MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST, 2025



"We have found the Messiah"

John 1:41b

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are pleased to meet you and have you visit us today! Please sign our Guest Book located in the church entryway (Narthex) as well as the attendance sheet located in the red folder in each pew. Let us know how we may be of service to you in any way.

- **RESTROOMS** are located in the Narthex.
- **QUIET BAGS** are available in the Narthex for older children. We also offer a children's bulletin for ages 3-6 and ages 7-12.
- QUIET/CALMING ROOM and a changing table are located near the Fellowship Hall (through the accordion doors behind the choir).
- <u>INVITATION TO COMMUNION</u> The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered to all baptized and prepared Christians who believe Christ is truly present with us in this meal. Trusting in the promises of his Word, "—given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," they intend to grow in faith by the power of the Holy Spirit working through this means of grace toward a more committed life with Jesus and His Church.
- RECEIVING COMMUNION Please extend your hand to receive the bread. Wine is offered from the Chalice or individual cups. Grape juice (center ring, lighter color) is offered for those who choose not to receive wine. After the Communion Assistant follows with the Chalice, place your empty cup on the communion rail rack. Children not yet prepared for the Sacrament may come forward for a blessing "that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ."

• OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Sundays at 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study in the **Pine Tree House**.

Sundays at 9:30 am: Sunday School: Grades 4th & 5th in the Pine Tree House.

Sundays at 9:15 am: Sunday School: Grades 6th – 12th in the **Pine Tree House**.

Tuesdays at 10:00 am: Pastor's Bible Study in the Pine Tree House.

Tuesday 6:00 pm: Pastor's Men's Potluck Bible Study in the Pine Tree House.



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE

The Mission of Messiah Lutheran is to grow in our relationship with God through worship, education, and service, while sharing Christ's peace and fellowship with all.

AS WE GATHER

This Sunday is not only the last Sunday of Easter (Season) but sometimes called the "in between Sunday) because it falls after the Ascension of Our Lord (The past Thursday) and The Feast of Pentecost which is next Sunday. The theme of unity is found in the lessons, including the Psalm, where the emphasis is that "unity" is "good and pleasant."

PRELUDE & PERSONAL DEVOTION (Quiet Please)

+CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

EXHORTATION LSB 151

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

ABSOLUTION LSB 151

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you

Please extend the hand of fellowship to your neighbors with the words: "The peace of the Lord."



+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

ENTRANCE HYMN

525 CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS



- 1 Crown Him with man y crowns, The Lamb His throne; up - on
- 2 Crown Him the vir gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born.
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of Be - hold love. His hands and side.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord Who tri-umphed o'er the of life. grave 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n. En-throned in worlds a - bove.



mu - sic but its own. Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All Whose arm those crim-son tro-phies won Which now His brow a-dorn: Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri-fied. rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save. Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Fruit of the mys-tic rose, No an - gels in the sky glo - ries now we sing, His Crown Him with man - y crowns

Of Him who died for thee. And Yet of that rose the stem. The Can ful - lv bear that sight. But Who died and rose on high, Who As thrones be - fore Him fall:



Him thy match-less king Through all hail as e - ter - ni - ty. ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem. root whence mer - cy down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright. died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die. ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is k Text (sts. 1-3, 5): Matthew Bridges, 1800-94, alt.; (st. 4): Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903 Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-93; Text and tune: Public domain all.

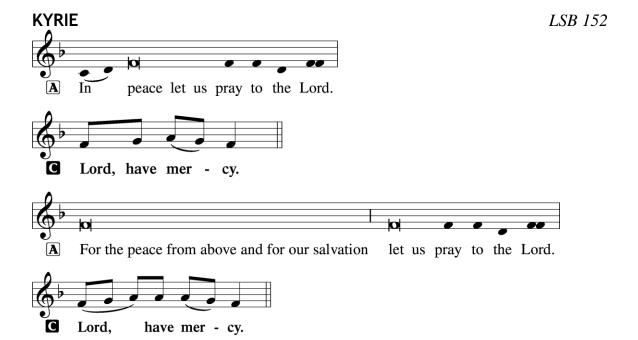


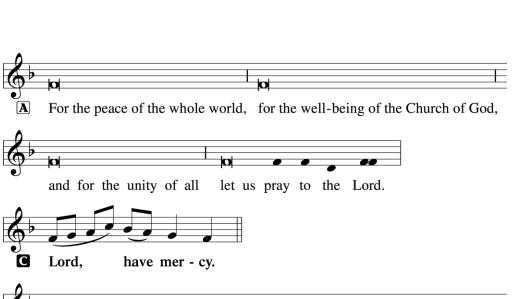
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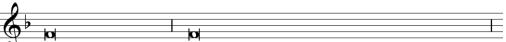
P Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer; for you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy. For you, O God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name. Prolong the life of the king; may his years endure to all generations! May he be enthroned forever before God; appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him! So will I ever sing praises to your name, as I perform my vows day after

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer.







A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise







A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.





SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



The Lord be with you.



\mathbf{P} Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT Acts 1:12–26

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all

the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰"For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it';

and

"Let another take his office."

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

⁶And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place." . . .

¹²"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

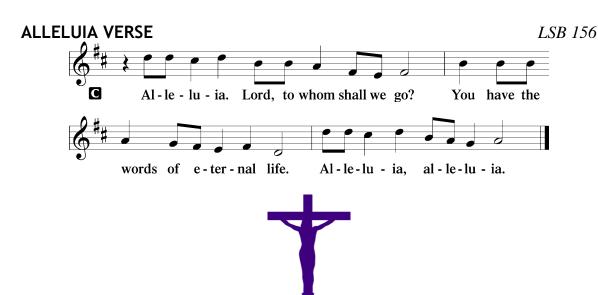
¹⁷The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

¹⁸I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

²⁰He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand



HOLY GOSPEL John 17:20–26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰[Jesus said:] "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



HYMN OF THE DAY 975 BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS



SERMON

"You Speak, Jesus Prays" Reverend Dr. Richard Lohmeyer

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I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

I 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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.

I 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. I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life \maltese of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Lord God, You desire not the death of a sinner, but rather that he would turn from his evil way and live. Judas went his own way, unto perdition. We beg You to call back to Yourself those who have strayed from among us, and to give us joy to welcome them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Lord, You desire Your Church on earth to be one. Grant unity in doctrine, in witness and at Your holy table. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, You have placed us in communities and families where we are nurtured in the knowledge of Your Word and in love. May we be faithful teachers of that Word to our children and those not yet of the kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- P King of kings and Lord of lords, the nations rage in this world, but You promise to bring peace through the ministry of Your Church. By the proclamation of the Gospel, grant healing for the ravages of war, grace in place of vengeance and life in place of death. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Merciful Lord, You graciously provide us with daily bread to sustain this body and life. Give us joy as we bring the fruits of our labors and the tithes and offerings of a grateful faith. Use these gifts so that the Church may not lack for resources to accomplish Your purpose nor the poor suffer need because of our indifference to their plight. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Lord, You give us endurance for the race set before us. Grant that we may run the course You have given us in faith. According to Your good will, give healing to the sick, relief to the suffering, comfort to the grieving and peace to the dying. [We especially remember before You
 ______.] Strengthen them in weakness, and grant patience in their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- **P** (Special Petitions)
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord of hosts, You have instituted and given Your Sacrament for the faithful to receive the very body and blood of Your Son for their forgiveness, life and salvation. Grant us all pure hearts to receive this gift worthily. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Lord God, heavenly Father, Your Son has ascended to heaven and promises to bring His heavenly city to earth in the world to come. Give us such hope in His heavenly city that we spurn the allurements of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His

victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

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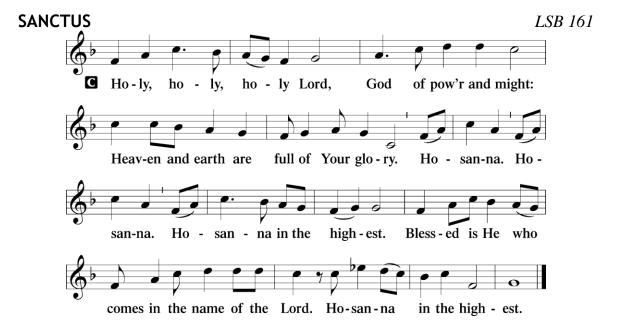
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+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

PREFACE LSB 160 P Lord be The with you. And al - so with you. Lift your hearts. up We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us

everlasting life. Therefore, with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

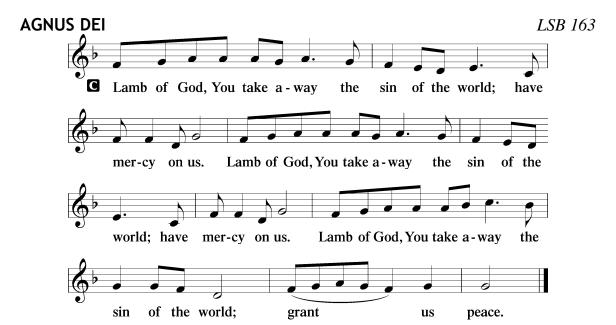


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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.







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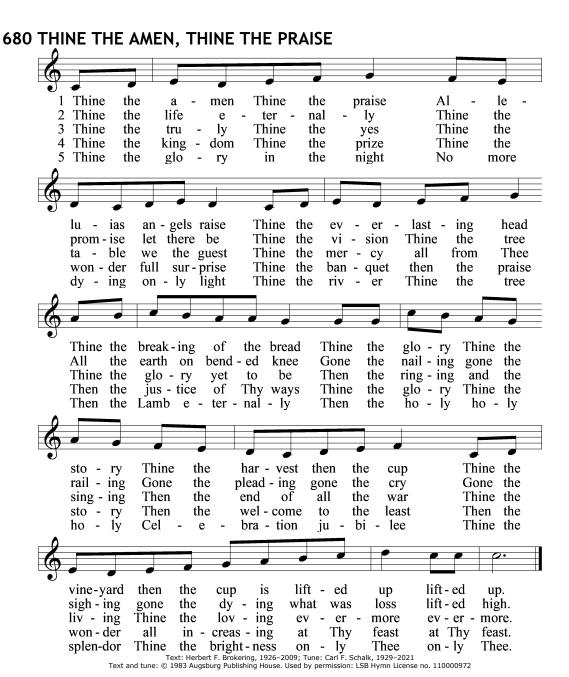
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763 WHEN PEACE, LIKE A RIVER



well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

THANK THE LORD LSB 164



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

BENEDICTION

LSB 166



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.



CLOSING HYMN

842 SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR



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DISMISSAL

- **P** Go in peace, serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:23-31

SAINT DAYS, FEAST DAYS, & COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

June 1st: Justin, Martyr

June 5th: Boniface of Mainz, Missionary to the Germans

June 7th: Pentecost Eve

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

"Hebrews 12:1

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH LUTHERAN

TUES	10:00	Bible Study with Pastor: "The Parables of Jesus"
	6:00	Men's Potluck Bible Study
THURS	9:00	Quilting Group with Devotions & Lunch

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

'Meet & Greet' with Our New Pastor – TODAY!

Join us right after worship TODAY for a special 'Meet & Greet' with our new Pastor, Stephen Wareham! This is a great opportunity to say hello, introduce yourself, and give a warm Messiah Lutheran welcome. We'll gather in the fellowship hall—light refreshments will be served.

Let's show our new Pastor the love and hospitality that make our church family so special!

Mark Your Calendars! Candidate Warham's Ordination and Installation

Candidate Warham earned his MDiv from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and plans to visit Messiah and our community soon. During his visit, he'll look for housing, get acquainted with Messiah, and more. His Ordination and Installation is scheduled for **Sunday**, **July 13**, at **3:00 p.m.** Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend this wonderful celebration!

Pastor Lohmeyer & Connie D Away June 4–7

Pastor Lohmeyer and Connie D will be out of the office **June 4–7** as they attend the **FL-GA District Convention in sunny Orlando, Florida**. While they're away growing, learning, and connecting with fellow pastors, the church office will still be open if you need anything. Please don't hesitate to reach out!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

1 Peter 4:10: "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." Grace is God's undeserved mercy toward us. And what do we have that is not a gift flowing from God's grace? He gives all these gifts so that we may use them in service toward one another. Chief among the ways we serve one another is to support the church's work of bringing more of God's grace to more of God's people. That's what it means to be a steward!



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