



# MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026

## THE GATHERING

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

## GRADUATION SUNDAY



**We welcome you to The Gathering this morning**

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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 21</b>               |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Asst. Min.</b>   | Brian Rogala, Jr.                        | Ray Bennett                  |
| <b>Lector</b>       | Jean Parker                              | Cyndi Allen                  |
| <b>Acolyte</b>      | Manny Alaniz                             | Josh Bartlett                |
| <b>Usher</b>        | Brian Rogala                             | Arnold Conner                |
| <b>Sound System</b> | Rich Alaniz                              | Brad Bresee                  |
| <b>Video</b>        | Rich Alaniz                              | Brad Bresee                  |
| <b>Counters</b>     | Tim Smock, Mary Rush                     | Candy Sprouse, Karen Pistner |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>  | Robin Curtis, Jean Parker, Karen Pistner |                              |



The Israelites journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one, “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Lesson****Matthew 9:35-10:8**

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zeb’edee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to

the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And preach as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, give without pay.

**A** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **MESSAGE**

### **Song**            **One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)**

1. Higher than the mountains that I face.  
Stronger than the power of the grave.  
Constant in the trial and the change.  
One thing remains, one thing remains. (Last time) Your love.

*Refrain:* Your love never fails, it never gives up,  
never runs out on me. (*repeat*) Your love.

2. On and on and on and on it goes.  
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul.  
And I never, ever have to be afraid.  
One thing remains, one thing remains. (*R, Bridge*)

*Bridge:* In death, in life, I'm confident and  
cover'd by the power of your great love.  
My debt is paid; there's nothing that  
can separate my heart from your great love. (*R, V2*)

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### **Prayers of the People**

#### **Peace**

**P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

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

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe:  
your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread:  
your very word spoken to me.

*Refrain:* And I, I'm desperate for you. And I, I'm lost without you.

*Ending:* This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe.

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

**A** Let us pray. (*brief pause*) Loving God,

**C** 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.

### ***Thanksgiving for the Great Meal***

**P** Lift up your hearts and give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** We gladly lift up our hearts and give God our praise and thanksgiving.

### ***Consecration***

#### ***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.

### ***Distribution Song***

#### ***Good, Good Father***

1. I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like,  
but I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.  
You tell me that you're pleased, and that I'm never alone.

*Refrain:* You're a good, good Father; it's who you are,  
it's who you are, it's who you are. And I'm loved by you;  
it's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

2. I've seen many searching for answers far and wide,  
but I know we're all searching for answers only you provide.  
Because you know just what we need before we say a word. (R,B)

*Bridge:* You are perfect in all of your ways,  
you are perfect in all of your ways,  
you are perfect in all of your ways to us.(2x)

3. Love so undeniable, I can hardly speak.  
peace so unexplainable, I can hardly think,  
as you call me deeper still, as you call me deeper still,  
as you call me deeper still into love, love, love.(Rx2)

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

**A** Let us pray. *(brief pause)* Compassionate God,  
**C** through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the  
abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy  
meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We  
ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us  
now and forever. Amen

### ***Blessing***

**P** Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God, bless, heal, and hold you  
today and always.

**C** Amen.

### ***Song***

#### ***My Jesus***

1. Are you past the point of weary? Is your burden weighing heavy?  
Is it all too much to carry? Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.  
Do you feel that empty feeling 'cause shame's done all its stealing,  
and you're desperate for some healing?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

*Refrain:* He makes a way where there ain't no way.

Rises up from an empty grave.

Ain't no sinner that he can't save.

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

His love is strong and his grace is free,

and the good news is I know that he

can do for you what he's done for me.

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

And let my Jesus change your life.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah, amen, amen.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah, amen, amen, amen

2. Who can wipe away the tears  
from broken dreams and wasted years,  
and tell the past to disappear? Oh,  
and let me tell you 'bout my Jesus,  
And all the wrong turns that you would  
go and undo if you could.

Who can work it all for your good?

Let me tell you about my Jesus. (R)

3. Who would take my cross to Calvary?  
Pay the price for all my guilty  
Who would care that much about me?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus, oh (R x2)

*Ending:* Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Let my Jesus change your life.

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## ***Dismissal***

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of Linda's  
birthday with love by Steve Porada*

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

## *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.

**W**esleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

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

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

# MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

## 3-YEAR VISION

APPROVED - 2025 to 2027

### WORSHIP

### Start?

#### Technology

Add Screens in sanctuary

(DONE)

Update website

(ongoing)

Obtain Hearing Assisted Devices

(DONE)

#### Music Ministry

Build out the Band

(2026)

### CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Bubble Church

(ongoing)

School Day Off Camp

(On hold)

Milestone Ministry

(On hold)

### PROPERTY

Fix Front Electronic Sign

(DONE)

Repair/Purchase Boiler

(DONE)

Plumbing Upgrades/Restrooms

(2027)

Buy New Freezer

(DONE)

### IN-REACH

Recruit and Train More Volunteer

(2026)

Train in-home communion ministry

(2026)

### EDUCATION

Bible Study (Adult and Children) - have more options

(2025-2027)

### OUTREACH

Maintain Community Garden

(ongoing)

Continue Back to School Bash

(ongoing)

Continue participation in Community National Night Out (ongoing)

### FELLOWSHIP

Explore more group events

(ongoing)

Continue to grow OWLs ministry (spiritually and fellowship)

(ongoing)

Lutheran Walkers

(2026)

## 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**

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|------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Sun. 6/14</b> | <b><i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i></b> |                             |
|                  | 8:30 and 11:00AM                         | Service of Holy Communion   |
|                  | 9:45AM                                   | Servant Outreach            |
|                  | 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    |
|                  | 6:00PM                                   | Church Council              |
|                  | 7:30PM                                   | NA Group                    |
| <b>Fri.</b>      | 7:30PM                                   | AA                          |
| <b>Sun. 6/21</b> | <b><i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i></b> |                             |
|                  | 8:30 and 11:00AM                         | Service of Holy Communion   |

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