

***Messiah Lutheran Church
Mechanicsville, Virginia***



***October 25, 2026
Reformation Sunday***

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.

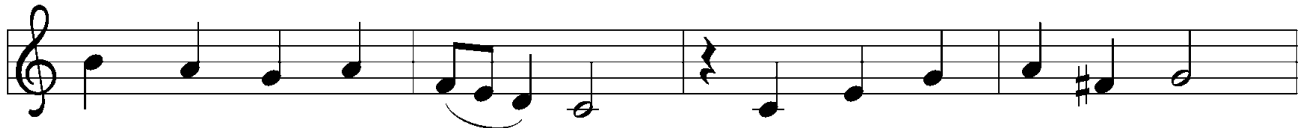
C: Amen.



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham-pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap-ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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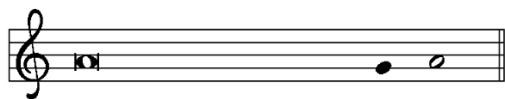
*THE GREETING

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

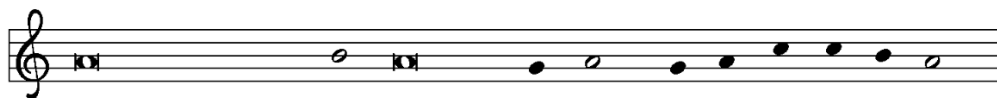
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



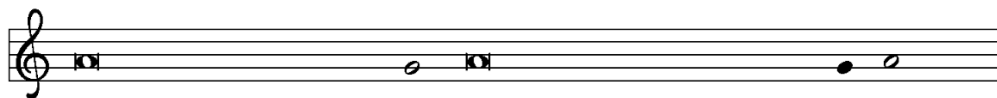
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Lector

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

Lector

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

A reading from Romans.

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all

have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

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

***GOSPEL: John 8:31-36**

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY- *Founded on Faith

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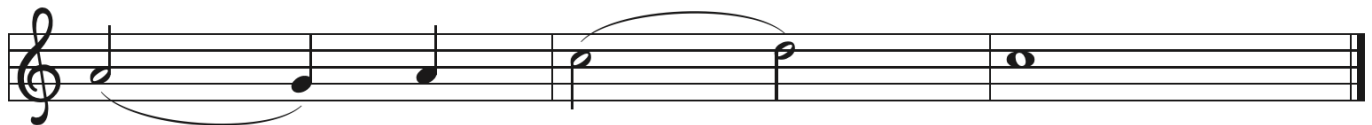
1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—
 2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.
 3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.
 4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,
 5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow'ed to serve,



pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.
 Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
 Em - pow'ed to serve with gifts, both great and small,
 we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;
 we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
 Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say:
 we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.
 a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.
 Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!



Al - le - lu - ia!

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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: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A: As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day. Hear us, O God.

C: *Your mercy is great.*

A: We pray for the healing of natural places despoiled by pollution and human greed. Give all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air. Hear us, O God.

C: *Your mercy is great.*

A: We pray for our criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and discernment to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give courage and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated. Hear us, O God.

C: *Your mercy is great.*

A: We ask your blessing upon all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders, that the truth may make them free. We pray for the relief of all those who are sick or suffering (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: *Your mercy is great.*

A: We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in you. Hear us, O God.

C: *Your mercy is great.*

A: With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all of our beloved dead. Hear us, O God.

C: *Your mercy is great.*

A: God our creator, bless this congregational family of Messiah Lutheran Church. Bless all the families and households, in all their various shapes and sizes, that are woven together here. Fill us with every good gift, and work through us in service to all your creation. We especially pray this week for the Alness-Tolbert, Anderson, and Anton families. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 184

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. 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 dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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*OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray:

C: *Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

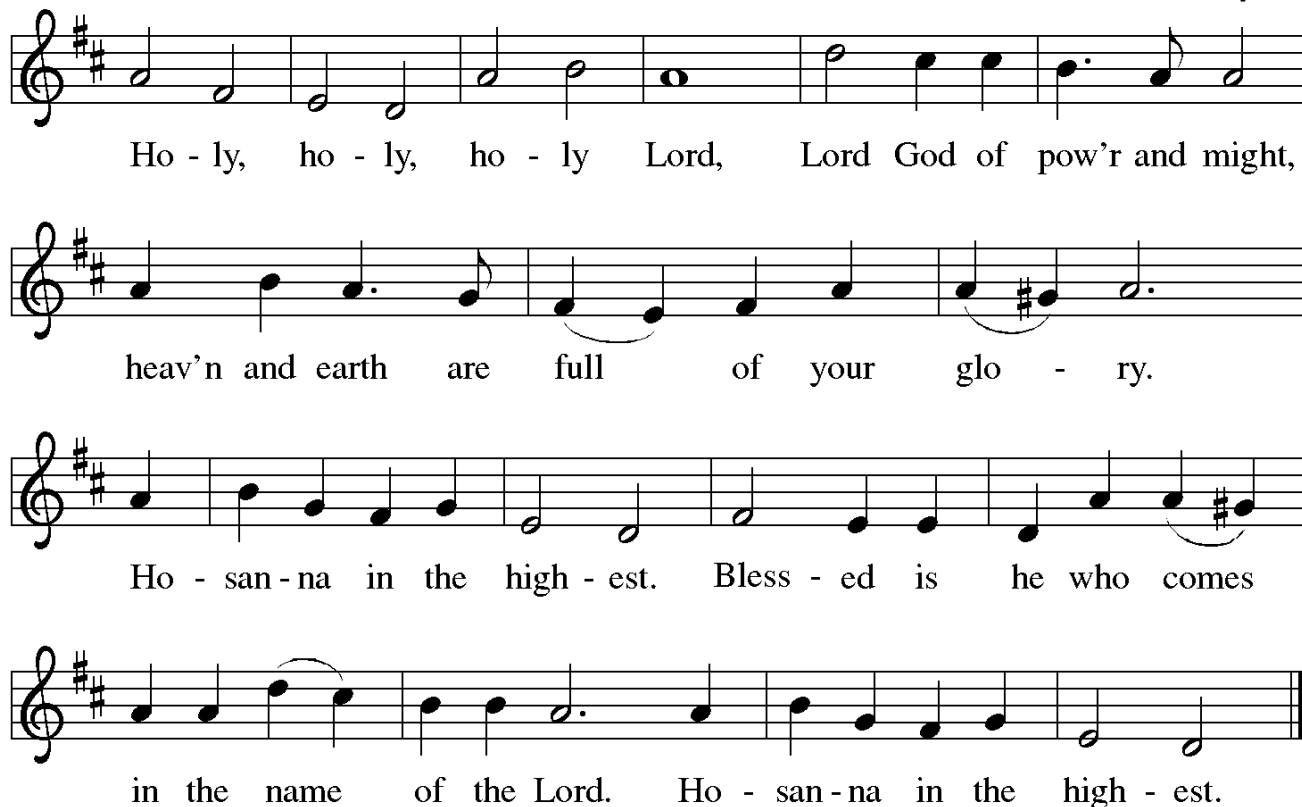
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*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, 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

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.
You formed the earth from chaos;
you encircled the globe with air;
you created fire for warmth and light;
you nourish the lands with water.
You molded us in your image,
and with mercy higher than the mountains,
with grace deeper than the seas,
you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying,
might be adopted to live in your Spirit,
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

Together as the body of Christ,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

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

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Son,
the first-born of your new creation.
We remember his life lived for others,
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.
We await his coming,
when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom,
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,
whose breath revives us for life,
whose fire rouses us to love.
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Holy and benevolent God,
receive our praise and petitions,
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,
and fill us with your blessing,
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:
through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, 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

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

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

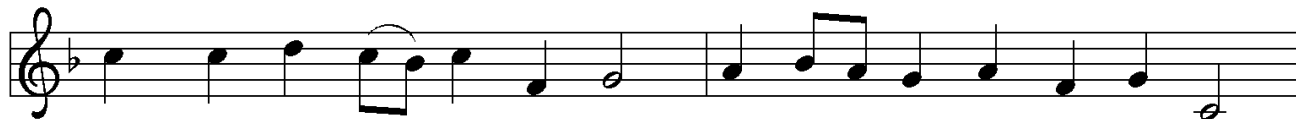
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: **Amen**

*SONG AFTER COMMUNION – *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: Let us pray:

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: **Amen**

*BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: **Amen**

***SENDING SONG – Built on a Rock**

ELW 652



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

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***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

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SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – October 25, 2026

Pianist: Debbie Walker
Lay Assistants: (1st Lay Asst.) Marilyn Gunn (2nd Lay Asst.) Anita Philp
Lector: Susie Weaver
Acolyte: Wesley Williams
Greeter: Anita Philp
Ushers: Daren & Max Williams
Altar Guild: Becky Collie & Linda Mahovtas
Counters: David & Pat Buetow
Live Streamer: Valerie Williams

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MESSIAH

October 25	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service	10:45 AM
October 27	Old Ivy Garden Club	9:15 AM
	AA	5:30 PM
October 28	Women's Bible Study	10:00 AM
	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
	Women's Bible Study	6:30 PM
October 29	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
November 1	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service	10:45 AM
	First Sunday Fellowship+	
	Daylight Savings Time Ends	
November 3	Banner Team	1:00 PM
	AA	5:30 PM
November 4	PAL Quilt Group	9:00 AM
November 5	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
	CoolWell HOA Annual Meeting	5:30 PM
November 8	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service	10:45 AM
November 10	AA	5:30 PM
November 11	Women's Bible Study	10:00 AM
	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
	Women's Bible Study	6:30 PM
November 12	Hanover Adult Center	12:00 PM
November 15	Christian Formation	9:15 AM
	Worship Service	10:45 AM
	Manna Sunday	
November 17	Old Ivy Garden Club	9:15 AM
	Banner Team	1:00 PM
	AA	5:30 PM
	Messiah Church Council Meeting	6:30 PM
November 18	PAL Quilt Group	9:00 AM
November 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 especially aims to be in on Wednesday and Thursday. In addition, he will be attending a training event Tuesday. 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 \$1,950.00. 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.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 1st is All Saints Sunday. It is a day when we celebrate and remember those who have died or who have been baptized in the last year, trusting in God's baptismal promises of resurrection and eternal life.

We give thanks for all the saints - both those we knew well and those from throughout history who inspire us. During worship on November 1st we will have two ways to honor those closest to us: first, you are invited to bring single flowers to add to a wreath. Later in the service we will also light candles as saints' names are read. If you have a loved one whose name you would like to be included in the service, please send that name into the office no later than Wednesday, October 28th.

MESSIAH MONTH OF PRAYER IN NOVEMBER

Everyone is invited to pray for Messiah Lutheran Church this month: for strength and joy, guidance and grace, help and love. Take some time each day to pray for our members, our ministries, our mission. May the Holy Spirit knit us together as a congregation, for the sake of the good news, in Christ Jesus our Lord, who hears all our prayers, and whose promises are sure. Pick up a prayer calendar with prompts for each day in November.

BIG NEWS! (WELL, SORT OF...)

You know you're Lutheran when you ask everyone to help choose a new name...and the favorite is the old one!

The votes are in, and **First Sunday Fellowship** is here to stay — with one little addition: **First Sunday Fellowship+**

That little + means a lot! What started as snacks after worship has grown into a potluck, with plans for even more opportunities to connect, learn, serve, and enjoy time together.

Same name. More possibilities. Just enough change for Lutherans to handle!

ABOUT THE BIBLE: SHORT ANSWERS TO BIG QUESTIONS

That's the name of the book we'll be talking about in our adult Christian Formation time! Each week we'll explore some very good questions about our Holy Scriptures – what they are, where they came from, how we use them, how they shape us. We love questions!

NEW ZOOM BOOK DISCUSSION-INTEREST MEETING

Is life just more and more busy? And full? And stressful? And and and...You are invited to a conversation about faith in these hectic times using the book *Seculosity: How Career, Parenting, Technology, Food, Politics, and Romance Became Our New Religion and What to Do About It*. This conversation will be Zoom based. There will be an interest meeting on Wednesday, October 28th at 7:00 pm, via Zoom. A link will be sent out earlier that same day. Pastor Ryan will present an overview of the book, and we'll figure out when and how often to meet. Each session will be recorded for those who can't attend live.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response is providing relief following earthquakes and flooding in a multitude of places around the country and world, as well as the ongoing crisis in the Middle East. Lutheran Disaster Response is already responding, with the help of established partners, to give aid and assistance. Visit the LDR website for ways to give, support, and participate, or talk to Pastor Ryan with any questions.

SCHOOL-AGED HELP NEEDED

On Sunday November 1st I have a family event that I must attend. This is also our next "First Sunday Fellowship+" and I need someone to be prepared to share a simple lesson with any school-aged children who are in attendance. I am willing to do the prep work to make it as simple as possible. If you are willing and able, please contact Anita Philp at anitaphilp1961@gmail.com or text me at [\(804\) 347-9528](tel:8043479528). Thanks for considering!

ALUMINUM TABS FOR THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

For the rest of 2026, All Souls will have a Ronald McDonald House Collection box in the Narthex. Save your soda can tabs and deposit them each week into the cardboard house. When the house is filled, they will donate the tabs.

The collected aluminum tabs are recycled and yield approximately \$0.50 per pound, helping fund temporary housing and support services for families with pediatric patients. It takes roughly 1,267 tabs to make a single pound





THANKSGIVING BAGS

Here is a list of items that we are collecting for the Thanksgiving Bags that will be given to our clients. From this list, we will give clients a choice of 8 items for their bag.

We are asking that the donations be delivered to the One Stop Shop by the end of October. We will accept donations after that, but it would be most helpful to be stocked early! THANK YOU!!

(Reminder: donations are accepted on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, from 2:00-3:30)

- Green Beans
- Collard Greens/Mixed Greens
- Carrots
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Stuffing
- Gravy
- Pumpkin
- Cranberry Sauce
- Brownie Mix
- Shampoo
- Body Wash
- Hand Soap
- Toothpaste

Additions to the Thanksgiving Bag List

Sweet potatoes/yams, canned corn, corn muffin mix and anything that you use in your kitchen. Thank you for being a blessing for those in need.

