

Messiah Lutheran Church *Mechanicsville, Virginia*



June 28, 2026
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

***To share the Good News of Jesus Christ
and to invite all to join us in faith, worship, and service.***

The service will be livestreamed at 10:45 am on Messiah's FB page, and that video will be available later on the church website and YouTube. Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/MessiahMech/>

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Hearing Assistance Receivers are available upon request.

** Please stand as you are able **

Welcome visitors! May the Spirit of Christ fill your heart as we worship today. You are invited to make Messiah your church home.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

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: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.



***GATHERING SONG – As We Gather at Your Table**

ELW 522



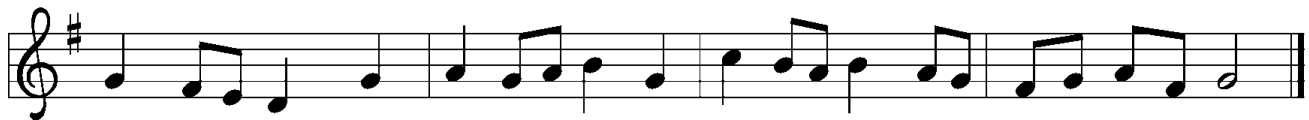
1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phantly Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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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.**



TEXAS KYRIE

REFRAIN

L: Lord have mer-cy____ Christ have mer-cy____
C: Lord have mer-cy____ Christ have mer-cy____

L: We pray for peace from a - bove We pray for our sal va - tion.

to REFRAIN

L: We pray for peace in the__ world, We pray for well-ness in your

church, We pray for the u - ni - ty____ of all.

to REFRAIN

L: We pray for this ho - ly____ place. We pray for all who ga-ther here.

to CHORUS

L: Oh Lord__ help us, save us, Oh Lord__ com-fort and de-fend__ us.

to AMEN

AMEN

L: A - men____ A - men____
C: A - men____ A - men____



GLORY IN THE HIGHEST

C: Glo - ry in the high - est, Glo - ry be to God,
 Glo - ry in the high - est, And peace to all the earth.

L: Sha-per of the U - ni - verse thanks and praise we sing
 Je - sus Christ the Lamb of God you wash our sins a - way
 Ho - ly Spi-rit, source of life, bur-ning wild and free

C: Sha-per of the U - ni - verse thanks and praise we sing
 Je - sus Christ the Lamb of God you wash our sins a - way
 Ho - ly Spi rit, source of life, bur - ning wild and free

L: Lo - ving fa - ther, ca - ring mo - ther____
 At your ta - ble all are wel come____
 You are God the three - in - one____

C: Lo - ving fa - ther, ca - ring mo - ther____
 At your ta - ble all are wel come____
 You are God the three - in - one____

L: Hold us in your____ wings.____
 Hear us as we____ pray.____
 such a my - ste - ry.____

C: Hold us in your____ wings.____
 Hear us as we____ pray.____
 such a my - ste - ry.____

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray:

C: *O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9**Lector**

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

A reading from Jeremiah.

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 6: 12-23**Lector**

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

A reading from Romans.

¹²Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL: Matthew 10: 40-42**

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

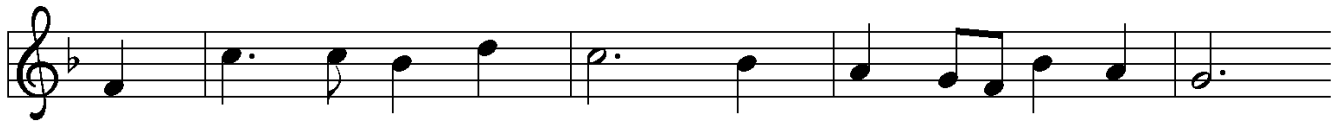
P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Ryan Radtke



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
- 2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
- 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
- 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
- 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
 and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
 ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
 a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
 with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

Refrain



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

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| <p>6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,
 the love, the word, the tide.
 Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,
 praise Christ the crucified: <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>7 Oh, praise the living Christ
 with faith's bright songful voice!
 Announce the gospel to the world
 and with these words rejoice: <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Music: CHRISTPRAISE RAY, Carol Doran, b. 1936

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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: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A: Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world. God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us. God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace. God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. (*We pray especially for . . .*) Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service. God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors. God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

A: Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places. God of grace,

C: *hear 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 Gilnett, Glatfelter, and Glick families. Make us your people. God of Grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through 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 – We Are an Offering

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Chorus 1

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering

Bridge

All that we have
All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You
We give to You

Chorus 2

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
We are an offering

*OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray:

C: ***Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you Lift up your hearts

C: And al - so with_ you. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give_ thanks to the Lord our_ God

It is right to give God 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



*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.
Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
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 banquet, for all is now ready.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG – *Lamb of God*



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**

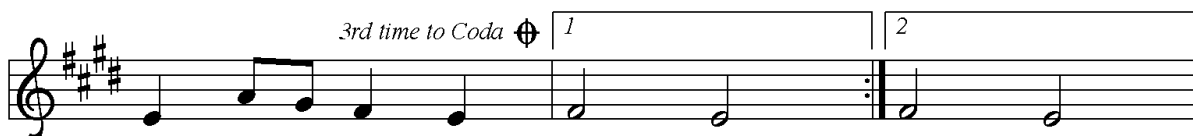
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1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



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.

⌘ Coda



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

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***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray:

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: **Amen**

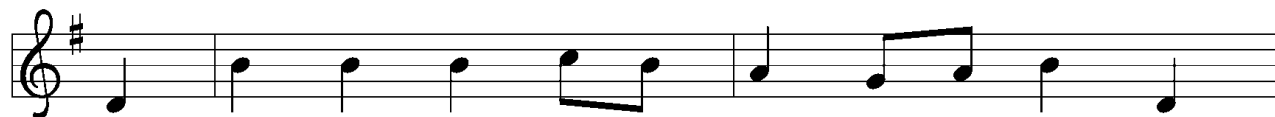
*BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: **Amen**

*SENDING SONG – *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*

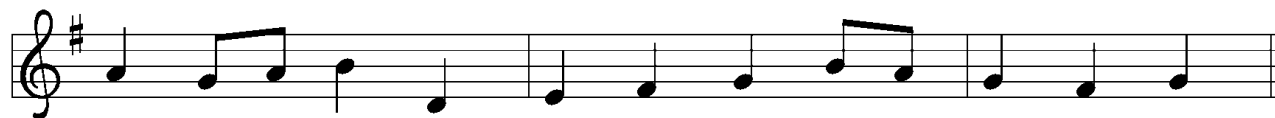
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1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.

Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

*DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – June 28, 2026

Pianist: Debbie Walker
Lay Assistants: (1st Lay Asst.) Will Radtke (2nd Lay Asst.) Becky Collie
Lector: Leroy Albertson
Acolyte: Anna Radtke
Greeters: Daren Williams & Max Williams
Usher: Daren Williams & Max Williams
Altar Guild: Becky Collie & Linda Mahovtas
Counters: Becky Collie & Marilyn Gunn
Live Streamer: Valerie Williams

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MESSIAH

June 28	Worship Service	10:45 AM
June 30	AA	5:30 PM
July 1	PAL Quilt Group	9:00 AM
July 2	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
July 3	Church Office Closed – Independence Day	
July 5	Worship Service (Joint with All Souls)	10:30 AM
July 7	Banner Team	1:00 PM
	AA	5:30 PM
July 8	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
July 9	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
July 10	Hanover Tomato Festival	5:00 PM
July 11	Hanover Tomato Festival	9:00 AM
July 12	Worship Service (Joint with All Souls)	10:30 AM
July 14	AA	5:30 PM
July 15	PAL Quilt Group	9:00 AM
July 16	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
July 16-18	Power in the Spirit	
July 17-27	Church Office Closed	
July 19	Worship Service (Joint with All Souls)	10:30 AM

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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 on Tuesday 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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total giving received last week was \$6,745.00. 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.

JULY COMBINED WORSHIP WITH ALL SOULS

On July 5, 12, and 26, worship will begin at 10:30 AM. Pastor Ryan and Rev. Katherine designed a worship service that weaves together our Lutheran and Episcopal liturgies into one combined worship service. This is a lovely way to join with one another in celebrating God and God's love for all people. It will also give us the chance to notice how our liturgies are similar to one another.

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. *Registration deadline is July 1st!*

INSTALLATION INVITATION

Messiah members are invited to attend the installation of Pastor Lou Florio at Grace & Glory Lutheran Church in Palmyra (683 Thomas Jefferson Parkway), **today** at 3:00 PM. Pastor Paul Toelke, Dean of the Germanna Conference, is presiding.

ENCIRCLE VOLUNTEER DAY

EnCircle and Epiphany Lutheran Church in Richmond are partnering for a special youth volunteer day to support students and families served by enCircle's Minnick Schools. We invite Lutheran congregations across the Richmond area to join us through a donation of non-perishable food items or a financial contribution that will help youth purchase supplies and assemble food and backpack kits for families in need. Your support will help provide needed food to children and families while giving young people a meaningful opportunity to serve their community.

Non-perishable food donations can be brought to Epiphany Lutheran Church, 1400 Horsepen Rd., Richmond, VA 23226, Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Checks may be made payable to Epiphany Lutheran Church and mailed or delivered to the same address. Donations will be collected through July 13. Thank you for your generosity!

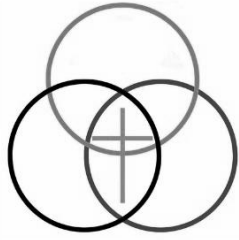
DO YOU LIKE TO TAKE PICTURES?

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.





All Souls Episcopal Church
Hanover County, Virginia

FREE FARMERS MARKET

**Saturday, July 18th
3-4:30 pm**

**Atlee House
9077 Atlee Road - Mechanicsville**

Come enjoy the bounty of the All Souls Community Garden

Worship on the grounds at 5pm

