



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rogation Sunday

June 7, 2026

THE GATHERING

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP



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:

	Today	June 8
Asst. Min.	Bella Alaniz	Brian Rogala, Jr.
Lector	Bella Alaniz	Jean Parker
Acolyte	Maddie Bartlett	Manny Alaniz
Usher	Art Anderson	Brian Rogala
Sound System	Rich Alaniz	Rich Alaniz
Video	Manny Alaniz	Rich Alaniz
Counters	Art Anderson, Karen Pistner	Tim Smock, Mary Rush
Altar Guild	Robin Curtis, Jean Parker, Karen Pistner	

Opening Song

Less Like Me

1. Oh I have days I lose the fight.
Try my best but just don't get it right.
Where I talk a talk that I don't walk,
and miss the moments right before my eyes.

Pre-Refrain: Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped.
Somebody with a hand that I could have held.
When I just can't see past myself. Lord, help me be.

Refrain: A little more like mercy. A little more like grace.
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith.
A little more like patience. A little more like peace.
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.

2. Yeah there's no denying I have changed.
I've been saved from who I used to be.
But even at my best, I must confess,
I still need help to see the way you see. *(Pre-R, Bridge)*

Bridge: Oh to feed the beggar on the street.
Love to be your hands and feet.
Freely give what I receive, Lord, help me be.
I want to put you first above all else.
Love my neighbor as myself.
In the moments no one sees, Lord, help me be. *(R, Ending)*

Ending: A little more I'm living, everything I preach.
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.

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Opening Prayer

Song

This is Amazing Grace

1. Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The king of glory the king above all kings.

2. Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The king of glory the king above all kings.

Refrain: This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
that you would take my place, that you would bear my cross.
You laid down your life that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me.

3. Who brings our chaos back into order,
who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The king of glory the king of glory.

4. Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The king of glory the king above all kings. *(R, Bridge)*

Bridge: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy, worthy, worthy! *(R)*

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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.**

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.

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

Song

What a Beautiful Name

1. You were the word at the beginning,
one with God the Lord most high.
Your hidden glory in creation,
now revealed in you, our Christ.

Refrain: What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is,
the name of Jesus Christ my king.
What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.

2. You didn't want heaven without us,
so Jesus, you brought heaven down.
My sin was great, your love was greater;
what could separate us now?

Refrain 2: What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is,
the name of Jesus Christ my king.
What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.

Bridge: Death could not hold you, the veil tore before you.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory
for you are raised to life again.

Bridge 2: You have no rival, you have no equal.
Now and forever God, you reign.
Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory,
yours is the name above all names.

Refrain 3: What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is.
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against.
What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

Ending: What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.
What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

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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.

Song of Offering

Breathe

Stand

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)* Risen One,

C **you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

Distribution Song

Holy Spirit

1. There's nothing worth more that will ever come close.
No thing can compare; you're our living hope. Your presence.
2. I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,
where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone,
in your presence, Lord.

Refrain: Holy Spirit, you are welcome here;
come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;
your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
to be overcome by your presence, Lord. Your presence, Lord.
(Repeat from Beginning)

Bridge: Let us become more aware of your presence
Let us experience the glory of your goodness *(4X) (Lord)(R)*

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Post Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. *(brief pause)* Living One,
C **in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen**

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 The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C Amen.

Song

Who You Say I Am

1. Who am I that the highest king would welcome me.
I was lost but he brought me in. Oh, his love for me.
Oh, his love for me.

Refrain1: Who the son sets free, oh is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.

2. Free at last he has ransomed me, his grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me.
Yes he died for me. (R1, R2)

Refrain 2: In my Father's house, there's a place for me.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.

Bridge: I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who you say I am.
You are for me, not against me. I am who you say I am.
(Repeat, Tag)

Tag: I am who you say I am (R1, R2 x2)

Dismissal

- A Go in peace. Care for God's creation!
C **Thanks be to God.**

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

Second 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!

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

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

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

Wesleyville 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 **June 14** 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**

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