

Holy Communion

with the Rite of Holy Baptism

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary 13 + June 28, 2026 + 10:00 a.m.



Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church!

Peace be with you in this season of Ordinary Time (Sundays after Pentecost). It is good to be together.

We are a community committed to the fostering of faith for young participants. Children are encouraged to participate fully in worship and are encouraged to growth through Sunday School. Classes for all ages will resume in September.

Discover more about the congregation at our website messiahlyndhurst.org or on social media at facebook.com/MLC44124.

Prayer Concerns can be shared via email (pastor@messiahlyndhurst.org) or phone (440-442-6941). Please indicate if you would like your request to be considered for inclusion in worship or with our Prayer Partners prayer chain ministry.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated weekly. Worshippers of all ages are welcome at Christ's Table. If Communion is new for you or a young one in your family, we invite you to have a conversation with Pastor Paul.

Serving in Worship Today:

Minister	The Rev. Paul Moody
Assisting Minister	Dave Lenz
Guitar	Tom Griffith
Altar Guild	Nancy Pittard
Reader	Karyn Schmidt
Ushers	Gregg Greanoff and Karyn Schmidt

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GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*(Please rise. All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)*

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

Compassionate God,

**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.**

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.
Amen.

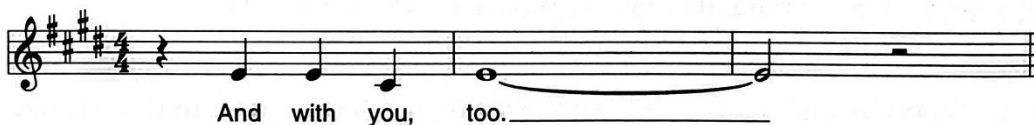
GATHERING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
ELW #807

GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation:



KYRIE

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:



Leader: For the peace that is from above and for our resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:



Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the people of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:



Leader: For this holy place and for those who in faith, devotion, and fear of God offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:



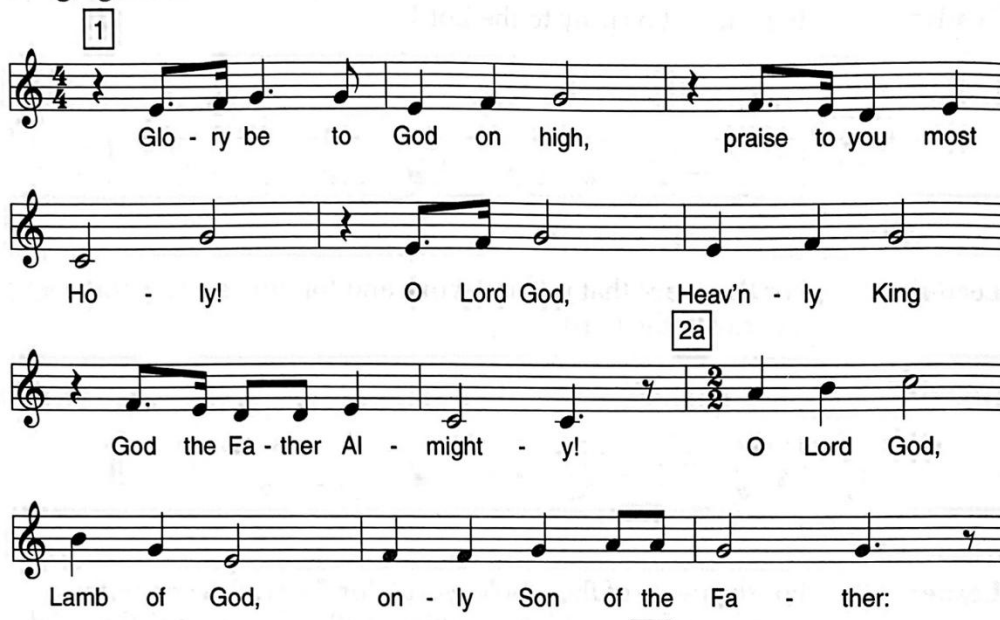
Leader: Help, save, strengthen and defend us, O God, by your grace.

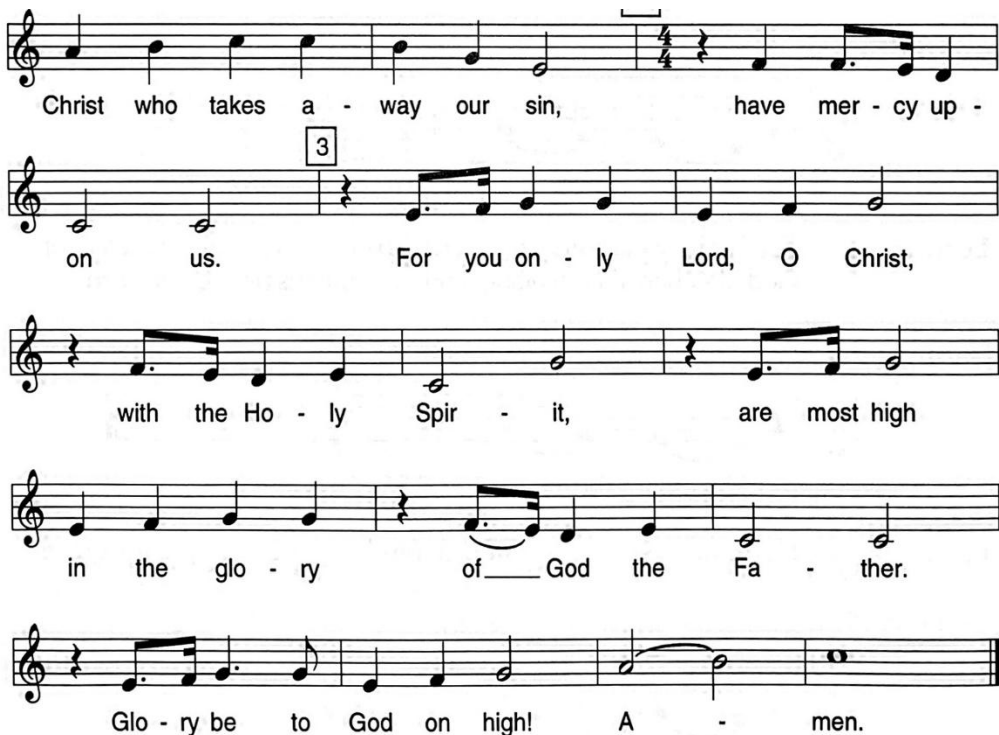
Congregation:



HYMN OF PRAISE

Congregation:





PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

(Please be seated)

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

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).

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. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As 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.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18



¹ Your love, O LORD, forever ¹ will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will pro- ¹ claim your faithfulness.

² **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- ¹ lished
forever;**

you have set your faithfulness firmly ¹ in the heavens.

³ “I have made a covenant with my ¹ chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to Da- ¹ vid my servant:

⁴ **‘I will establish your ¹ line forever,
and preserve your throne for all ¹ generations.’”**

¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the ¹ festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light ¹ of your presence.

¹⁶ **They rejoice daily ¹ in your name;
they are jubilant ¹ in your righteousness.**

¹⁷ For you are the glory ¹ of their strength,
and by your favor our might ¹ is exalted.

¹⁸ **Truly, our shield belongs ¹ to the LORD;
our king to the Holy ¹ One of Israel.**

SECOND READING:

Romans 6:12-23

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.

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires.

¹³ No 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.

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

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Refrain

Sing praise to the Lord, all the earth!

Al - le - lu - le, Al - le - lu - ia!

Play mu - sic to praise his name!

Al - le - lu - le, Al - le - lu - ia! (VERSE)

Fine

Verse: He came to show us how
To live in the here and now.
(Congregation sing refrain.)

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.

The Holy Gospel According to Saint Matthew:

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. ⁴¹Whoever 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, ⁴²and 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

(Please be seated)

SERMON

The Rev. Paul Jones Moody

(Please observe a moment of silence after the sermon before standing as directed)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus
ELW #802

HOLY BAPTISM: Zoe Renée Burdorff

ELW p. 227

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

(A brief silence)

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,

hear our prayer.

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,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division (*places experiencing division may be named*). Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

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,

hear our prayer.

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,

hear our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered)

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 (*like Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons whom the church remembers today*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*(Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace,
saying, "Peace be with you" or similar response, before being seated.)*

OFFERTORY

(Please stand)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Congregation:

2

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O,

God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me._____

— Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence and

take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me._____ Re -

3

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -

hold me with your spir - it free._____ Cre -

4

ate in me a clean heart, O___ God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me._____

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation:



Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation:



Leader: Give thanks to the Lord.

Congregation:



Leader: It is truly right and proper at all times and places to give our thanks to you, Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Ever living God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heav'n, we laud and magnify your glorious name evermore praising you and saying:

Congregation:

5



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of
Hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

6

Glo - ry be to you, O Lord most high._____

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord._____

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord._____ Ho -

san - nah in the high - est!_____

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

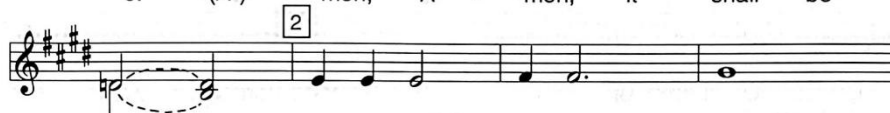
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation:



1. Our Fa - ther who art in Heav -
2. (On) Earth as it is in Heav -
3. And for - give us our tres -
4. Lead us not in - to temp -
5. (For) thine is the king - dom and the
6. (A-) men, A - men, it shall be



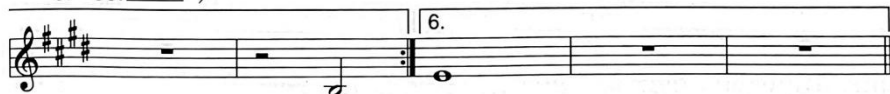
1. en, _____
 2. en, _____
 3. pass - es, _____
 4. ta - tion, _____
 5. pow - er, _____
 6. so, _____
- 1-6. Hal - low - ed be Thy Name.



1. Thy King - dom come, Thy will be _____
2. Give us this day our dai - ly _____
3. As we for - give those who tres - pass a -
4. But de - liv - er us from _____
5. And the glo - ry for - ev - er and
6. A - men, A - men, it shall be _____



1. done, _____
 2. bread, _____
 3. gainst us, _____
 4. e - vil, _____
 5. ev - er, _____
 6. so, _____
- 1-6. Hal-low-ed be Thy Name.



2. On 6. Name.
3. - 4.
5. For
6. A-

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!
All are welcome here.

(Please follow the ushers' guidance to receive Holy Communion. The Sacrament will be served in a continuous line at the front of the chancel. Gluten-free bread is available, please let the server know as needed. Cups are available in the tray on the credence table between servers. To receive wine, pick up an empty cup which will be filled from the pouring chalice. Alcohol-free white grape juice is available in the pre-filled cups at the center of each tray. You may eat and drink as soon as the bread is given the wine received. If you would like to be served in your pew, please let an usher know and the team will come to meet you.)

Congregation:



Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes a - way the
sin of the world, — have mer - cy on us.

Christ, O Lamb of God,
who takes a - way the sin of the world, — have mer - cy on
us.

Christ, O Lamb of
God, who takes a - way the sin of the world, —
give us your peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

When Peace Like a River

ELW #785

COMMUNION HYMN

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

ACS #1084



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

(Please stand)

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Leader: Lord, we have your peace.

Congregation:

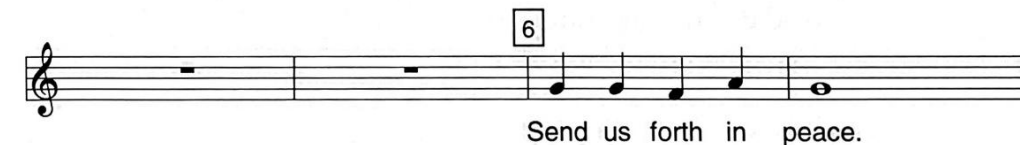
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Lord, we have your peace.

3

Lord, we have your peace. Lord, we have your

peace. Just as you said we have heard it,



SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION PRAYER

As God has gathered us and filled our hearts with Word and Sacrament, now God sends us forth to serve in mission. Let us pray:

Gracious God, through belief in Christ and through the presence of the Holy Spirit within us, empower us to share the word; care and support each other in God's community; worship as a family in Christ; and be Christ-like examples to those whose lives we touch.

Amen.

BLESSING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation:



Leader: Bless we the Lord.

Congregation:



Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you.
And give you peace,
In the name of the Father,
And of the Son,
And of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation:



DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

(Please observe a moment of silence before the postlude)

POSTLUDE

Messiah Staff Members

Choir Director: Vicki Lester

Office Administrator: Steven Liss

Organist: Adam Dellinger

Social Media & Website: Kristy Bohinc

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Prayers

Prayer Team & Partners: Our Prayer Team will pray with/for you. Please complete a blue Prayer Request Card, available in the sanctuary, which offers these options: (1) request a Pastoral follow-up, (2) include in the intercessory prayers to be read aloud in worship, (3) add to the ongoing list in the Bulletin, or (4) add to the Prayer Partner Email Chain.

PLEASE SEND NEW PRAYER REQUESTS TO: pastor@messiahlyndhurst.org

Please pray for our siblings in Christ: Holly Bhatt, Namit Bhatt, Michael Elwood, Tonyia Greanoff, William Jaros, Cathy Jordan, Diane Kosovich, Grace Loudenstein, Lisa Perry, Jeri Ray, Jim Richardson, Alex Vinesky, the family and friends of Vivien Edwards, the family and friends of Morrey Nuss, and all who are in need of comfort and healing.

*(Prayer requests included in the bulletin will remain active for four weeks.
If you wish to have the prayer renewed, please resubmit it accordingly.)*

Announcements

Birthday Sunday Fellowship Hour – June 28: Join us for Fellowship Hour after the service for our renewal of Birthday Sunday to honor everyone who celebrates a June birthday. All are invited for refreshments and fellowship.

Book Club: The book club will resume meeting at Messiah this summer in the Sittler Lounge and/or the library. We will meet on July 14, 2026, at 7pm to discuss the book Starry Messenger: Cosmic Perspectives on Civilization by Neil de Grasse Tyson. Bring your own beverage. We will also hand out the book The Correspondent by Virginia Evans to discuss on Tuesday August 11 at 7pm. Contact Nancy Pittard if you have questions: nlp1097@att.net.

Shoes and Clothes for Kids – July 27 at 10am: Volunteer Opportunity hosted by Social Ministry. Please join us on July 27 from 10 a.m. to noon at Shoes and Clothes for Kids, 15500 South Waterloo Road, Cleveland, OH. Shoes and Clothes for Kids is a non-profit organization which provides school clothes and school supplies for students in need at Cleveland area schools. We will help to organize clothing and school supplies for the upcoming academic year. If you can help, RSVP to Karen Dickerson at kdickerson630@gmail.com by July 20; you will then receive a form to complete required for all volunteers.

Pastor Paul's Office Hours:

Wednesdays: 1:00 – 3:00pm

Church Office Hours:

Mon, Wed, & Fri: 12:00 – 4:00pm

Attendance and Offering for the week of June 21, 2026:

Attendance: 47 Offering: \$5,111

Special Acknowledgments

Email to messiahlutheranoffice@gmail.com by Wednesday at 3pm for publication on the following Sunday. We'll keep items in print for at least two weeks.

♥ I want to thank everyone who helped make the Hillcrest Band concert & ice cream social a wonderful event on June 9. I heard so many compliments from the audience: "I loved the songs", "This was the best concert yet", "What a talented group" and "Great song selection this year". I personally loved the Wizard of OZ medley! And it is always nice to see our own Alison Griffith, Chris Butler and Paul Lawrence, our elder statesman on stage too. It will be hard to have a more perfect event next year as the weather, music, ice cream, donuts and apple fritters (donated from Goldies!) came together to make a wonderful event. But we will try. A special shout out to

Drinda Kiner, Carol Lapin, Jon Paulus and Sue Diehm for their help.
(c/o Jill Snellman)

- ♥ Thank you to the congregation for their generous donations to Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry for the Mother's Day drive. There were 88 pairs of socks, 102 briefs and 30 bras collected. Thank you to Jill Snellman and Jon Paulus for delivering the contributions to LMM! (c/o Karen Dickerson)
- ♥ Thank you to Troy Studly, William and Erin Butler, Pastor Paul, Dave, Jen, Clara, and Annette Lenz, Robert and Twyla Lucas, for all their hard work in removing the shed and the Garden of Eden. The area now looks much better. (c/o Chris Butler)