

WELCOME TO THIS  
WORSHIP CELEBRA-  
TION of the living  
Christ's presence in  
our midst. Christ  
comes to us with new  
life and strength for  
Christian living in  
daily life through the  
hearing of the Word,  
preaching, prayer,  
song, and community.

*As the Confession and  
Forgiveness begins, all  
may make the sign of  
the cross, the sign that  
is marked at baptism.*

*Congregational re-  
sponses are in bold*

*\* Asterisks through-  
out the order of  
worship indicate  
the people stand-  
ing, in body and/or  
in spirit.*

# GATHERING

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Howard Anderson, reader*

## PRELUDE "Prelude in G Major"

*Shirley Newhart, organ*

J.S. Bach

## \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Leader: Compassionate God.

People: **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.**

Leader: 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.

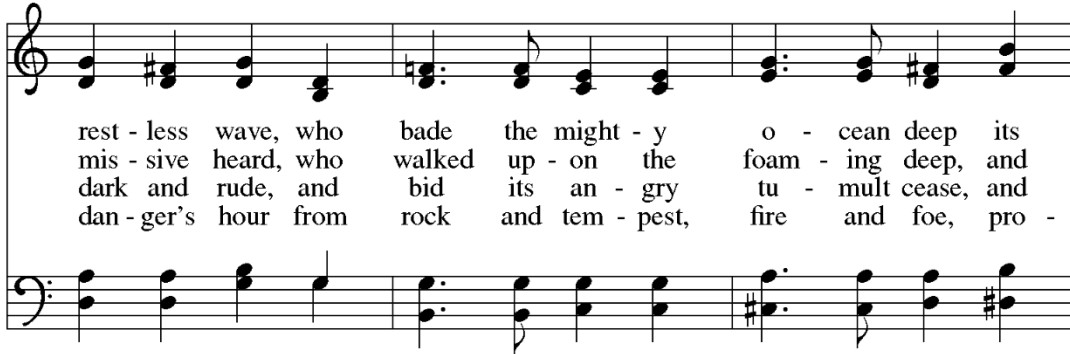
People: **Amen.**

# \*GATHERING SONG "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

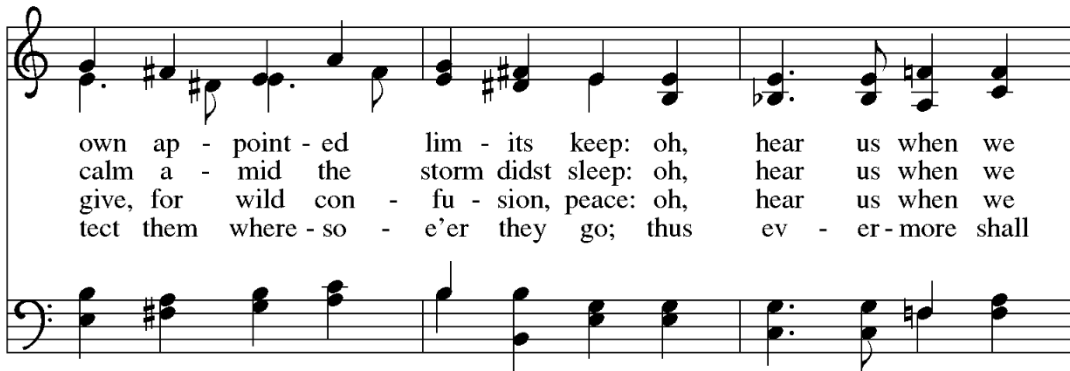
Hymn 756



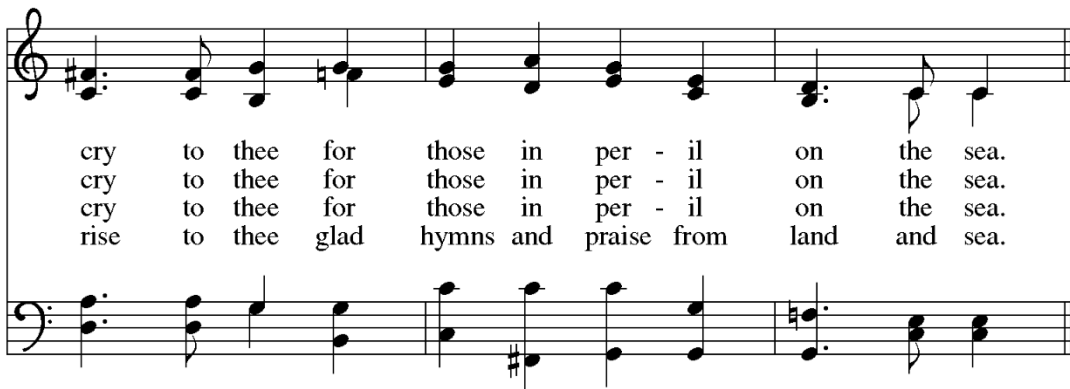
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

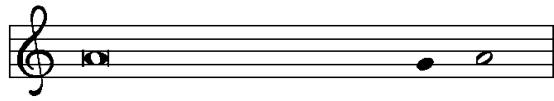
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Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

## \*GREETING

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

## \*KYRIE



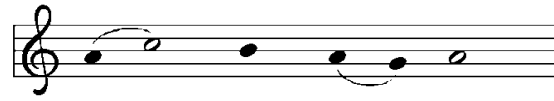
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



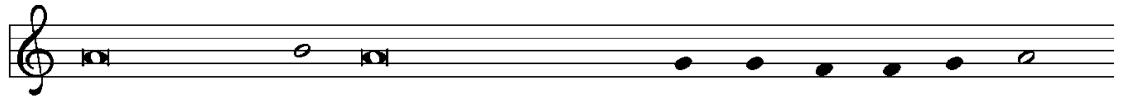
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

"Kyrie" is a Greek word meaning "Lord." In Christian liturgy, particularly in Kyrie Eleison, it's used as a plea for God's mercy. The full phrase, "Kyrie eleison," translates to "Lord, have mercy," and has a common element in various Christian worship services since the 4th century.

# \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

”

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Leader: Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC** “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

arr. Raney

*Shirley Newhart, organ; Rodney Powers, piano*

## **WORD**

*Howard Anderson, reader*

### **FIRST READING: James 5:16-18**

*New Testament page 205*

<sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALMODY: Psalm 145:8-14**

Leader: <sup>8</sup> The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**People: <sup>9</sup> The Lord is good to all,  
and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

Leader: <sup>10</sup> All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**People: <sup>11</sup> They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom  
and tell of your power,**

Leader: <sup>12</sup> to make known to all people your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Leader: <sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and gracious in all his deeds.

People: <sup>14</sup> **The Lord upholds all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

## **GOSPEL: Luke 4:16-26**

*New Testament page 53*

Leader: The Gospel according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to set free those who are oppressed,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.

The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup> He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” <sup>24</sup> And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. <sup>25</sup> But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, <sup>26</sup> yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon.

*The reading of Scripture is when God makes known his will: God desires mercy and salvation.*

*Ultimately, this word points us to the Word, the incarnate Son of God.*

*Through Christ — God's only Son — are we able to know the Father's favor and grace.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Today's Altar Flowers  
are given by Milda &  
Terry Blaney "to the  
Glory of God" and by  
Diane Munroe "in  
loving memory of her  
mother, Dolores Cald-  
well."*

*The July Eternal Can-  
dle was donated by  
Shirley & Phil Nack  
"with thanks for all  
the prayers and God's  
blessings to you all."*

**SERMON TEXT: 1 Kings 17:1-24**

*Old Testament page 300*

Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe<sup>1</sup> in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."

<sup>2</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah: <sup>3</sup>"Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. <sup>4</sup>You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there."

<sup>5</sup>So he did what the Lord had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. <sup>6</sup>The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

<sup>7</sup>Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. <sup>8</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to him: <sup>9</sup>"Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food." <sup>10</sup>So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" <sup>11</sup>As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread."

<sup>12</sup>"As surely as the Lord your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die."

<sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.'

<sup>15</sup> She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. <sup>16</sup> For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.

<sup>17</sup> Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. <sup>18</sup> She said to Elijah, “What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?”

<sup>19</sup> “Give me your son,” Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. <sup>20</sup> Then he cried out to the Lord, “Lord my God, have you brought tragedy even on this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?” <sup>21</sup> Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the Lord, “Lord my God, let this boy’s life return to him!”

<sup>22</sup> The Lord heard Elijah’s cry, and the boy’s life returned to him, and he lived. <sup>23</sup> Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, “Look, your son is alive!”

<sup>24</sup> Then the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord from your mouth is the truth.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** “Broken For Use (Elijah, Part 1)”

*Director of Faith Formation Ken Ritz*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** "When Peace Like a River (It Is Well With My Soul)"

*Hymn 785*



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



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

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888

Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

## \*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*(In between the petitions of the prayers, the following response is offered.)*

Leader: God of grace,

People: **hear our prayer.**

*(Final petition and response.)*

Leader: Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your  
goodness, we cast all our cares  
upon you, through the abundant  
grace of Christ Jesus.

People: **Amen.**

During Pentecost there is Holy Communion on the first and third Sunday of each month. All those who are seeking Christ and his grace are welcome at our communion table.

Today, we will receive Communion by *intinction* (dipping the bread into the wine/juice).

Here is the process: **Approach:** Please follow the direction of the ushers to come forward via the center aisle.

**Receive the Bread:** Extend your hands to receive a piece of bread [or a wafer] from the minister.

**Dip:** Hold the bread carefully and dip a portion of it into the chalice.

**Consume:** Place the intincted bread directly into your mouth and reverently return to your seat via the side aisles.

Note: If you prefer to receive a gluten-free option or a blessing instead, please let the minister know as you approach.

# MEAL

## \*DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## \*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...  
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

## COMMUNION SONG "Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

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## **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Leader:** Compassionate God,  
**People:** 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.**

## **SENDING**

### **\*PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

**Leader:** Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you  
today and always.  
**People:** Amen

**\*SENDING SONG** “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies  
(America the Beautiful)”

*Hymn 888*



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:  
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:  
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.  
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929  
Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903

**\*DISMISSAL**

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*POSTLUDE** “Fugue in G Major”

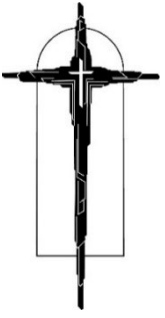
J.S. Bach

*Shirley Newhart, organ*

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 5	9:00 am Worship 10:00 am SING THE FAITH Rehearsal 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship
Monday, July 6	9:30 am VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 5:00 pm Ronald McDonald House Dinner <i>6:00 pm Mahjong</i>
Tuesday, July 7	9:30 am VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Wednesday, July 8	8:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 9:30 am VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Thursday, July 9	9:30 am VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Friday, July 10	9:30 am VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 7:00 pm The Arts at Messiah Concert
Saturday, July 11	

*Italics indicate outside group*

## PASTOR SCHEIB OFFICE HOURS

*Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm*

## MESSIAH OFFICE HOURS

*Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday-9:00 am to 4:00 pm*

*Closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 pm*

*Wednesday-8:30 am to 11:30 am*

*Friday-Closed*

## ONLINE GIVING

Please consider making a one-time or recurring gift to Messiah using the secure online portal at the website ([messiahsi.org](http://messiahsi.org)) and clicking on the Give tab. Another option to reach the portal is to scan this QR code using your smartphone's QR reader. This link may be used for paying for altar flowers and other church-related activities. Questions? Contact the Church Office.



If you would like to give the old-fashioned way, the offering plate is on the table as you exit the Sanctuary.



# THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Ministers	The People of Messiah
Pastor	Jason Talsness
Pastor, Congregational Care	Karen Scheib
Director, Faith Formation	Ken Ritz
Pastor Emeritus	James Peper
Presiding Bishop ELCA	Yehiel Curry
Bishop, SE Synod ELCA	Kevin Strickland
Director of Music & Organist	Shirley Newhart
Choral Director	Rodney Powers
Altar Guild	Karen Floto
Reader	Howard Anderson
Evangelism Greeters	Marcia & Greg Stinson
Ushers	Terry Blaney and Kathy Ritz
Communion Assistants	Bonnie LaPread and George Lawrence
Audio Visual	Steve Allen and Ken McLauchlan
Coffee Hour	Jennifer Nguyen (Host, Treats)

## MILESTONES THIS WEEK

*Birthdays: Bob Lindenschmidt 07/08, Ken Ritz 07/08, Clarke Field 07/10,  
Kathryn Turenne 07/10*

*Anniversaries: Betty & Ken Mitchell 07/07, Alexandra & Pastor Jason Talsness 07/08*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **THE ARTS AT MESSIAH**

**Friday, July 10, 7:00 pm**

William Ge truly is a “rising star,” having won numerous awards and scholarships including the top prize at the 2023 Jacob Flier International Piano Competition, Grand Prize at the 2023 Boston Pops Fidelity Investments Young Artists Competition, First Prize at the 2023 NEC Prep Concerto Competition, and Second Prize and the Chopin Award at the 2023 MTNA National Senior Piano Competition. He has performed at renowned music festivals, including the Cliburn International Junior Piano Festival and the Frost Chopin Academy.

William is an undergraduate student at Harvard University (class of 2029), a Caroline D. Bradley Scholar, and a four-year recipient of the Chopin Foundation Scholarship. He began studying piano at age four. At age 12, he made his orchestral debut with the Lansdowne Symphony Orchestra in December 2019.

This concert will feature works of Bach, Chopin, Liszt, and Brahms. No reservations are required. No admission charge, but a suggested donation of \$20 per person would be welcomed.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)**

**July 6-10, 2026**

VBS is this week—Monday through Friday. Each day’s session will begin at 9:30 am and end at 12:30 pm. More than thirty children are registered to attend.

## **SUMMER SOCIAL**

**Sunday, July 26, 5:00 to 7:00 pm**

Join the festivities in Peper Hall and enjoy Cincinnati chili dogs and ice cream. Come prepared to sing your favorite hymns and other tunes with Shirley Newhart. During the event, guests can make donations to support the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Build-a-Bed event, sponsored again this year in partnership with Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Please sign up on the Narthex Kiosk.

## **FROM THE ORGAN BENCH**

Did you ever wonder what goes on during worship from the organist's point of view? Sign up on the Narthex Kiosk for Organ 101, a 20-minute overview from Shirley Newhart, Director of Music/Organist following July 19 and July 26 worship services. Limit 8 per session.

# **SERMON NOTES FOR SUNDAY, JULY 5**

## ***Broken for Use (Elijah, Part 1)***

### **Ken Ritz, Director of Faith Formation**

*Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."*

1 Kings 17:1

### **3 Seasons Of Life Preparation**

- **Isolated** \_\_\_\_\_

*Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah: "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan." 1 Kings 17:2-3*

- **Total** \_\_\_\_\_

*"You will drink from the brook, and I have ordered the ravens to feed you there." So he did what the Lord had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. 1 Kings 17:4-6*

- **Unconditional** \_\_\_\_\_

*Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. Then the word of the Lord came to him: "Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there."*

1 Kings 17:7-9

*Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord from your mouth is the truth." 1 Kings 17:24*

\*All scriptures from NIV

# FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

## **12 Monthly Activities for Spiritual Growth**

We are inviting our whole church family to participate in a 12-month spiritual growth journey. Each month we'll focus on one simple, but meaningful activity designed to help you draw closer to Christ. Here's the activity for July:

### **July — Encourage Others in the Church**

At least once each week during July, take time to intentionally encourage one or more people in our church through a handwritten note, phone call, text, or personal conversation. Express gratitude for who they are and how you see God working in them.

*Encouragement builds up the body of Christ and reminds us that our words can be a powerful source of grace.*

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MESSIAH LUTHERAN

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*Grow*  
*Support*  
*Serve*