

# “Growing God’s Kingdom”



## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

*May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

### MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**TODAY’S INTRODUCTION:** *The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!*

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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Altar Guild

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 12, 2024 – 10:30 a.m.

\*Please Stand as YOU Are Able

### PREPARATION

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

### THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

*Confirmation marks the completion of the congregation's program of confirmation ministry, a period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Those who have completed this program were made members of the Church in Baptism. Confirmation includes a public profession of the faith into which the candidates were baptized, thus underscoring God's action in their Baptism.*

*A representative of the congregation presents the candidates to the minister:*

These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

*Their names are read:*      Brea Lin Beward  
   Paige Karen Martin  
   Grace Rosalie Miller

### Washing of the Confirmand's Hands by the Pastor

*Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.*

*The minister addresses those who have been presented.*

*P      Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word*

*God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

*Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.*

*P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?*

**Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*P Do you believe in God the Father?*

**Confirmands & Congregation:**

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

*P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?*

**Confirmands & Congregation:**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?*

**Confirmands & Congregation:**

**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.**

*P Let us pray for Brea, Paige and Grace who are affirming their Baptism this day, and for all the baptized everywhere: That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death: Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory: Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**C Amen.**

*P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?*

**Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*P Let us pray.*

*Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made Brea, Paige and Grace your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.*

**C Amen.**

*P Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in ----- the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life.*

**Confirmands & Congregation: Amen.**

*The presiding minister exchanges the peace with each of them They exchange the peace with one another and other members of the congregation:*

SPECIAL MUSIC: Duet                    "You Raise Me Up"                    sung by Christina & Julia Martin

## PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION GIFTS

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING SENIORS – Haley Virginia Mummah, Harrison Blair Mummah, and Slone Joseph Smith. (Graduating Seniors and parents please come forward).

Peace be with you.

Peace be with you.

## GATHERING

\* GATHERING HYMN

*“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”*

#309 Green Hymnal

\* GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

**C And also with you.**

\* KYRIE (C - sung)

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

\* CANTICLE OF PRAISE (“Lord God, Heavenly King” -- In Unison)

The musical score is written for a single voice in unison, using a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked 'All' (Allegro). The lyrics are as follows:

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,  
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.  
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

\* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (spoken)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

P Let us pray...

C **Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**WORD**

*In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.*

FIRST READING ..... Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM..... Psalm 1 (*responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**<sup>2</sup>Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

**<sup>4</sup>It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**<sup>6</sup>For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

*God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.*

SECOND READING..... 1 John 5:9-13

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

<sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

L: Here ends the reading.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (In Unison)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia.**

*In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.*

\* GOSPEL ..... John 17:6-19

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)**

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.

"Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)**

SERMON

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

*"The Old Rugged Cross"*

page 15 in bulletin

\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

ANTHEM

"Hallelujah"

page 16 in bulletin

OFFERING PRESENTATION

\* SUNG OFFERTORY ('Create in Me')

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

\* OFFERING PRAYER

P Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**C** Amen.

MEAL

\* COMMUNION DIALOG

P Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**C** for through these gifts he comes to feed us.

P All you who are thirsty, come to the waters. You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat.

**C** Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and eat.

P Let us come to his table with joy.

**C** for we come as God's invited guests.



\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

\* THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

C **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.**

(If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in the front of the chancel).

\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

\* LAMB OF GOD (sung)

C **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION

**["At The Chancel Rail"** – come forward by the CENTER aisle; take a communion cup from the table by the front pew. Approach the altar to partake, then move to the chancel rail to pray. Then, return to your seat using the left or right SIDE aisle]. **(Fellowship cups are available for those who wish to remain in your seat for communion)**

\* COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy

of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**C Amen.**

## SENDING

### \* BLESSING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope +  
bless you now and always.

**C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)**

\* SENDING HYMN                      *“Go Tell It on the Mountain”*                      #470 Green Hymnal

### \* DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK’S LECTOR – Cynthia Smith

NEXT WEEK’S ACOLYTES – Nick & Gabby Reed

NEXT WEEK’S COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS – Zeb Berry, Stella & Sofia Reed

NEXT WEEK’S ALTAR GUILD – Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith (5/6/24 – 5/19/24)

NEXT WEEK’S MANNA BREAD BAKER – Tammy Brackbill

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

Today: Jean Berry & Mary Grimm

May 19: Nick Beward & Tammy Brackbill

May 26: Larry Goss & Don Geedey

## **WELCOME TO ALL!**

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to worship at Messiah. We invite you to register your visit in the guest book provided in the Narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the Pastor. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Thank you for worshipping with us.

VISITORS ARE INVITED TO COMMUNE with us if they are baptized, and if with us in our faith, they trust Jesus’ promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ.

JUST A THOUGHT – Macame Jeanne Marie Guyon, French Mystic (1648 – 1717): God gives the cross, and the cross gives God.

## **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Pastor Leister at [mlcsleister@gmail.com](mailto:mlcsleister@gmail.com).

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for **one month**. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact the church office at 436-6213 or [mlchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com). If you have anyone who is a “last minute” addition after the bulletin has been printed on Fridays, please fill out an orange prayer card in the pew and lay it on the stand where the gluten free wafers are placed PRIOR to the morning worship service.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of our Mothers by Don and Barb Geedey.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE for any change in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or for any requests for building usage. There are a lot of activities and some coordination is needed so events are not “overbooked” in any specific areas of the church (this also applies to church groups who meet in the church). Please contact the office at 436-6213 or email [mlchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com) for any changes or requests.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY NEEDS OR CONCERNS, please contact Pastor Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Pastor Leister know. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at [mlcsleister@gmail.com](mailto:mlcsleister@gmail.com).

CONGRATULATIONS to the following youth on the completion of their confirmation training and requirements: Brea Beward, daughter of Nick and Bethanie Beward; Paige Karen Martin, daughter of Kyle and Christina Martin; and Grace Miller, daughter of Clint and Jamie Miller. They will be making affirmation of their baptism today. All are invited to personally congratulate Brea, Paige, and Grace following the worship service at the reception in their honor in the Adult Sunday School Room.

CONGRATULATIONS to our graduating seniors: Haley and Harrison Mummah, daughter and son of Ken and Tawny Mummah, and Slone Smith, son of Zac Smith and Tammy Smith. All are invited to personally congratulate Haley, Harrison and Slone following the worship service at the reception in their honor in the Adult Sunday School Room.

KATE SWAILES will be serving as our congregation’s camperson with Camp Mount Luther again this year. This year’s summer camp season at Camp Mount Luther will begin on June 23 and run until August 2. There are programs for all ages from elementary to senior high, and for adults and families. If you’re looking for a place where your child can grow in faith and have fun doing it, Camp Mount Luther is that place. If you have any questions about camp, you can contact Kate or the camp office at 570-922-1587 or [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org). The camp brochures are available on the Camp Mount Luther site [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org) and brochures will be mailed to campers who attended camp in the past. Submit your camp registration form to Kate along with a \$50 payment payable to Messiah Lutheran Church which will go toward the non-refundable deposit. You can also register online and provide the \$50 payment to Kate. The remaining portion of the cost of camp will be covered by various fundraising events, donations, etc. Kate will submit the registration forms to Mount Luther.

THANK YOU TO MESSIAH CONGREGATION for going above and beyond with your contribution to the Camp Mount Luther “Foundations for the Future” capital campaign. Camp Mount Luther has served Messiah youth and adults for many years. Over the past few weeks, we have heard stories from both campers and leaders

and how Camp Mount Luther has provided a space for relationships and faith to grow. Messiah set a campaign goal for our congregation of \$7,500. As of Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, congregational members plan to commit \$11,394 over a three-year period. Your gifts will support the new bath house and a renovated Maple Hall which will serve many generations to come.

Congregation Campaign Leader  
Kate Swailes

WEIS AND GIANT GIFT CARDS are available to purchase from the Disciples Class. This is a very important outreach ministry that helps neighbors in need in our own community. We thank each and every one for continued support of this very worthwhile project.

BIBLE STUDY WILL CONTINUE on Tuesdays, at 10:30 a.m. in the Library. We will be studying the book of Revelation from Augsburg publishers. Anyone is welcome to attend.

MAY'S "MISSION OF THE MONTH" at Messiah will be for Teacher Appreciation in our Community and our Synod. In addition to your generosity, the PPC allocated funds to match congregational donations up to \$1,000.00. This is just one way in which we can continue to extend our mission in Christ's love beyond the walls of our church building.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Confirmation Class of 2024  
Bible Verses

**Brea Beward** *Ephesians 5:15-17* <sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

**Paige Martin** *John 20:14; 16* <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him, "Teacher."

**Grace Miller** *1 John 4:19* We love because he first loved us.  
*John 14:6* Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."  
*Revelation 22:13* I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

THE NEW LECTOR SCHEDULE for July 2024 through June 2025 will be completed soon. If you are not already serving as a lector and you would like to read the weekly scripture readings, please notify the church office. Any young people who would like to read on the first Sunday of the month are also asked to notify the church office. If you would like to be deleted from the list, again let the office know. All lectors will be sent a copy of the annual schedule in June. Thanks to all of you who volunteer for this role in our worship service.

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME will begin on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> through Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Worship service will begin at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday for the summer season.

IF YOU HAVE ANY NEWS OR UPCOMING EVENTS, please contact Sheree Goss at 717-436-9613 or email her at [msgoss@gmail.com](mailto:msgoss@gmail.com).

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS are being collected for Shelter Service, Inc. in Lewistown:

- Laundry Detergent
- Shaving Cream
- Clorox
- Shampoo
- Dryer Sheets
- Deodorant
- Dish Soap
- Body Wash

Please place items in the Adult Sunday School Room in the container provided.

*WOMEN OF THE ELCA PURPOSE STATEMENT*

*As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.*

**COMMUNITY**

**FOOD PANTRY BACKPACK PROGRAM NEEDS**

SINGLE-SERVE, NON-PERISHABLE LUNCH ITEMS  
SUCH AS 15 OZ. CANS OF PASTA MEALS OR READY-TO-HEAT SOUP,  
MICROWAVEABLE MEALS, FRUIT CUPS AND PUDDING CUPS.  
MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED!

**THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -Mother’s Day/Recognition of Confirmands & Graduating Seniors.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., Knitters in Junior Church Room.  
-7:00 p.m. AA in Youth Area.
- Tuesday:** -10:30 a.m., Bible Study.
- Wednesday:** -9:00 a.m., “The Needlers” in Fellowship Hall.  
-7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal.  
-Wednesday, May 15 to Sunday, May 19 – Pastor Sam out of town.
- Thursday:** -Ascension Day.
- Sunday:** -Pentecost Sunday (wearing of the red).  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.

## PRAYER LIST

Steve & Linda Bahorik  
Jeremy Barnes  
Ryan Barr  
Donna Barton  
Tony Beward  
Linda Brouse  
Andrea Cameron  
Terry Coder  
Kenton Cohenour  
Heather Compton  
Fred & Dot Dowling  
Seth Dowling  
Kim Dumais  
Freda Durio  
Cathy Dysinger  
Renee Dzikowski  
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