

# MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rogation Sunday

June 7, 2026

Traditional Service



**We welcome you to The Traditional Service this morning**

## Our Staff

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***Our Mission:***

*Glorifying God through our worship, our witness, our service,  
and our support*

***Our Vision:***

*To build and strengthen the body of Christ*

**Holy Communion**

To help you feel more comfortable please know that all baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament and have already received Holy Communion in your home church, are welcome to come to the altar and receive Holy Communion.

To receive the sacrament:

1. Communicant should receive the consecrated host from the Pastor and then proceed to the Assisting Minister who will be standing near the sanctuary pillar on whichever side of the church is being communed to receive a prefilled communion cup;
2. If the communicant prefers the consecrated grape juice, they shall receive that from the Pastor.
3. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will bring Holy Communion to you.

**Assisting at Worship:**

	<b>Today</b>	<b>June 8</b>
<b>Asst. Min.</b>	Savanna Conner	Brad Bresee
<b>Lector</b>	Laurie Hecht	Laurie Hecht
<b>Usher</b>	—	—
<b>Sound System</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>Video</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>Counters</b>	Savanna Conner	Brad Bresee
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Robin Curtis, Jean Parker, Karen Pistner	

## Welcome/Announcements

### Gathering Hymn      *Now the Green Blade Rises*



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

### **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 Amen.

### **ACCLAMTION & RESPONSES**

P Whatever befalls the earth befalls the children of the earth.

C **Every part of the earth is sacred.**

P The air is precious, for all of us share the same breath.

C **Every part of the earth is sacred.**

P This we know the earth does not belong to us; we belong to the earth.

C **Every part of the earth is sacred.**

P This we know all things are connected; like the blood that unites one family.

**C Every part of the earth is sacred.**

P Our God is the same God, whose compassion is equal for all.

**C Every part of the earth is sacred.**

P We did not weave the web of life; we are merely a strand in it.

**C Every part of the earth is sacred.**

P Whatever we do to the web we do to ourselves.

**C Every part of the earth is sacred, for all belongs to our Creator.  
Amen.**

### ***Prayer of the Day***

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray. God our Creator, we celebrate your vibrant presence among us and all of Creation, especially in the soil, the fields and the land. Help us to empathize with your creatures who are suffering. Lift our spirits to rejoice with the land, the flowers of the field and all the creatures of the countryside. In the name of Christ, who reconciles and renews all things in creation

**C Amen**

*Please be seated.*

### ***Lesson***

***Job 38:1-11, 16-18***

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man; I will question you, and you shall declare to me. “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements - surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made the clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped’? “Have you entered into the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to

you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

A The Word of God, the word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### *Psalm*

**104:1, 13-23**

P Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great.  
You are clothed with honor and majesty,

C **From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.**

P You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth,

C **and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.**

P The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

C **In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees.**

P The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the rabbits.

C **You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.**

P You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.

C **The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.**

P When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.

C **People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening.**

### *Lesson*

**1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19**

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered

away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

A The Word of God, the word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### ***Gospel Lesson***

***Luke 12:13-21***

### **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

A The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### ***MESSAGE***

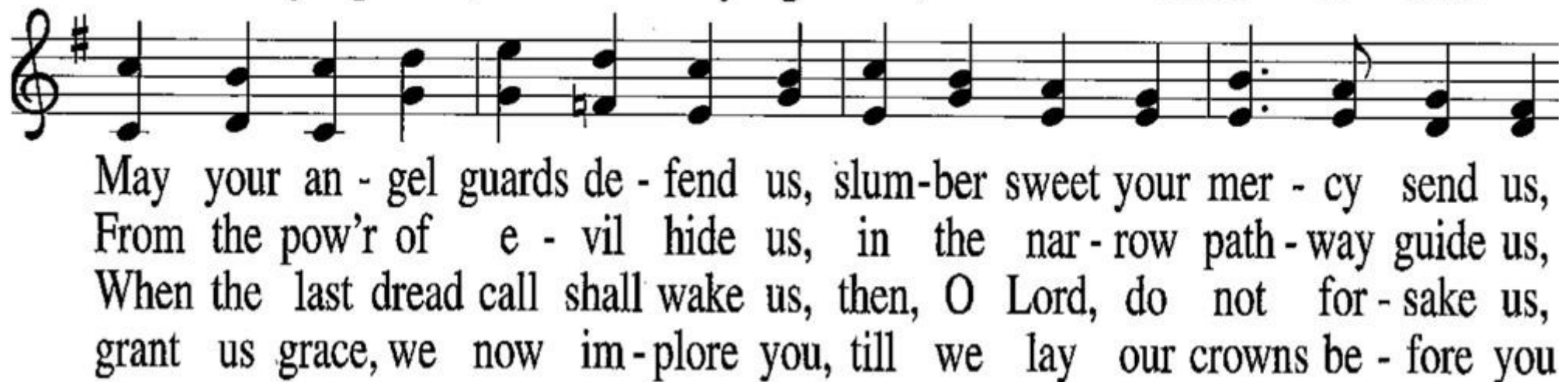
### ***Hymn of the Day God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven***



1 God, who made the earth and heav-en, dark - ness and light:  
2 And when morn a - gain shall call us to run life's way,  
3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep-ing, and, when we die,  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav-en, all - ho - ly Son,



you the day for work have giv - en, for rest the night.  
 may we still, what - e'er be - fall us, your will o - bey.  
 may we in your might - y keep - ing all peace - ful lie.  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, blest Three in One:



May your an - gel guards de - fend us, slum - ber sweet your mer - cy send us,  
 From the pow'r of e - vil hide us, in the nar - row path - way guide us,  
 When the last dread call shall wake us, then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,  
 grant us grace, we now im - plore you, till we lay our crowns be - fore you



ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us all through the night.  
 nev - er be your smile de - nied us all through the day.  
 but to reign in glo - ry take us with you on high.  
 and in wor - thier strains a - dore you while a - ges run.

## ***THE CREATION CREED***

**C. We believe that God creates all things, renews all things and celebrates all things.**

**We believe Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God's presence, a home for us to share with all people and life forms. We believe that God became flesh and blood, became part of the Earth, a human being called Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died on a cross, for all human beings and for all creation.**

**We believe that the risen Jesus is the Christ at the core of creation reconciling all things to God, renewing all creation and filling the cosmos. We believe the Holy Spirit renews life in creation, groans in empathy with a suffering creation, and waits with us for the rebirth of creation. We believe that with Christ we will rise and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation. Amen.**

## ***Prayers of Intercession***

P Upon all who seek to care for our world,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Upon all who seek to conserve and preserve the earth's goodness,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Upon all who work as your co-creators,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Upon those who suffer through pollution,

**C Christ, have mercy.**

P Upon those whose land has been spoiled by war,

**C Christ, have mercy.**

P Upon those who work on the land or the sea,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Upon all artists, writers, and craftspeople,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Upon all who seek to make this world beautiful,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those we now name who are in need of prayer and healing touch, especially for..... Lord in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P God of all Creation, grant wisdom to communities and governments in their sacred trust; and raise up true champions of your Creation. God in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P Spirit of Truth, as a church and as individuals, give us vision to commit to lifestyles which contribute to the health of Creation. Give us courage to reduce consumption and waste, to promote recycling and sustainability in our communities, and to reduce our burden on earth's bounty. Spirit in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P O Risen Christ, Alpha and Omega, with eager longing the whole creation awaits your coming again. Heal the earth of all the wounds we have allowed through ignorance of abuse. Help us to be informed and courageous advocates for policies which seek environmental justice. Into your hands we commit all for whom we

pray, include those who have no one to name them, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord.

**C Amen.**

**Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

***Instrumental music while the Altar is being prepared***

**Offertory Hymn**

***Create in Me A Clean Heart***

***[stand]***

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 -  
store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -  
hold me with your free Spir - it.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me.

### ***Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self***

A Let us pray. (*brief pause*)

C **For the hospitality of your good earth, for the people you have given us to love, for the task you called us to do, we give thanks, gracious God. Receive our offerings as a testimony of our faith and gratitude. Amen.**

### ***Confession and Forgiveness [stand/kneel as able]***

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P 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.  
*Silence for reflection* Most merciful God

C **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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I

therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C 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***

#### ***Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord***

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est."

### ***Eucharistic Prayer***

#### ***The Lord's Prayer***

**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***

A Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

***Distribution of Communion*** [sit]

***Communion Music*** Instrumental

### ***Post Communion Blessing***

A May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his name forever.

C Amen.

### ***Post Communion Prayer***

A Let us pray. (*brief pause*) Life-giving God,

C **in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord Amen**

## ***BLESSING OF ROGATION ELEMENTS & GROWING SEASON***

### ***OPENING BLESSINGS*** PSALM 147: 7-9

P Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving

C Make music to our God on the harps.

P He covers the sky with clouds;

C **He supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills.**

P He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call.

C **Praise the Lord.**

### ***Prayer for the Soil and Tractors***

P Giver of life, we give you thanks that in the richness of the soil, nature awakens to your call of spring. We praise you for the smell of freshly tilled earth, the beauty of a cleanly cut furrow, and a well-plowed field. Bless these tractors and all equipment used for working the land. We ask that you help us to be good stewards of this land.

C **Hear our prayer, Giver of Life.**

### ***Prayer for Seeds***

P Creating God, you have given seed to the sower and bread to the people. Nourish, protect, and bless the seeds which your people have sown in hope. By your loving and bountiful giving, may they bring forth their beauty and fruit in due season.

C **Hear our prayer, Creating God.**

### ***Prayer for Water and Rain***

P Sustaining God, we receive the fruits of the earth from you. We give you thanks for the smell of the earth after rain, for its welcoming coolness, and its necessary hydration for the land. We ask that you help us to be good stewards of the water that comes from you so that the crops may flourish and the coming harvest be indeed bountiful.

C **Hear our prayer, Sustaining God.**

### ***Prayer for Gardening Tools***

P We bless these tools and items we will use in our working of the earth to bring forth grains, vegetables and fruits to feed us; and flowers, plants and trees to delight us and give us oxygen to breathe. Help us to use these items with great care and reverence for the earth you have created. Help us to tread lightly on the earth, reducing our use of chemicals in pesticides and herbicides. And with the bounty we harvest, help us to be generous with all we have received as a gift from the earth. All of this we pray in your Holy Name.

C **Amen.**

### ***Blessing***

P Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness. Jesus Christ, the word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses. God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always

C **Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

## **For the Beauty of the Earth**



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

### *Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

## **Dismissal**

A Go in peace. Care for God's creation!

C **Thanks be to God.**

*The Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of my brother's  
by Laurie Hecht*

*One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Honor of my  
granddaughter, Alyssa Bresee, graduation from Penn State University, with  
love and God's blessings by Pam Bresee*

*One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Honor of my  
granddaughter, Kayla Bresee, graduation from Harbor Creek High School,  
with love and God's blessings by Pam Bresee*

*The Vigil Candle is given to the Glory of God and in Memory of my brother,  
Bob Parker, by Jean Parker*

## *Announcements*

**S**econd Mile Giving is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. For **June** **The Bethany Outreach Center** is our Second Mile Giving beneficiary. Contributions may be made throughout the month by using the yellow envelopes found in the pews. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

**W**esleyville Food Pantry: Please consider a financial gift. Checks should be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church marking "Food Pantry" in the memo line.

**O**WLs: Erie Zoo Glow Wild on **June 11 at 7:00 pm**. Meet at the Zoo.

**H**onoring Graduates: Sunday, **June 14 at the 11:00 am service**. Kayla Bresee, Alyssa Bresee, Jodi Joyce, and Dr. Michelle Flaherty.

**W**esleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

June 8 at 10:00am to unload senior boxes.

June 15 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.

June 16 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

## **SUMMER SERMON SERIES: WHAT IS YOUR LIFE COSTING YOU?**

You're already carrying something: stress, pressure, expectations, exhaustion, the weight of trying to hold everything together. Jesus asks a deeper question: What is it all for? Join us this summer for a 7-week journey through the Gospel of Matthew: "The Real Cost of Following Jesus." This is not a series about easy answers or shallow positivity. Jesus never promised comfort, approval, or an easy life. He promised something more dangerous and more meaningful. If you've ever wondered:

.Why following Jesus feels difficult

.Why life still feels heavy even when you're "doing everything right"

.What is actually worth giving your life to

...this series is for you.

Beginning **next week** come to wrestle with the words of Jesus. Come to discover a life that matters. Because an easy life won't satisfy you. But a meaningful one just might.

## This Week at the Church

*(See Newsletter for More Detail)*

**Office Hours :Monday Closed, Tuesday 10:00am-5:00pm,  
Wednesday Closed, Thursday 10:00am-5:00pm,  
Friday 10:00am-5:00pm**

<b>Sun. 6/7</b>	<b><i>Holy Trinity Sunday</i></b>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Servant Outreach
	2:00 –4:00PM	FootSteps
	5:00-7:00PM	Little Gridder Cheerleading
<b>Mon.</b>	6:30PM	Guided Meditation
<b>Tues.</b>	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
<b>Thu.</b>	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	7:30PM	NA Group
<b>Fri.</b>	7:30PM	AA
<b>Sun. 6/14</b>	<b><i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i></b>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	5:00-7:00PM	Little Gridder Cheerleading