

# MESSIAH LUTHERAN

*Seaside Island*

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

**Sunday, June 14, 2026**

**Pentecost 3**



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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

*Greg Stinson, reader*

## PRELUDE "A Lesson for the Organ"

*Shirley Newhart, organ*

ed. Biggs

## \*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 "Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word"

Hymn 663



1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.  
2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race  
3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,  
4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;



Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav-en's gifts ex - tend to all.  
and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.  
let the gath - 'ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

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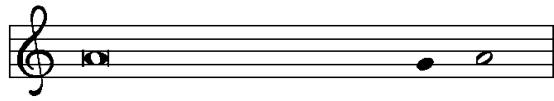
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## \*GREETING

**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



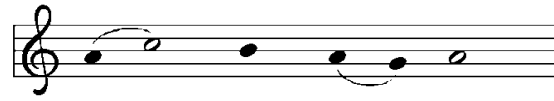
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



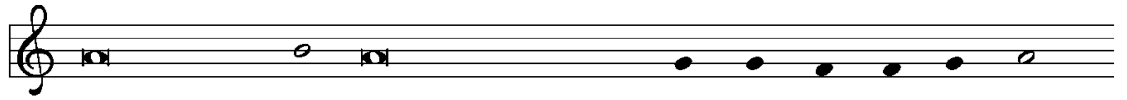
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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:** God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**People:** Amen.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “I Ain’t Gonna Grieve the Lord No More” Schram

*SING THE FAITH*

## WORD

*Greg Stinson, reader*

### FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-8a

*Old Testament 61*

*At Sinai God assured Israel, “You shall be my treasured possession,” and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God’s will.*

<sup>2</sup> [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.<sup>3</sup> 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: <sup>4</sup>‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> 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, <sup>6</sup> but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

<sup>7</sup> So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup> The people all answered as one, “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*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.*

## PSALMODY: Psalm 100

*We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. (Ps. 100:3)*

Leader: <sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

People: <sup>2</sup> **Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.**

Leader: <sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

People: <sup>4</sup> **Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.**

Leader: <sup>5</sup> Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

## SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8

*New Testament 135*

*We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.*

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## \*GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35-10:8

*New Testament 8*

*The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

<sup>10:1</sup> Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** “The Compassion That Sends Us”

*Reverend Karen Scheib*

*Today's Altar Flowers  
were donated by Lynn  
& Ken McLauchlan  
“in celebration of  
your 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding an-  
niversary” and by Su-  
san & Ron Whitker  
“in celebration of our  
wedding anniversary  
and God's blessings.”*

# \*HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

Hymn 579,

Verses 1-4



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:  
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

*Refrain*



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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## \*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.

## COMMISSIONING OF THE MESSIAH MESSENGERS

**Pastor:** Gracious God,  
you have called the church to be the body of Christ, joined  
together in love and sent to bear one another's burdens. To-  
day we give you thanks for these Messiah Messengers and  
for their willingness to share in the ministry of care during  
this sabbatical season.

Bless them with compassion, wisdom, patience, and joy.  
Give them listening hearts, gentle words, and attentive spir-  
its. Help them to enter each visit not as those who must fix  
or solve, but as companions who carry the good news of  
Christ and the care of this congregation to those they visit.

Bless those whom they will visit. May they know that they  
are remembered, valued, and held in the love of God.

*That Christ visited the dead after his crucifixion is based on I Peter 4:6 "For this is the reason the gospel was proclaimed even to the dead, so that, though they had been judged in the flesh as everyone is judged, they might live in the spirit as God does."*

*In the Apostles' Creed, the phrase "holy catholic Church" refers to the universal Christian church, not exclusively the Roman Catholic Church. It signifies the belief in a single, unified body of believers across time and space, united by their shared faith in Christ.*

Strengthen the bonds of this congregation, renew our care for one another, and guide us by your Spirit as we serve together in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** Will you, as members of this congregation, pray for and support these Messiah Messengers as they share in the ministry of care among us?

**Congregation:** We will, with God's help.

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

**People:** Amen.

### **\*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.

## **SENDING**

### **\*PASTORAL BLESSING**

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

**People:** Amen

# \*SENDING SONG “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

Hymn 535

Refrain— sung twice each time



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.  
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

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## \*DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## \*POSTLUDE “Psalm 19”

Shirley Newhart, organ

Marcello

## PERMISSIONS

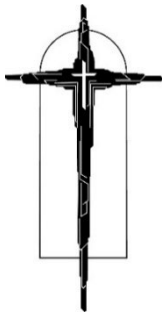
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 14	8:45 am SING THE FAITH Rehearsal 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship 10:20 am Adult Discipleship Class
Monday, June 15	
Tuesday, June 16	2:00 pm Outreach Ministry
Wednesday, June 17	8:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Thursday, June 18	
Friday, June 19	<i>10:00 am Stamp Club</i>
Saturday, June 20	<i>Florida Lutheran Youth (overnight Saturday night, departing early Sunday morning)</i>

*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	Christine Lind and Diane Munroe
Reader	Greg Stinson
Evangelism Greeters	Randi VenHuizen and Eve Wells
Ushers	Jim Dawson and Kathy Ritz
Audio Visual	Steve Allen and Ken McLauchlan
Coffee Hour	Christine Lind (host) Cheryl Liebgott (cake)

## MILESTONES THIS WEEK

*Birthdays: Jim Ross 06/15, Steve Hilgeman 06/16, Lana Gilster 06/18*

*Anniversaries: Susan & Ron Whitaker 06/14, Penny & Joe LeBlanc 06/15,  
Lynn & Ken McLauchlan 06/16*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## IT'S BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

During today's Coffee Fellowship, we will celebrate those of you with June birthdays. Everyone is invited to join us.

## MESSIAH MESSENGERS

Today we will commission eight members of the congregation to serve as Messiah Messengers during Pastor Talsness's sabbatical. These volunteers will extend the congregation's ministry of care through home visits and other pastoral contacts with members who may especially appreciate connection and support this summer.

Those being commissioned are Jane Holst, Lisa Oswald, Alison McVeigh, Tammy Quirk, Randi VenHuizen, Lynn McLauchlan, Diane Munroe, and Pat Cooper. We give thanks for their willingness to serve and invite the congregation to hold them, and those they visit, in prayer.

## OUTREACH MINISTRY

A Father's Day collection to benefit the Old Savannah City Mission has begun and will run through Sunday, June 21. They are collecting a variety of personal care items as well as clothing items. Personal care items include deodorant, shaving cream, shampoo/conditioner, body & hand lotion, razors, travel size facial tissues, toothpaste, and toothbrushes.

Clothing items include new underwear (boxers sizes M-XXL), new tube socks, and shower shoes. If you would like the Outreach Ministry to do the shopping for you, drop a

check made out to Messiah Lutheran Church in the Offering Plate with "Father's Day Collection" in the memo line.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

**July 6-10, 2026**

VBS is still looking for helpers. Here is how you can help:

- Crafts assistance (1.5 hours per day; may do part of the week)
- Sing-along/movement coach for video songs (15-20 minutes a day starting at 9:45 am)
- Bible storyteller with script and props provided (15-20 minutes per day starting at 10:00 am each day)
- Cutters to cut items for crafts activities (meet after worship)
- Donate these craft supplies; leave in basket outside the Church Office:
  - Empty, clean soup cans
  - Empty paper towel rolls

If you can help or would like more information, call or email Peggy Pearson (443.995.1146; parkpear@aol.com).

## FROM THE CHOIR DIRECTOR

SING THE FAITH summer choir is still looking for more singers. Please consider joining us next week after worship at 10:00 am when we will rehearse for the anthem *Plenty Good Room* for performance at worship on Sunday, June 28. You will enjoy the group and the music.

**PASTOR KAREN SCHEIB  
OFFICE HOURS**

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

Pastor Jason Talsness is on Sabbatical from June 1-August 31, 2026. Pastor Karen Scheib is in charge during this period. She will be responsible for coordinating church worship services, as well as supervising day-to-day church operations and church staff. Pastor Karen will be assisted by Director of Faith Formation Ken Ritz as well as by the Staff Support and Mutual Ministry and the Messiah Council.

**SERMON PREVIEW FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 14**

**The Compassion That Sends Us**

Compassion begins by seeing. In this week's Gospel, Jesus sees the crowds who are "harassed and helpless." Recognizing the deep need of so many, Jesus is moved by compassion and sends his disciples into the world as workers in God's harvest of mercy. Together we will consider what it means to see others — near and far, familiar and unfamiliar — with the compassion of Christ and to be sent toward those carrying the wounds, burdens, and hidden struggles of our own time.

**Questions for Reflection:** When have you felt truly seen by another person? What kinds of suffering or need are easy to overlook, especially when they are not visible on the surface? How might Christ be calling us, as a congregation, to notice, care, and respond with compassion?

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<sup>1</sup> Greg Stinson is serving the second year of a three-year term that ends in 2027.

<sup>2</sup> George Lawrence is serving the first year of a three-year term that ends in 2028.



IN THE NAME of JESUS  
MESSIAH LUTHERAN

*Welcome*  
*Grow*  
*Support*  
*Serve*