

*Messiah Lutheran Church
Mechanicsville, Virginia*



*May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter*

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.

EASTER GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ 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 ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG – Holy Spirit, Truth Divine**

ELW 398



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;
 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
 kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.
 by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
 speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.
 be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892
 Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

***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.*

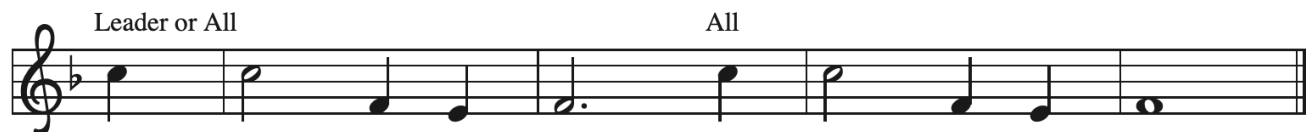
KYRIE



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 Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Refrain

To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!

Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

2 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!

Refrain

3 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!

Refrain

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray:

C: *Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

Lector

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

A reading from Acts.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all

people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Lector

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

A reading from 1 Peter.

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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 14:15-21**

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

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

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Ryan Radtke



1 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
2 Like a moth-er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
4 Friend and lov - er, in your close-ness I am known and held and blessed:
5 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
hoist me up up - on your shoul-der, let me see the world from high.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres-ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

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Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A: God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill (*especially*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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 Ash, Bennett, and Berg families. Make us your people. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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 – Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

ELW 182



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. 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 the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. 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: *Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

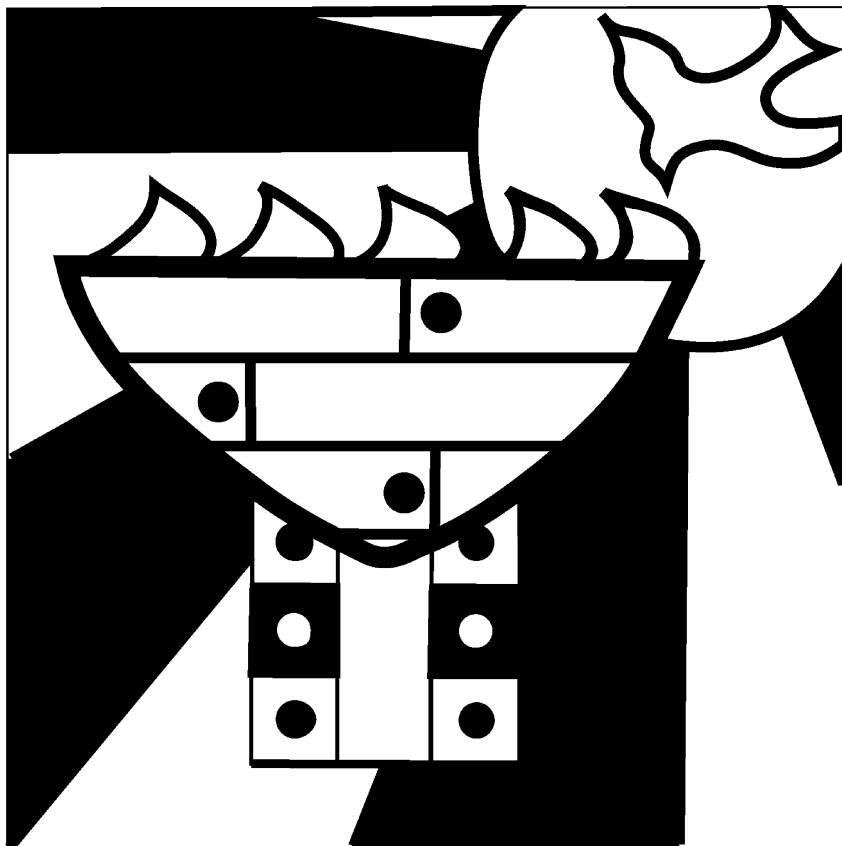
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

***PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

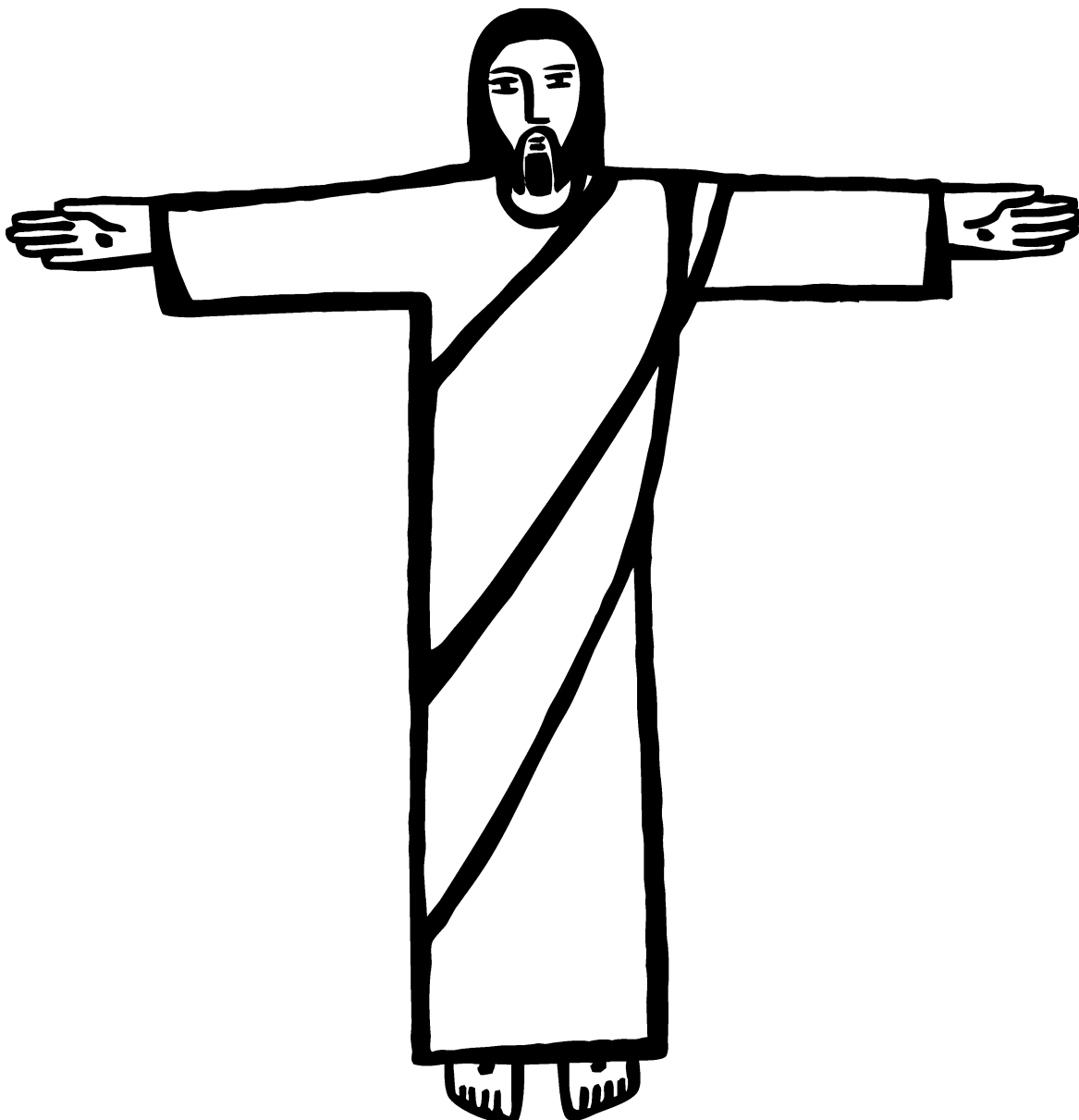
C: *Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.*

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

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.



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



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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***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ that you have received strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen

***BLESSING**

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen





1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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¡Can - tad al Se - ñor, can - tad al Se - ñor!
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

2 *Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

4 *Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

3 *Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

5 *¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

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 Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune
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***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – May 10, 2026

- Pianist: Debbie Walker
- Lay Assistants: (1st Lay Asst.) Anita Philp (2nd Lay Asst.) Will Radtke
- Lector: Leroy Albertson
- Acolyte: Kate Radtke
- Greeter: Daren Williams & Max Williams
- Ushers: Daren Williams & Max Williams
- Altar Guild: Glady Hubert & Andrea Alness-Tolbert
- Counters: Gordon & Marilyn Gunn
- Live Streamer: Valerie Williams

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MESSIAH

May 10	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service	10:45 AM
	Mother's Day	
May 12	AA	5:30 PM
	Messiah Church Council Meeting	6:15 PM
May 13	Women's Bible Study	10:00 AM
	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
	Women's Bible Study	6:30 PM
May 14	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
May 17	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service	10:45 AM
	Manna Sunday	
	Youth Group Scavenger Hunt	1:00 PM
May 19	Banner Team	1:00 PM
	AA	5:30 PM
	AA Business Meeting	7:00 PM
May 20	PAL Quilt Group	9:00 AM
May 21	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
May 24	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service	10:45 AM
	Pentecost	
May 25	Memorial Day	

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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 Wednesday and Thursday. 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

Summer office hours will begin on May 18. The office will be open Tuesday-Friday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total giving received last week was \$13,673.00. This number includes giving to current (budgeted items), designated giving, electronic giving, and other miscellaneous gifts and income. To see a more detailed accounting of our income and expenses, please refer to the monthly Financial Secretary and Treasurer reports that are sent out with the Church Council minutes.

JESUS BREAKS RULES?!

Jesus told us: he came not to abolish the Law but to fulfill it. So why does he keep going around doing stuff that the Law says not to do, like healing on the Sabbath and touching lepers? Please join us as we explore all the times Jesus “breaks the rules” (and how he’s actually repairing how we live them).

KAIROS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The legendary summertime week-long faith-sharing event for youth who will be in 9th-12th grades in the fall is ready for participants to sign up! This year's event will run **June 21-26** (Sunday evening through Friday noon) on the campus of Roanoke College as always! For complete information and links to registration, go to <https://vasynod.org/event/kairos/> and contact Pastor Ryan or Dave Delaney with any questions.

POWER IN THE SPIRIT IS COMING!

Power in the Spirit is an inspirational event for people of all ages who wish to explore God’s call to service through joyous worship, Bible studies, keynote addresses, workshops, and fellowship. It will be held on **July 16-18 at Roanoke College**. This year’s theme is The Spirit Enlightens, Equips, and Empowers. We are excited to have **Presiding Bishop Curry, the Rev. Drew Tucker, and the Rev. Susan Briehl** as our speakers this year! Visit <https://vasynod.org/power-in-the-spirit/> for more information and registration.

MANNA SUNDAY

Donation Sunday for MCEF is May 17. Current needs include canned tuna fish, pancake syrup, rice in 1 pound bags, canned tomatoes and mixed vegetables. Thank you for your generous assistance to help your neighbors in need.

YOUTH GROUP SCAVENGER HUNT

Get ready...get set...go! It's time for an Amazing Race-style scavenger hunt! At 1:00 pm on May 17th, we'll divide our youth into two teams to start a race around Mechanicsville. The goal: see which team can complete their tasks first. The good: one of the challenges will be buying supplies to make care kits for Moments of Hope. All middle- and high-school youth can participate. Invite a friend! Please let Pastor Ryan know if you can join in by Thursday, May 14th.

SUPPORT OUR GRADUATES

A new service group has been created at MLC – the Graduation Quilt Project Group. We will be making quilts for high school seniors. This year the presentation and Graduate Recognition Sunday is May 31. Questions? See Cheryl Griffis.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study will meet on May 13th and May 27th at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall

BANNER TEAM

Banner Team will meet on May 19th at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall

MAY IS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH – JOIN US IN PRAYER

Every child deserves to feel safe, loved, and known. Yet for many children in foster care, life has been marked by uncertainty, loss, and transitions they never chose. Behind every placement is a child who still hopes for stability, healing, and a place to belong.

This May, we invite you to join a statewide effort through Virginia's Kids Belong by participating in 31 Days of Prayer for Foster Care. Each day highlights a specific group—children, foster families, biological families, social workers, and others—who are part of this complex and often challenging system.

Whether you choose to pray once, weekly, or daily, your prayers matter. When a community comes together in compassion and faith, it brings hope, strength, and encouragement to those carrying heavy burdens.

Please see the Prayer Calendar for daily prompts and consider how you might take part this month.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR: 4TH ANNUAL YARD SALE

LCOS is hosting its 4th Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, June 6. Come shop for your next treasure (at a bargain price!) from 8 a.m. to noon. Proceeds benefit our fellowship and property funds.

We'd appreciate it if you could share our flyer with your congregation. Also, if anyone is looking to declutter, we are accepting donations on the following dates:

Sunday, May 24 | 11:00-noon

Monday, June 1 | 9:00-1:00

Tuesday, May 26 | 9:00-1:00

Tuesday, June 2 | 9:00-1:00

Thursday, May 28 | 9:00-1:00

Thursday, June 4 | 9:00-1:00

Sunday, May 31 | 11:00-noon

Friday, June 5 | 2:00-6:00

Note: We cannot accept old electronics (computers, TV's, DVD's, VCR's, etc.), car seats, treadmills.