



Messiah Lutheran Church

June 7, 2026

Pastor Ben Cherland

Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church
2nd Sunday after Pentecost | June 7, 2026

FESTIVAL OF HYMNS

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

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.

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.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *ELW 807 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

WELCOME

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN SERMON

HYMN *Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children*

1. Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love;
Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.
2. Love Him, love Him... 3. Thank Him, thank him....

PSALM 150

¹ Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!^[a]

² **Praise him for his mighty deeds;**
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

³ Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!

⁴ **Praise him with tambourine and dance;**
praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵ Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
⁶ **Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!**
Praise the Lord!

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-33

²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,^[a]
his mercies never come to an end;
²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
²⁴ “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”
²⁵ The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.
²⁷ It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,
²⁸ to sit alone in silence
when the Lord^[b] has imposed it,
²⁹ to put one’s mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),
³⁰ to give one’s cheek to the smiter
and be filled with insults.
³¹ For the Lord will not
reject forever.
³² Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
³³ for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

HYMN OF THE DAY *ELW 733 Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

GOSPEL: John 9:35-39

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”^[a] ³⁶ He answered, “And who is he, sir?”^[b] Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸ He said, “Lord,^[c] I believe.” And he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ELW 785 It Is Well with My Soul vss 1&4

Nearer My God to Thee

1 Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be,
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
2 Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
yet in my dreams I'd be
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

ELW 790 Day by Day vss 1,2,3

ELW 638 Blessed Assurance vss 1,2,3

APOSTLES' 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

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

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

PEACE

**The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.**

OFFERING

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

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 the 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.

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OFFERING PRAYER

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace † bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW 860 *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don Lindall has moved to Billings and is living at the The Vista (part of St John's on Shiloh and Rimrock) until a larger apartment opens up at Mission Ridge. He would love to hear from you. His phone Number is 612-868-1248 (cell)
His address is 3840 Rimrock Rd, Apt 151, Billings, MT 59102

**The
Special Offering for June is
The RLACF Fun Run**

PRAYER REQUESTS

For prayer requests, contact the church office at 406-446-2430 or redlodgemessiah@gmail.com or write your requests in the Prayer request book with specific information and permission from the person you are adding.

The people of Messiah are praying for
Claudia B, Hannah Gonzales, Dolly Koski, Rick and Sandy Koski, Jim Kyner,
Mary Lair, Lois Miller, Misty Milligan, Bob Pollock, Carlos Ramalho, Sadie Sceva,
Garrett Shellenberger, Guynema Terry,
Josh Winter, and Judy Yasi,

The unspoken prayer requests of our congregation.

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Live by faith . Share Christ's Love . Be a Voice for Hope