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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

Tom Thomas, reader

PRELUDE "Gaelic Morning"

Rodney Powers, piano

arr. Forrest

*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 "All Are Welcome"

Hymn 641

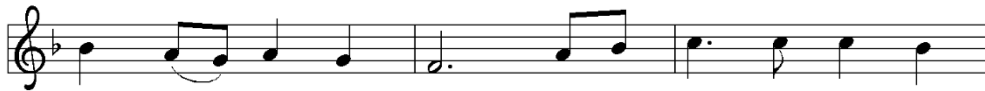
verses 1-4



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen
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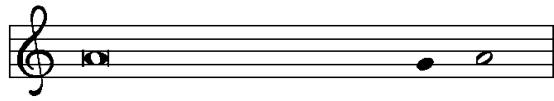
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*GREETING

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



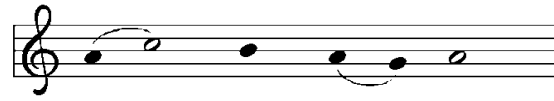
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



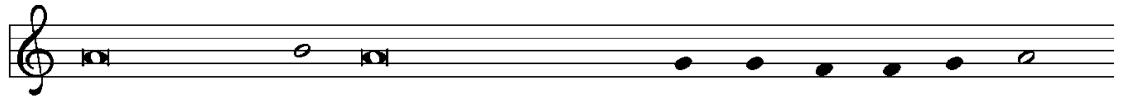
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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: O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Plenty Good Room”

arr. Moore

SING THE FAITH

*Plenty good room, plenty good room, plenty good room in the Kingdom Lord,
Plenty good room, plenty good room, plenty good room in the Kingdom Lord.
I wouldn't be a sinner, tell you the reason why: 'Cause if somebody came to call
on me,*

I wouldn't be ready to die, I wouldn't be ready to die.

*I wouldn't be a liar, tell you the reason why: 'Cause if somebody came to call on
me,*

I wouldn't be ready to die, I wouldn't be ready to die.

WORD

Tom Thomas, reader

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Old Testament page 689

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27).

Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace,

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.

when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing. (Ps. 89:1)

Leader: ¹ Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

People: ² **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

Leader: ³ “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

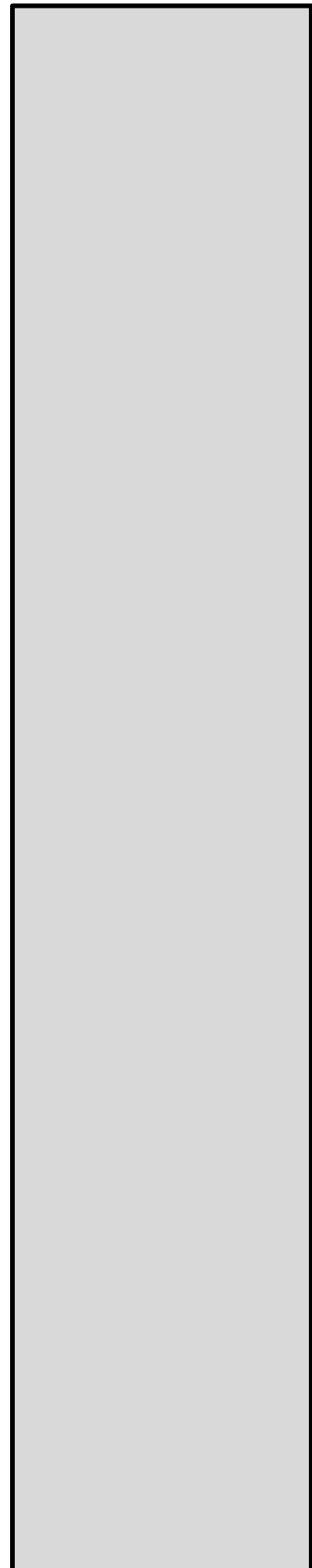
People: ⁴ **‘I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.’ ”**

Leader: ¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

People: ¹⁶ **They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

Leader: ¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.

People: ¹⁸ **Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**



SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

New Testament page 136

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

New Testament page 9

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON “Discerning Discipleship”

Stuart Williams

There are no donors for this week’s Altar Flowers. If you would like to help support this effort for future weeks, you can sign up on the Flower Calendar on the Narthex Kiosk. To pay, please use one of the flower envelopes on the Narthex Table.

The June Eternal Candle was donated by Marcia & Greg Stinson “to the glory of God.”

***HYMN OF THE DAY** "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Hymn 719

Verses 1-4



1 Where cross the crowd-ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch-ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
3 From ten - der child-hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
thresh-olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850-1935, alt.

Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, Sacred Melodies, 1815

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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.

*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.**

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.

***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 BENEDICTION**

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

People: Amen

***SENDING SONG** “Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”

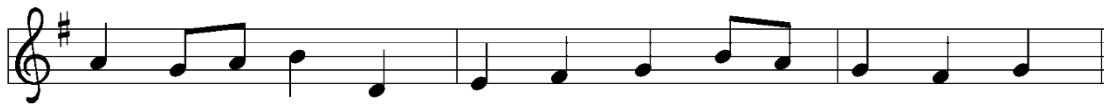
Hymn 676



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

***DISMISSAL**

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***POSTLUDE** “The Solid Rock”

Hayes

Rodney Powers, piano

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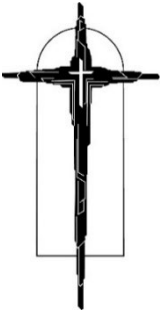
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 28	8:45 am SING THE FAITH Rehearsal 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship
Monday, June 29	
Tuesday, June 30	
Wednesday, July 1	8:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Thursday, July 2	
Friday, July 3	<i>1:00 pm Needlepoint Society</i>
Saturday, July 4	

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) 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	Tom Thomas
Evangelism Greeters	Jane & Steve Holst
Ushers	Parker Pearson and Greg Stinson
Audio Visual	Steve Allen and Ken McLauchlan
Coffee Hour	Jennifer Nguyen (Host, Treats)

MILESTONES THIS WEEK

Birthdays: Marcia Stinson 6/30, Rodney Powers 07/01

Anniversaries: Marcie & Jim Perry 06/28

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER

Stuart Williams, the son of Messiah member Claire Williams, recently completed his Master of Divinity degree at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. This fall, he will begin a one-year chaplaincy residency with the Emory Healthcare system. When he's not pursuing his calling in ministry, Stuart enjoys spending time with his four-year-old corgi, Canoli, who runs the neighborhood. He is deeply grateful to the Messiah community for the opportunity to preach and for its support in nurturing his spiritual gifts.

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 still looking for helpers. Contact Peggy Pearson if you would like to volunteer.

Donate these craft supplies; leave in the blue bag 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).

SUMMER SOCIAL

Sunday, July 26, 5:00 to 7:00 p,

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. Donations will be accepted for the October 3rd Build-a-Bed event, sponsored again this year in partnership with Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Please sign up on the Narthex Kiosk.

SERMON PREVIEW FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Discerning Discipleship

This week's sermon will focus on Matthew 10:40-42 and other discussions of discipleship in the book of Matthew to raise questions about what it means to be a disciple and to welcome a disciple. Throughout the centuries, there have been many different opinions as to what it means to be a true disciple. Some have removed themselves from society to reduce distractions from their contemplation of the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, while others have gone out to those most in need and lived lives of active service. The vast majority of Christians live somewhere in between. The sermon will explore what Christ asks of us as Christians and poses the question of how hospitality fits into the call to discipleship.

Questions to consider: Does the call to hospitality found in Matthew 10:40-42 apply only to fellow Christians or to non-Christians as well? What is a time in your life when the hospitality of another has connected you to the love and protection of Jesus?

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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IN THE NAME of JESUS
MESSIAH LUTHERAN

Welcome
Grow
Support
Serve