

SUNDAY, JUNE 29th, 2025

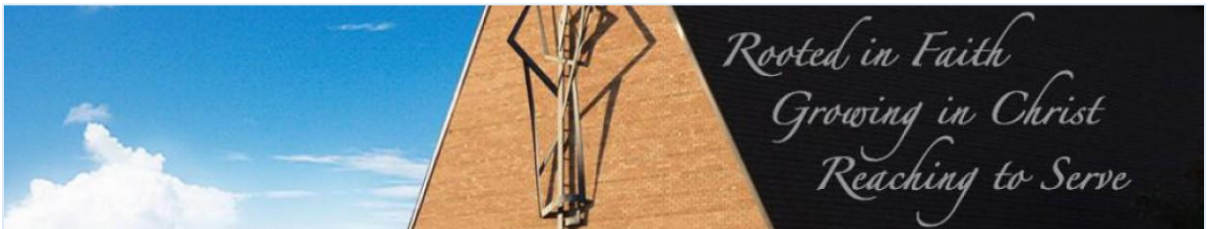
Third Sunday after Pentecost



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney



PRELUDE

GREETING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

ELW 452

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

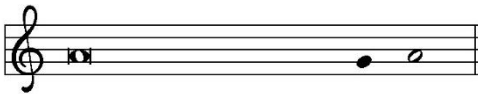
You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of † Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

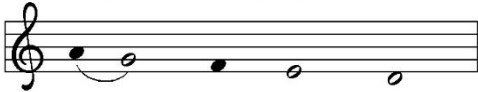
your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

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.



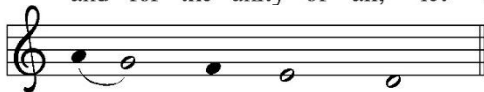
Lord, have mer - cy.



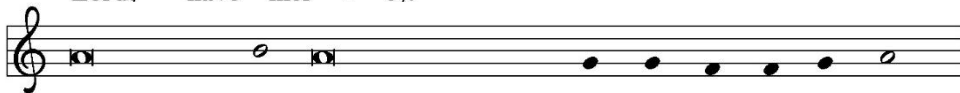
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

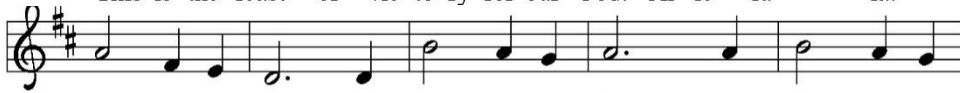


Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST



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



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 Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

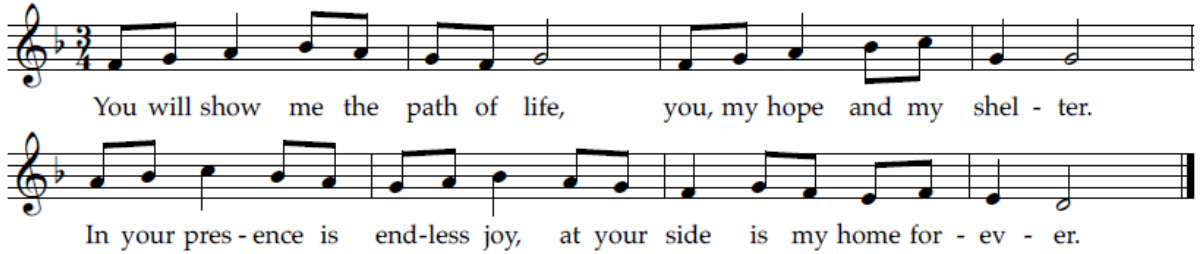
FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.”

¹⁹ So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰ He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” ²¹ He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please sing the refrain after each verse



You will show me the path of life, you, my hope and my shel - ter.
In your pres - ence is end-less joy, at your side is my home for - ev - er.

Text and Music by Marty Haugen, 1988, GIA Publications, Inc.

SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Word of God. Word of life. **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: Luke 9:51-62. The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁵¹ When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

SERMON

Pastor Brian Birk

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me

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APOSTLES CREED

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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 Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation...

*Response after each petition: *(Worship Assistant) God of grace. (All) Hear our prayer.*

SHARING THE PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

OFFERING Thank you for your continued financial support of OSLC! Whether you join us in person or online, the ministry & missions of Our Savior's depend on faithful giving. You can give the following ways:

- + online links can be found by accessing our website at <https://www.oslcmn.com/>
- + Using the QR code found here:
- + Contacting the church office to set up regular automatic giving
- + Dropping off or mailing in your offering



SPECIAL MUSIC

There Is a Wideness in God's Mercy

Jim De Foe

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863. Composed by Anna De Foe.

OFFERING PRAYER Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

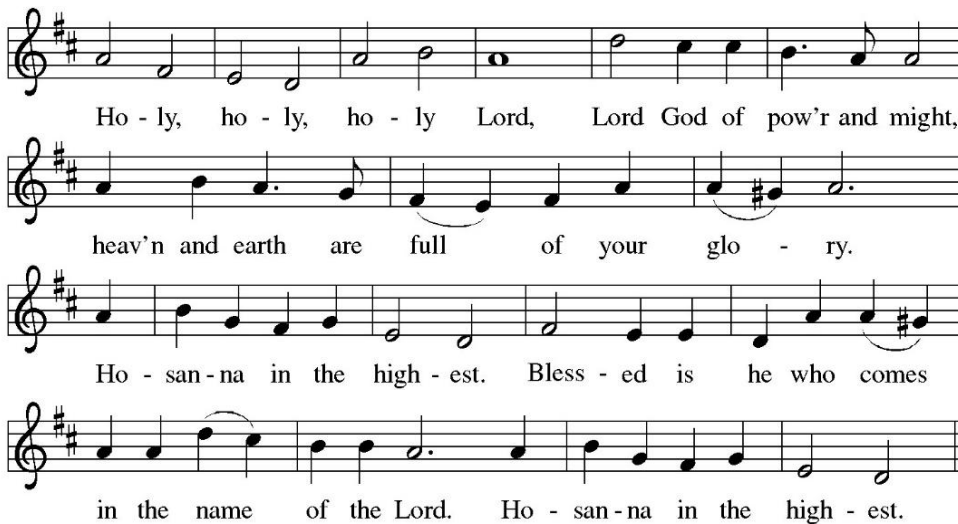
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

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



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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

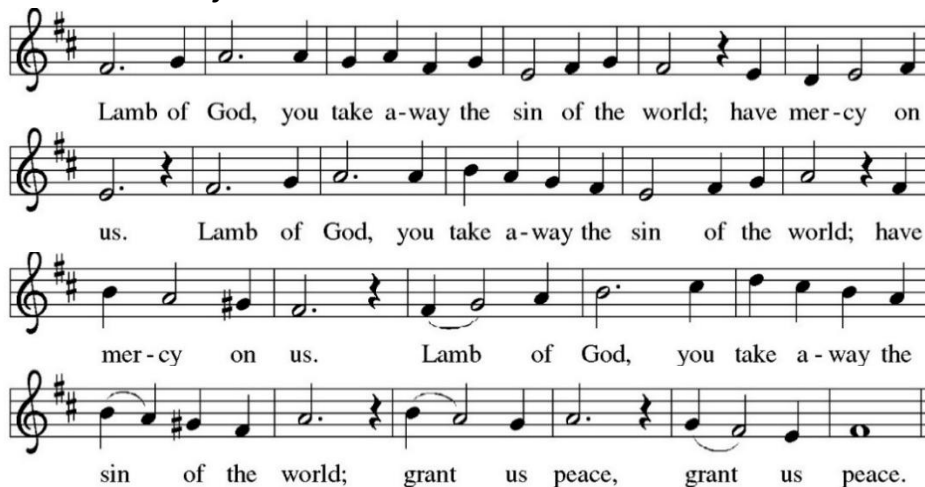
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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice. All are welcome.

COMMUNION HYMNS *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.

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

ELW 574

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Anna De Foe, Organist

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, or safe transition: Gordon, Carol, Ross (had kidney & pancreas transfusion surgery), Doris, Shari, Anna, Jeanette, Aaron, Shawn, Nicole, Gayla-heart, Steve-cancer, Carol, Sarah, Brandy, Rick, Jan, Tom, Lynn M., Aubie (needs kidney transplant), Archer, Sharon, Mary (lung & bone cancer), Debbie (community, cancer), Leanne, Addy, Sharon P., Deb, Cliff, Lorraine M., Eric, Kyle, Pr. Art, Bob D, Mark O., Janet, John W., Shannon P., Luddy, Gerilyn, Phyllis, Wally, Tedd, Ralph, Chuck, Sue. *Please pray for the family of Carol Swanson at her passing this week. Continue to keep Doug Jussila in your prayers at the loss of his mother.*

Call Janet Heglund @ 218-749-6143 for prayer needs- the prayer chain leader January through June.

If you are in need of any pastoral care or if you or someone you know would like a visit, please call Pastor Liz Cheney at 218-780-8907 or the church office at 218-741-6207.

CONTACT US

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OFFICE ADMIN HOURS: CLOSED MONDAYS & HOLIDAYS.

OPEN TUESDAY- FRIDAY, 9AM - 5PM. There will be times we're away from the office doing errands, for this reason, please call ahead if you plan on coming to the church or need assistance!

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Liz will be here Tues. - Thurs. & off Fridays.

Call @ 218-780-8907 or email at lizcheney44@gmail.com

STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Liz Cheney

Secretary: Colleen Brown Jacobson

Bookkeeper: Carole Rutka

Custodian: Steve Gagnon



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God's work. Our hands.

“CLOSET CHALLENGE”

We’re listing affordable **closet challenge** items in the bulletin for what works best in the Community Closet pantry.

WE NEED YOUR HELP STOCKING UP!

Our part of the challenge will be finding where these items are on sale & listing them in the bulletin, and your part of the challenge can be deciding what’s easiest for you to donate.

The weekly **closet challenge** items will cost \$10.00 and under.

We’re concentrating on protein filled foods, healthy fruit & veggies for the summer:

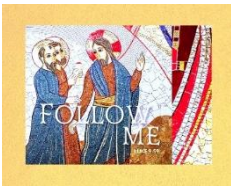
- 1. ESSENTIALS BRAND CANNED TOMATOES, BEANS, CORN, PEAS, GREEN BEANS @ SUPER ONE**
\$1.00/can for tomatoes & beans, and \$.77 for corn, peas & green beans. \$10 or less for 10 cans
- 2. WESTFIELD FARMS 8OZ CHEESE PKGS @ SUPER ONE**
\$2.22 each, or \$8.88 for 4
- 3. LUNCH MEAT- 9OZ CHICKEN/TURKEY/HAM @ WALMART**
\$3.76 Great Value, \$3.97 Hillshire Farms, 2 for under \$8
- 4. 4-PK TUNA IN CANS, GREAT VALUE BRAND OR STARKIST BRAND @ WALMART**
\$3.62 Great Value, \$3.96 Starkist, 2 for under \$8
- 5. 4LBS FRESH ORANGES, @ WALMART**
\$4.96 for a 4lb bag, 2 for \$9.92



*You’re always welcome to shop at your favorite store,
and buy the food & brands you prefer if it’s more convenient.*

*Items that are always in need, regardless of our challenge list are:
peanut butter, jelly, and spaghetti sauce in jars.*

Thank you for helping!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Third Sunday after Pentecost

JUNE 29th, 2025

SUMMER FUN NIGHTS Our Savior's Lutheran will host the next Fun Night here in our courtyard with smoked chicken, homemade sausage and hot dogs, compliments of Scooby! **Wed., July 23, 6pm.** Bring a chair and your favorite refreshments (we will supply water and lemonade). Let's pray it's a sunny day for yard games & enjoying the outdoors. Bring your guitar etc., & your voice-we plan on having a jam session.

VACATION BIBLE STUDY VBS will be held at Messiah Lutheran this summer- supported by Messiah, OSLC, and Gethsemane Lutheran, with VLM staff guiding the program. Date & time: **Sunday, Aug. 10 – Wed., Aug. 13, 5pm – 8pm.** Grades K – 6 are invited. There are youth & adult volunteer opportunities available. A community meal & worship will be held for all, with a campfire, crafts & nature time for the kids! The links to sign up are in our Friday email - you can also pick up a postcard in the narthex with all the info & a QR Code to register. If you have difficulty with the online registration, see the office to sign up.

NEW COMMUNITY BREAKFAST TIME The Community Breakfast will now close @ 11:30am (9am-11:30am). The Community Closet will also close at 11:30 on that 2nd Saturday along with the breakfast. *We could use your assistance spreading the word, as newspapers have a running ad with the previous time of 12pm, until August.*

RECYCLING NEEDS If you recycle egg cartons, Quad Cities Food Shelf is in need of them to distribute eggs. You can place them in the shopping cart in the narthex coat closet area! Also, if you recycle empty toilet paper rolls (NOT paper towels), or have partially used candles/crayons, you can drop them off in the cart, as ERDAC uses both to create projects (East Range Developmental Achievement Center).

THRIVENT CARDS Do you have a Thrivent Account? If so, are you interested in getting a Thrivent ministry card for our Community Closet Pantry or Community Breakfast? Please see Pastor Liz for information regarding the needs & process. Thrivent cards are a great way to sponsor OSLC ministries.

LIBRARY NEWS Our featured book this month is *The Faces of Jesus*, by Frederick Buechner. The Fireside Room is a relaxing spot to grab a book and sit & read in our reorganized Library area. In the coming months we will be adding newer books relevant for today, and **we will no longer be taking donated books at this time- as we have officially run out of room!** *Thank you* for your past donations ~

WORSHIP SPONSORSHIP The Livestream and TV Broadcast are sponsored by **Jim & Nancy Fisher today, in honor of their Wedding Anniversary. Happy Anniversary, Jim & Nancy, and thank you for sponsoring.** If you're interested in sponsoring Livestream and local TV Broadcast in honor of someone, or a special event (wedding anniversary, birth of children, baptism date) or in memory of a loved one who has passed, you may do so any amount you choose from \$25 - \$100. The funds will be used to keep our new sound system up to date and functioning for Livestream and local broadcast. **The sign-up sheet is on the kiosk.**

THIS WEEK @ OSLC:

6/29 9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP
6/30 6PM BOY SCOUTS
7/01 1PM WELCA BIBLE STUDY
7/02 9AM QUILTING, 12PM-3PM C.CLOSET OPEN

7/03 12PM FUN-DUH-MENTALS BIBLE STUDY
7/04 OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY
HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY ~ STAY SAFE!

***SANCTUARY: ORGAN PRACTICE 1PM- WED., THURS., FRI.**

Save the Date!

SUMMER FUN NIGHTS!

4th Wednesday of the Month, 6:00pm

Join Gethsemane, Our Savior's, and Messiah Lutheran Churches as we gather monthly for fun and fellowship! All are invited to join!

June 25 - Gethsemane Lutheran Church
July 23 - Our Savior's Lutheran Church
August 27 - Messiah Lutheran Church



Use this convenient QR Code to contribute to OSLC.

Thank you for being a part of the ministries of Our Savior's Lutheran Church.



July Lectors

6th - John Elofson
13th - Judy Peliska
20th - Colleen Brown J.
27th - Kristi Ongalo

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH, OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH INVITE YOU TO


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10-WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13
5:00PM - 8:00PM
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VOYAGEURS LUTHERAN MINISTRY
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Community Closet


Wednesdays 12pm - 3pm
2nd Saturday 9am - 11:30am



WATCH NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN FOR THE UPCOMING ESCAPE ROOM INFO!
IT WILL BE HELD AUG. 6TH - 9TH

ESCAPE ROOM 2025

MAYHEM AT THE "LIFE OF MOSES" MUSEUM



Happy Independence Day
Have a safe & enjoyable week with family and friends