me - sa,
At last, Lord, your word of prom - ise ful - fill - ing,



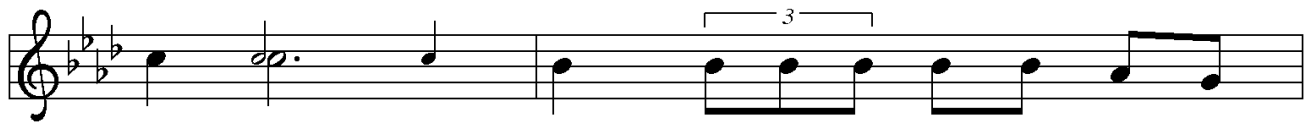
pue - des de - jar a tu sier - vo ir - se en paz.
you let your ser - vant go forth in free - dom and peace.



Por - que mis o - jos han vis - to a tu Sal - va - dor,
With my own eyes I have seen the sal - va - tion



a quien has pre - sen - ta - do an - te to - dos los
you have pre - pared . . . in the sight of all of the



pue - blos: luz pa - ra a - lum - brar a las na -
peo - ples: a light that will re - veal you to the



cio - nes y glo - ria de tu pue - blo Is - ra - el.
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen**

***BLESSING**

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always.

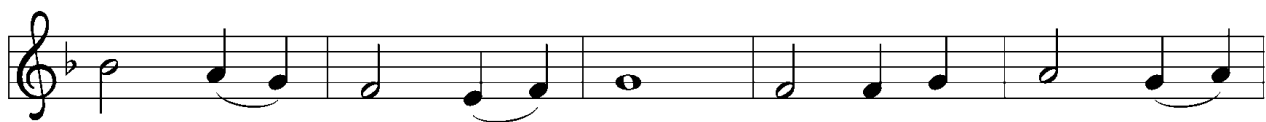
C: Amen

***SENDING SONG – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

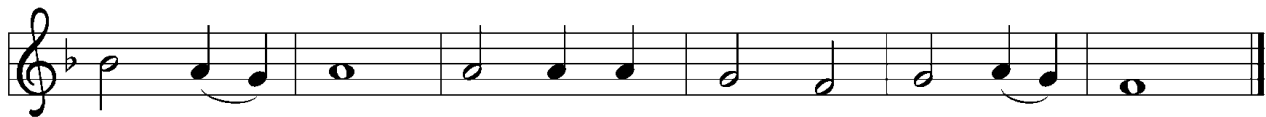
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1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

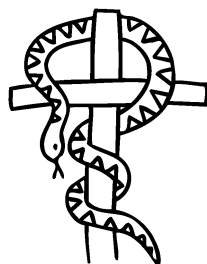
***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – March 1, 2026

Pianist: Debbie Walker
 Lay Assistants: (1st Lay Asst.) Anita Philp (2nd Lay Asst.) Glady Hubert
 Lector: Lois Schroeder
 Acolyte: Anna Radtke
 Greeter: Nancy Berg
 Ushers: Daren Williams & Max Williams
 Altar Guild: Lois Schroeder & Lorrie Albertson
 Counters: Donna Combs & Erna Jung
 Live Streamer: Valerie Williams

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MESSIAH

March 1	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service	10:45 AM
	First Sunday Fellowship	
March 3	Banner Team	1:00 PM
	AA	5:30 PM
March 4	PAL Quilt Group	9:00 AM
	Lenten Soup Supper and Service	6:30 PM
March 5	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
March 8	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service	10:45 AM
	Daylight Savings Time Begins	
March 10	AA	5:30 PM
March 11	Women's Bible Study	10:00 AM
	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
	Lenten Soup Supper and Service	6:30 PM
March 12	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
March 15	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service	10:45 AM
	Manna Sunday	
March 17	Banner Team	1:00 PM
	AA	5:30 PM
	Messiah Church Council Meeting	6:15 PM
	AA Business Meeting	7:00 PM
March 18	PAL Quilt Group	9:00 AM
	Lenten Soup Supper and Service	6:30 PM
March 19	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 aims to be in on Wednesday 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.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Numbers For the 8th Sunday of 2026:

- Average Contributions to current were \$3,605.75
- Contributions for current February 23rd were \$2,295.00
- The YTD total contribution to current is \$28,864.00
- For comparison, current YTD 2025 was \$37,378.00
- Designated giving for the 8th Sunday was \$145.00

Due to several weeks without in-person worship because of the ice and snow, our year-to-date giving is significantly lower than this time last year. We understand how weather disruptions affect routines, and we are grateful for the faithfulness and generosity of this congregation.

If you were unable to give during those weeks and are able to help us catch up, we would sincerely appreciate it. Your continued support allows us to maintain our ministries and serve our community. Thank you for being such a faithful part of Messiah.

ALL THINGS LENT

With the season of Lent comes many opportunities for worship, study, prayer, and more.

- Lenten devotions from Luther Seminary are available in the narthex.
- Lenten soup suppers and midweek worship services will begin on February 25th. Look for signup sheets for soup suppers. The meal begins at 6:30 pm; we'll have a time for conversation and discussion around the themes of gratitude and abundance, beginning at around 7:00 pm; and we'll worship together using Holden Evening Prayer, concluding at around 8:00 pm.
- Our Sunday morning adult class during Christian Formation will be called "Sackcloth Talk." Please check out the announcement below for more information.
- Holy Week dates: Palm/Passion Sunday is March 29th; Maundy Thursday is April 2nd; Good Friday is April 3rd; Easter Sunday is April 5th.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study Groups will not meet during the month of March. Meetings will resume in April. If you have questions talk to Nancy Berg, Marilyn Gunn, and Donna Combs.

EASTER LILIES – ORDER BY MARCH 15

Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex to order a lily for the altar area for Easter. The cost is \$20.

SACKCLOTH TALK

We know that the members of Messiah value the sense of family and community we have here. We also know how much we care about serving our neighbors. After our conversation last fall about writing letters to representatives, it's clear that we are hesitant to risk our beloved community by talking about topics where we disagree in terms of how to best serve our neighbors.

Last year a new ELCA Social Statement was released called "Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All." This statement came out after months of deliberation, public comment, and prayer. It is a very careful and deliberate consideration of how we live our faith in the civic sphere. This might not be the most comfortable conversation – thus the biblical idea of repenting in "sackcloth" – but sometimes we accept discomfort to talk about meaningful things, even if it's hard, because we care about each other enough to do so. Please join these conversations as we read through this statement together as a part of our Lenten discipline to examine ourselves and re-turn to God for guidance.

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

The youth group will hold its 3rd annual Craft Fair and Yard Sale on **March 7 from 8am- 2pm**. Wondering how you can help?

- Option 1: Donate household items for the youth yard sale spot! Items can be brought to church on Sunday, March 1st or Friday evening, March 6th from 5pm-7pm. If you need assistance getting items to the church, let a youth leader know.
- Option 2: Donate to our bake sale! The youth will be selling baked goods at the concession stand along with lunch items and we would appreciate your contribution.
- Option 3: Pray this event brings people in the community together and that they may see the glory of God in our good works and hospitality.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS

Sunday School needs empty paper towel rolls. Please see Wendy DeGraff with questions. Thank you!

EASTER EGG HUNT IS ON!

As is our tradition, Messiah will hold an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday morning during the Sunday School Hour. Please bring your children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors to join in the fun.

Please consider donating individually wrapped candy, small prizes and/or your time to help assemble. Contact Anita Philp at 804-347-9528 or anitaphilp1961@gmail.com.

Thanks in Advance!

BANNER TEAM

Will meet on Tuesday March 3 and 17th at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for all your hard work, Banner Team! Blessings, Nancy Berg

NEW BANNER!

We are excited to be welcoming a new banner to our sanctuary! The banner we'll be hanging says FAITH. The women who have worked on this project are: Lorrie Albertson, Nancy Berg, Anita Philp, Donna Shaw, and Karen Umberger. This banner will be followed by HOPE and LOVE. Many thanks to everyone who dedicated their time and effort! Please let Nancy Berg know if you'd like to be a part of finishing the set.

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Volunteers & Community Connections Needed – Craft Fair and Yard Sale
The Social Ministry Committee is looking for a few helping hands (and a few helpful connections!) for our upcoming Craft Fair and Yard Sale.

Face Painting / Glitter Tattoos

We would love to offer face painting or temporary glitter tattoos for children at the event — but we need a volunteer who is willing and able to help run the table. If you enjoy working with children and feel comfortable painting simple designs, we would love to hear from you!

Animal Rescue Connection

We are also hoping to include a local animal rescue organization as a community table at the craft fair. If you have a contact with a rescue group (dogs, cats, or other animals) that might be interested in attending, please let us know.

If you can help — or have a connection — please contact Stephanie (sbergreen@gmail.com) or any member of the Social Ministry Committee.

Thank you for helping Messiah live out our calling: **Small Church. Big Heart.**



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