

*Messiah Lutheran Church
Mechanicsville, Virginia*



*May 24, 2026
Day of 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.

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 – Every Time I Feel the Spirit**

ACS 942

This African American spiritual originated among enslaved peoples prior to the U.S. Civil War. It is said that the song brought Abraham Lincoln to tears when it was sung to him by a group of former slaves. Arranged by Melva Costen, a Presbyterian professor of worship and music, originally from South Carolina.

Refrain

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing
 in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the
 spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
 2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,
 3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

Refrain

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
 asked my Lord if all was mine.
 chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual; arr. Melva W. Costen, b. 1933
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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

Leader or All



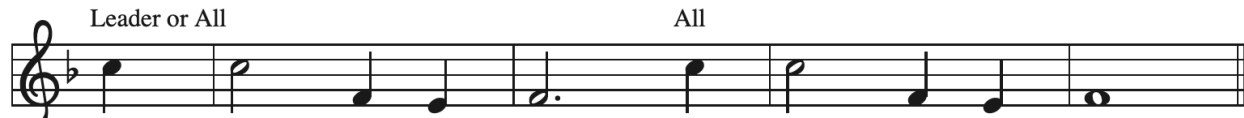
Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.
O Lord, have . . . mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy.

All



Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.
O Lord, have . . . mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy.

Leader or All



Se - ñor, ten pie - dad. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad.
Have mer - cy, O Lord. Have mer - cy, O Lord.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

1 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: O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

Lector

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

A reading from Acts.

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Lector

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

^{3b}No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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 20:19-23**

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Ryan Radtke



***HYMN OF THE DAY- Abba, Abba, Hear Us**

ACS 1072

The tune of this hymn is a famous and beloved Korean folk song, centuries old, sung in both South and North Korea. The secular folk song had Christian words added to it in the 1980s and 90s, and was sung in the opening worship service of the 10th assembly of the World Council of Churches in Busan, Korea, in 2013. Andrew Donaldson, a Canadian hymn-writer and poet, adapted words from Romans 8.



1 "Ab - ba, Ab - ba, hear us," we cry; God's Spir - it
2 With the whole cre - a - tion we cry, groan as in
3 As we pray, the Spir - it breathes sighs, sighs far too



cries in us, names us a - dopt - ed and be - lov - ed
child - birth. Soon all sin, all death's de - cay will be no
deep for words; God, who search - es hearts and knows the Spir - it's



heirs, the heirs of God. All cre - a - tion
more; we shall be free. All cre - a - tion
mind, hears all our prayer. All cre - a - tion



waits, ea - ger and long - ing, for the glo - rious
waits, ea - ger and long - ing; for the prom - ised
waits, ea - ger and long - ing. As we live in



free - dom of God's chil - dren soon will be re - vealed.
glo - ry that we soon shall see we wait and pray.
hope, we know that in all things God works for good.

Text: Andrew Donaldson, b. 1951
Music: ARIRANG, Korean traditional
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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: O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue. Merciful God,

C: *receive our prayer.*

A: You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name (*especially*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless both those preparing for or affirming their baptism. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives. 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 Buetow, Carr, and Collie families. Make us your people. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Called into one body through the gift of your Holy Spirit, we pray for our companions in the New Guinea Islands District of Papua New Guinea and for the congregations of the Virginia Synod. Strengthen us in our shared ministry, deepen our faith, and unite us in prayer, encouragement, and witness as followers of Jesus Christ. Come, Holy Spirit, and guide us as we journey together. 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 & MAP PRAYER**

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.



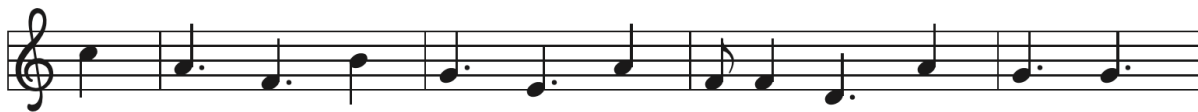
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



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.

COMMUNION SONG – O Living Breath of God/Soplo de Dios viviente ELW 407

This hymn's music is a Swedish folk tune. The lyrics were originally written in Spanish by Osvaldo Catena, a Roman Catholic priest in Argentina, who at one point was a liturgical advisor for the Second Vatican Council and who wrote many of the songs that renewed Latin American liturgy. Gerhard Cartford translated the lyrics into English. He was born in Madagascar to missionary parents, and went on to be a Fulbright scholar, musicologist, writer, composer, church musician, and missionary.

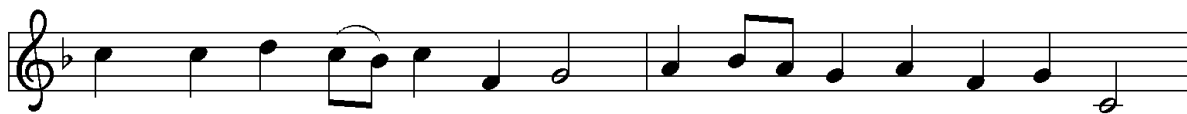
***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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 204



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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***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**

***SENDING SONG – Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading/
Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema**

ELW 401

This hymn was composed in Kiswahili, to a Ugandan melody, in 1965 after the Evangelical Lutheran churches in Tanzania became united to form one Lutheran Church. The composer, Wilson Niwagila, wanted to ask the Holy Spirit to make this young church grow as one family of God, ready to preach the gospel to the world. Harmony was later added by Norwegian organist and composer Egil Hovland.

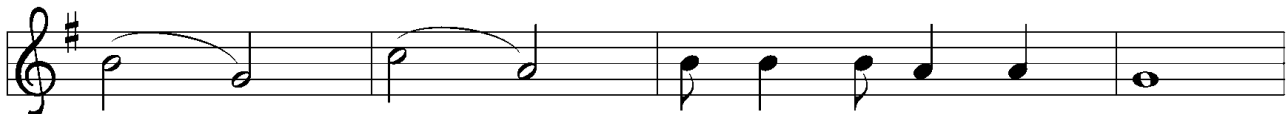


Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.
 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
 nor rootless liberty;
 turn disquiet to contentment,
 doubt into certainty. *Refrain*
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness,
 unswayed by earth's allure.
 Ever grant us zealous fitness,
 which you alone assure. *Refrain*

Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NJOOKWETU, ROHO MWEMA, Wilson Niwagila

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***DISMISSAL**

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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- Lector: Susie Weaver
- Acolyte: Max Williams
- Greeter: Anita Philp
- Ushers: Bill Weaver & Daren Williams
- Altar Guild: Glady Hubert & Andrea Alness-Tolbert
- Counters: Gordon & Marilyn Gunn
- Live Streamer: Teresa Gigante



Altar Flowers Given by Andrea Alness-Tolbert



OPPORTUNITIES FOR MESSIAH

May 24	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service	10:45 AM
	Pentecost	
May 25	Memorial Day	
May 26	Old Ivy Garden Club	9:15 AM
	AA	5:30 PM
May 27	Women’s Bible Study	10:00 AM
	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
	Women’s Bible Study	6:30 PM
May 28	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
May 29	Visitation for Johnnie Collie (Bennett Funeral Home)	5:00 PM
May 30	Memorial Service for Johnnie Collie	11:00 AM
May 31	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Confirmation Class	9:15 AM
	Worship Service	10:45 AM
	Graduate Recognition Sunday	
	Church Picnic	
June 2	Banner Team	1:00 PM
	AA	5:30 PM
June 3	PAL Quilt Group	9:00 AM
June 4	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM

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Announcements

PASTOR RYAN'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Ryan will be in and out of the office this week, but especially aims to be in 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.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total giving received last week was \$2,253.00. 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.

VSWO CONVENTION

The 2026 Virginia Synod Women Organization is meeting **June 11-13** at St. John Lutheran Church in Abingdon, VA with the theme “Boots of Faith: Walking through WELCA's History.” Visit <https://vswow.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/2026-Call-to-Convention.pdf> for more information and to register. The registration deadline is May 28th.

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 27th at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 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

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

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

Sunday, May 31 | 11:00-noon

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

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

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

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

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

DO YOU LIKE TO TAKE PICTURES?

I'm looking for help in taking pictures during church and church activities, particularly when I'm not there. Picture taking is important for our archives to let future Messiah know what present and past Messiah has been doing. I have been asking people individually when I know I'm not going to be at church and if those people are still willing, I'd love their continued help. But...if you like to take pictures and you haven't been asked, please let me know! You can email me at **dmshaw70@gmail.com**. I appreciate all of you who have helped and those of you who may help in the future! Many thanks, Donna Shaw

DO YOU FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM?

For the past several years, Donna Shaw has been managing social media for Messiah on Facebook and Instagram. Did you know the Daily Lectionary, Weekly Schedule, Christian Songs, Bible verses, Inspirational quotes, and even some humor are among the weekly posts that are made? If not, you should check out our Fb page <https://www.facebook.com/MessiahMech/>. Or better yet, even like or share something that touches you.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA - PRAYER PARTNERSHIP SUNDAY

The Virginia Synod shares a companion relationship with the New Guinea Islands (NGI) District of Papua New Guinea. Together, we support one another in prayer, ministry, and discipleship as followers of Jesus.

On Sunday, May 24, 2026 (Pentecost), we invite all ELCA congregations across Virginia to join our siblings in PNG for Prayer Partnership Sunday.

Congregations are also encouraged to pray for this partnership throughout the year. For those who wish to pray more specifically, conferences in Virginia have been paired with the Circuits in PNG:

Piedmont and Coastal Conferences with Kavieng Circuit
Valley Conferences with Rabaul Circuit
Blue Ridge Conferences with Kimbe Circuit
Appalachia Conferences with Bialla Circuit

Come Holy Spirit – as we journey this road together!
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PAPUA **N**EW **G**UINEA

**Prayer Partnership
Sunday**

Sunday, May 24, 2026



