

# PROCLAIM

MESSIAH AND REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCHES

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## Thy Kingdom Come

**Luke 17:20–21 (ESV):** Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, [Jesus] answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”

Our Lord teaches us to pray “*Thy Kingdom Come.*” Luther reminds us in the Small Catechism that “The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.” This is what our Lord is telling us in the verses above, too.

As we read the Bible we find that “God’s kingdom” can mean different things in different contexts. Christians have traditionally distinguished His “kingdom of power,” “kingdom of grace,” and “kingdom of glory.” So for example, when we gaze at the night sky filled with stars, we marvel at how “*The heavens declare the glory of God*” (Psalm 19). Nature proclaims God’s glory, power and presence for anyone who has eyes to see and whose heart is not too hardened with sinful cynicism to acknowledge it. But of course the “kingdom of power” has to do *not only* with beauty in nature but also with judgment. Ours is a fallen and sin-filled world, often exhibiting both the stubborn rejection of God’s rule and its consequences: disease and disaster, violence and injustice, and ultimately: death – the “*wages of sin.*” All this is abundantly apparent in God’s kingdom of power.

But there is also His “kingdom of grace” – His gracious rule in the hearts of all who have become His people through faith in Jesus Christ, the Savior. The “kingdom of grace” comes to us when we believe the Gospel, proclaim it, and live according to it. This is what our Lord urges us to pray for in the Lord’s Prayer – God’s reign and rule in our hearts by faith in Jesus: “*Thy kingdom come!*” Here, as Luther says, we pray that *it may come to us also* as Jesus promises: “*For behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.*”

The final kingdom, His “kingdom of glory,” refers to God’s heavenly kingdom that we long for and pray for, and that will be revealed when Christ Jesus comes again in glory. There, as Psalm 23 says, “*I shall dwell in the house of the Lord, forever.*” And as Jesus promised in John 14:1–3: “*In my Father’s house are many rooms. ... And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.*”

Thus, our faith in Jesus – being a citizen of God’s “kingdom of grace” now, guarantees that one day we will live forever with Him in His “kingdom of glory” which will have no end – and in which our lives and our perfect joy will have no end!

- Pastor Moore

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONFIRMATION** at Messiah is Sunday, May 5, 2024. Please join us as we support and celebrate with **Haven Ethridge, Priya Hansen and Christian Peterson** on this special day! Everyone is invited to a reception in their honor in the church basement following Worship.

**CONGRATULATIONS 2024 GRADUATES!** We give thanks to God with Justin Ratigan and all those graduating this year in our communities and families!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL May 12 (Mother's Day)** will be our final class at Messiah for this Sunday School year. Many, Many thanks to our teachers and helpers throughout the year! Classes will resume in September.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND 'COUNTERS' NEEDED AT MESSIAH** We are in need of a Financial Secretary and volunteers to help with counting and recording the offering each week. The counting can be done any time during the week and we'd like to organize a schedule for each month. Please speak to Pres. Ron Neeman or Pastor Moore if you can help with this.

**JUNE INGATHERING FOR THE GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER** Everyone is encouraged to bring food, paper products, etc. to the church any time during the month of June to support our local Good Samaritan Center. Please include this outreach and our communitie's needs in your prayers.

**THE LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE** with the South Dakota District news supplement is now being delivered to our congregations in bulk rather than to our homes. They are available to pick up any time at Redeemer or Messiah. Pastor will be taking these to our shut-in members who want them each month.

### **Details of our Financial Stewardship and Attendance at Messiah:**

#### **Offerings and Attendance at Messiah for March:**

**3** \$2530.25 (48); **6**(Wed) \$315.00 (26); **10** \$2110.00 - \$750.00 (Mission) (51);  
**13**(Wed) \$335.00 (16); **17** \$2025.00 (50); **20**(Wed) \$295.00 (19); **24** \$411.00 (28);  
**28**(MThurs) \$540.00 (27); **29**(GFri) \$397.00 (22); **31**(Easter) \$9652.74 (46)

#### **Offerings and Attendance at Messiah through April 14:**

**7** \$859.00 (38); **14** \$2543.00 (39)

#### **Redeemer Notes**

**Worship:** 11am Sundays

**Communion:** 2nd and last Sundays each Month

#### **Serving the Lord in May:**

**Organist:** Betty Satter

**Altar:** Bonnie Wagner

#### **Messiah Notes**

**Worship:** 9am Sunday

**Communion:** 2nd and last Sundays each Month

**LWML Meeting:** 10am 1st Thursday each Month

**Messiah Quilters:** 1pm 1st Thursday each Month

#### **Serving the Lord in May:**

**Organist:** Charlyn Beardemphl

**Pianist:** Sue Moore

**Altar:** Pat Junker

**Ushers:** Russ McNeely and Ruben Lapp



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## Messiah Lutheran Church, Redfield -- Redeemer Lutheran Church, Doland

Holy Communion at both Redeemer and Messiah is the Second and Last Sundays of each Month

Pastor is in the Church office at Messiah 9am - noon, Tuesday - Friday, and at other times throughout those days unless visiting or called away. Please call anytime: 509-449-5572 (Cell)

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>Serving at Messiah: May: Altar - Pat Junker; Ushers - Russ McNeely and Ruben Lapp June: Altar - Laura Wienbar; Ushers: Robin Schmitt, Ron Neeman, Taylor Murray, Jason Murray, Jake Schmitz</div>			<div>SD District Pastors' Conference: April 29 - May 1</div> <div>7p No Midweek Bible Study</div>	<div>10a LWML at Messiah 1p Messiah Quilters</div>		
<b>Easter 6 (White)</b> <b>Confirmation at Messiah</b> 9a - Messiah Worship (Communion) 10:15a Confirmation Reception 11a - Redeemer Worship (Communion) 4p - Bible Study @ Leo's			<div>7p Bible Study at Messiah</div>	<i>The Ascension of Our Lord</i>		
<b>Easter 7 (White) <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i></b> <i>Pastor at Cresbard &amp; Wecota-for Confirmation</i> 9a - Messiah Worship 10:15a Sunday School at Messiah 'Time in the Word' Bible Reading 11a - Redeemer Worship 4p - Bible Study @ Leo's			<div>7p Bible Study at Messiah</div>			
<b>The Day of Pentecost (Red)</b> 9a - Messiah Worship 'Time in the Word' Bible Reading 11a - Redeemer Worship 4p - Bible Study @ Leo's		9am - Circuit Pastors' Conference at Our Savior's Aberdeen				
	<div>Vacation Bible School at Messiah -- 5pm - meal; VBS - 5:45-8pm 4yrs - 6<sup>th</sup> grade</div>					
<b>Holy Trinity Sunday (White)</b> 9a - Messiah Worship (Communion) 'Time in the Word' Bible Reading 11a - Redeemer Worship (Communion) <i>No Afternoon Bible Study @ Leo's</i>	<i>Memorial Day</i>					

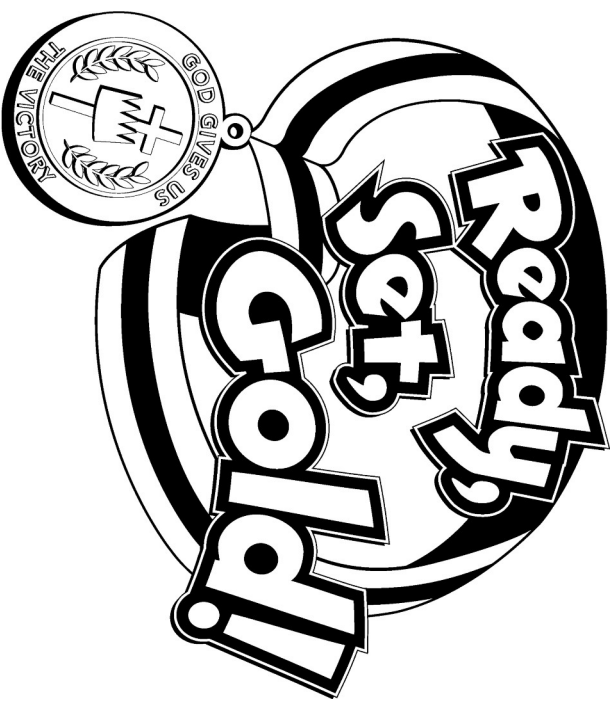
# **Vacation Bible School**

**Messiah Lutheran Church**

**May 20-23**

**5pm meal provided**

**VBS: 5:45pm - 8pm**



**4 years - 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Bring your friends!**

# **JOIN THE TEAM!**

**—see Jesus' victory!**

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