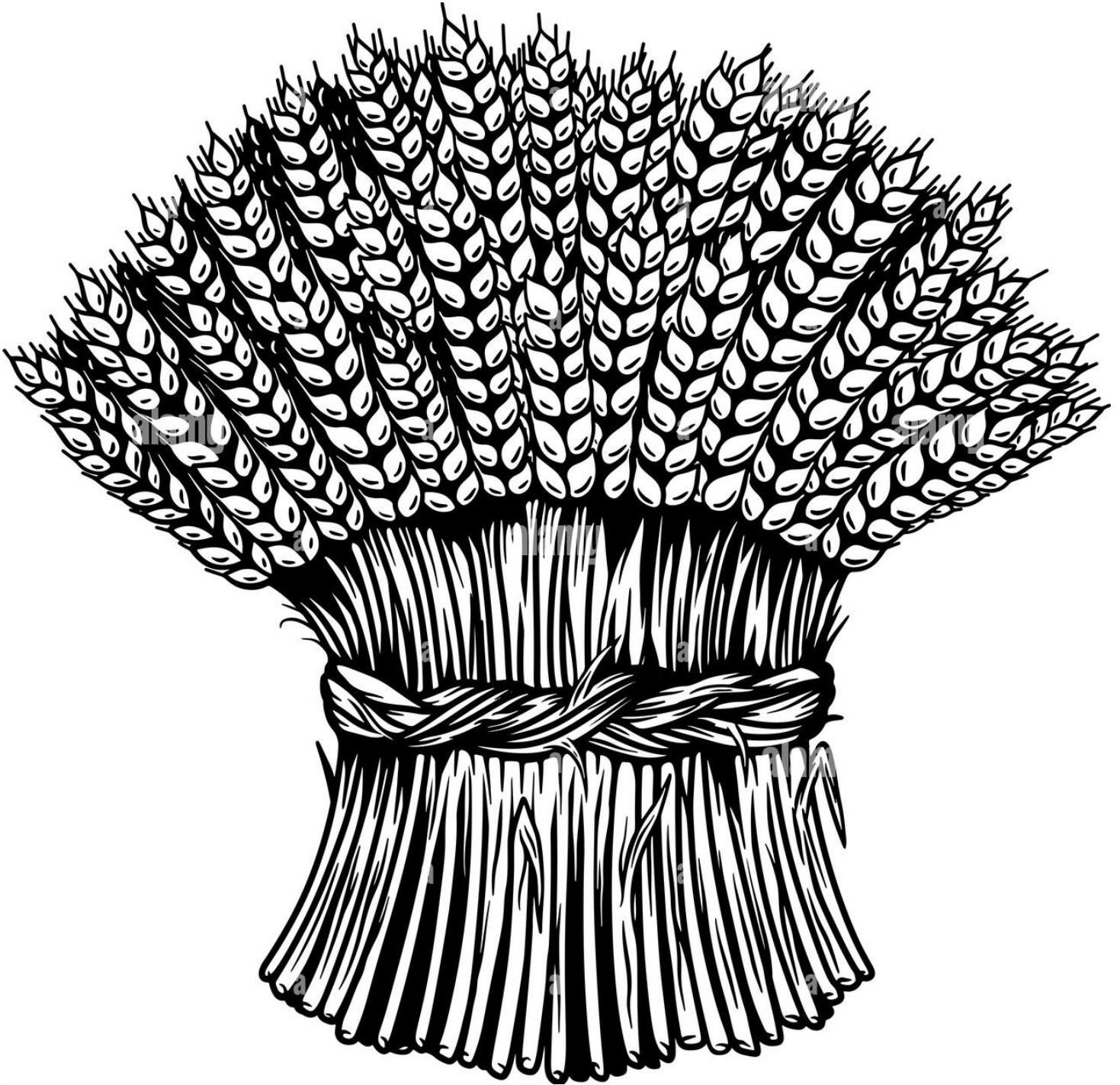


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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Sunday, June 7, 2026
Pentecost 2



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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

Christine Lind, reader

PRELUDE "Two Settings on Cwm Rhondda"

Shirley Newhart, organ

arr. Haan

*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 "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

Hymn 618



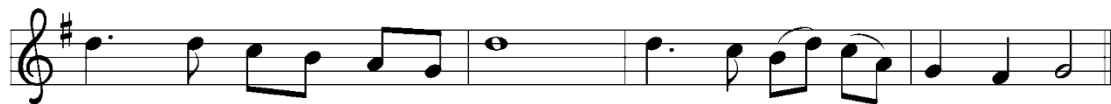
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

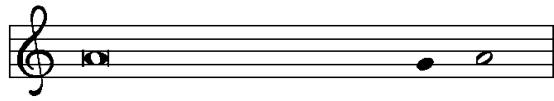
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Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

*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



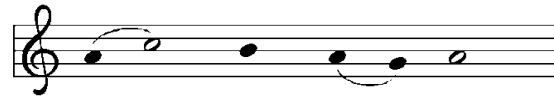
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



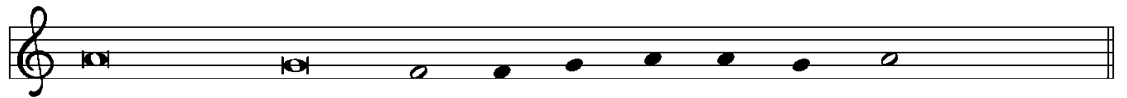
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



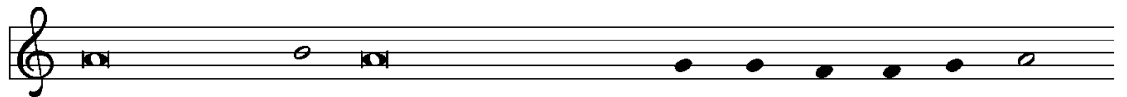
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC “Then Sings My Soul”

arr. McDonald

Claire Sampson-Fields, soloist

WORD

Christine Lind, reader

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Old Testament 151

¹² “Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴ But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵ Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 81:1-10

Leader: ¹ Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

People: ² **Raise a song; sound the tambourine,
the sweet lyre with the harp.**

Leader: ³ Blow the trumpet at the new moon,
at the full moon, on our festal day.

People: ⁴ **For it is a statute for Israel,
an ordinance of the God of Jacob.**

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.

Leader: ⁵ He made it a decree in Joseph,
when he went out over the land of Egypt.

I hear a voice I had not known:

**People: ⁶“I relieved your shoulder of the burden;
your hands were freed from the basket.**

Leader: ⁷ In distress you called, and I rescued you;
I answered you in the secret place of thunder;
I tested you at the waters of Meribah.

**People: ⁸ Hear, O my people, while I admonish you;
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

Leader: ⁹ There shall be no strange god among you;
you shall not bow down to a foreign god.

**People: ¹⁰ I am the Lord your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

New Testament 159

⁵ For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’s sake. ⁶ For it is the God who said, “Light will shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

⁷ But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, ⁹ persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, ¹⁰ always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹ For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus’s sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death is at work in us, but life in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL: Mark 2:23-3:6

New Testament 32

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³ One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” ²⁵ And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, ²⁶ how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?” ²⁷ Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, ²⁸ so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”

¹ Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ² They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” ⁴ Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. ⁵ He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON “Stepping Where We Cannot See”

Reverend Karen Scheib

***HYMN OF THE DAY** “Be Not Afraid”

Trevor Olson, soloist, sings verses; congregation sings refrain

Refrain:

*Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow Me, and I will give you rest.*

***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.**

Both vases of today's Altar Flowers were donated by Eve & Armand Wells “in celebration of their 32nd wedding anniversary on June 4th and of Armand's birthday on June 25th.”

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.

During Pentecost there will be 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.

To commune, you may come forward when the ushers invite your

row. You will receive the bread (wafer) from the pastor (gluten free wafers are available upon request), then

continue toward the communion assistant holding individual

cups of wine. Grape juice is also available in the center of the tray. If you do not wish

to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing. If you

are unable to walk forward, please indicate

this to the ushers, and assistants will come to you after everyone else

has communed. After communing, those

worshipers who desire to stay and pray may do so at the railing behind the communion

stations.

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

***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 BLESSING**

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

People: Amen

***SENDING SONG** "Be Thou My Vision"

Hymn 793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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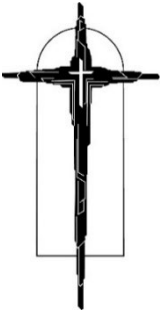
Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***POSTLUDE** "Lead On, O King Eternal"

arr. Jordan

Shirley Newhart, organ



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 7	9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am SING THE FAITH Rehearsal 10:20 am Adult Discipleship Class
Monday, June 8	<i>6:00 pm Mahjong</i>
Tuesday, June 9	3:00 pm Stephen Ministers
Wednesday, June 10	8:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study <i>9:30 am Savannah Newcomers</i> 1:30 pm Worship & Music Ministry
Thursday, June 11	
Friday, June 12	<i>10:00 am Stamp Club</i> 7:00 pm The Arts at Messiah
Saturday, June 13	

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
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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	Christine Lind
Evangelism Greeters	Patti & Al Small
Ushers	Jim Dawson and Ken Mitchell
Communion Assistants	John Denny, David Greenawalt, and Gayla Webb
Audio Visual	Steve Allen and Ken McLauchlan
Coffee Hour	Christine Lind (host) TBD(treats)

MILESTONES THIS WEEK

*Birthdays: Amir Polite 06/07, Zion Polite 06/07, Paul Marachek 06/07,
June Luecke 06/08, Helena Talsness 06/08, Rick Tallon 06/10, Jane Holst 06/11*

Anniversaries: Gayle & John Denny 06/09

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ARTS AT MESSIAH 2026

Friday, June 12, 2026, at 7:00 pm

June's concert will feature soprano Ethel Trujillo, accompanied by pianist José Meléndez.

Ethel Trujillo sang with the Savannah Music Festival in August 2025 and won the grand prize at the Sherrill Milnes VOICE competition, which is awarded to a single performer each year. The winner receives a full scholarship to attend the Milnes VOICE Studio in Savannah. Trujillo, who is from Morelos, Mexico, graduated summa cum laude from the University of Puebla, Mexico with a B.M. in Vocal Performance. She recently obtained her Artist Diploma from the Academy of Vocal Arts. She has won numerous awards and performed at Opera Naples as well as appearing in operas in Williamsburg, Annapolis, and the Berkshire Opera Festival.

José Meléndez is widely in demand as a vocal coach, conductor, and collaborative artist. He holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance from the Conservatorio de Música de Puerto Rico and a Master of Music degree in Piano Accompanying and Coaching from Rider University.

No reservations are required. No admission charge, but a suggested donation of \$20 per person would be welcome.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

A Father's Day collection to benefit the Old Savannah Mission has begun and will run through Sunday, June 21. They are collecting a variety of personal care items as well as clothing items. The full list of needed supplies is on the Outreach Table in the Narthex.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

July 6-10, 2026

Legacy--it is not just what we leave behind but also what we move forward for the next generation. VBS is sowing the seeds of faith, sharing stories of Jesus, and sometimes even grasping a deeper meaning in our own faith. VBS might even help grow the faith if the little ones share what they learn with two friends.

VBS is still looking for helpers. Whether you can work a week, a day, or a few hours, we welcome and need help! Many hands make lighter work. If you can help or would like more information, call or email Peggy Pearson (443.995.1146; parkpear@aol.com).

FROM THE CHOIR DIRECTOR

A reminder that the SING THE FAITH summer choir will rehearse for twenty minutes today following worship. Please see Choir Director Rodney Powers.

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 June:

June — Fasting

During June, we invite you to take part in a fast. Fasting is an ancient Christian discipline in which we voluntarily set aside something good to seek something greater—deeper communion with God.

Some options to choose from:

- Skip one meal each week (that you would not ordinarily miss) and use that time for prayer. As an alternative, fast one time for 24 hours.
- Fast from social media or news for a week.
- Devote an hour each week to silence and solitude with prayer and scripture reading/study.
- Fast from entertainment for a period of time.

The goal is not self-denial for its own sake, but spiritual attentiveness. When you feel hunger, boredom, or the urge to check your phone, let it become a prompt to pray, confess, give thanks, and refocus your heart on Christ.

Stepping outside your comfort zone can open new pathways for growth and help you experience God in fresh and meaningful ways.

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 7

Stepping Where We Cannot See

This Sunday's Gospel lesson, Mark 2:23–3:6, invites us to consider sabbath as more than a set of rules, but an invitation into freedom, restoration, and trust. The practice of sabbatical is an extension of the rhythms of sabbath. Both are invitations to rest, not only from work, but also from worry, anxious striving, and the belief that everything depends on us. Both sabbath and sabbatical are intended to be communal endeavors. As Pastor Talsness begins his sabbatical, we will consider what this means for us as a congregation. How might we trust the God who holds us as we step into something unknown? How might this sabbatical season become a time of reflection, renewal, and reconnection for the whole congregation? How might God be calling you to step out in faith in this season?

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IN THE NAME of JESUS
MESSIAH LUTHERAN

Welcome
Grow
Support
Serve