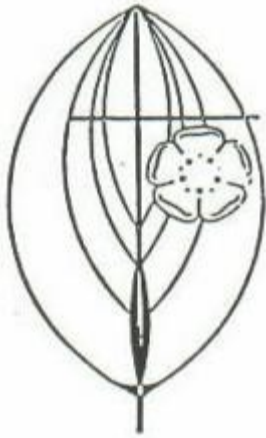

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH



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On Our Way Rejoicing

"On our way rejoicing
Gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered;
Vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy;
Who, if we be faithful,
Can our hope destroy?"

- John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875 (alt.); LBW 260

So we sang on the Fifth Sunday of Easter (May 2), celebrating Christ's victory over sin and death, our emergence from the Covid epidemic, and the privilege of being envoys of the gospel here in this time and place. The phrase, "on our way rejoicing" comes from Acts 8:39, part of our First Lesson that day, which says that after meeting the apostle Philip, hearing the scriptures explained to him, and being baptized, a court official from Ethiopia "went on his way rejoicing".

So too are we going on at Messiah, as we enter the long season after Pentecost and enjoy this beautiful start to the summer. One of the silver linings of the Covid epidemic is that what we formerly considered normal is now cause for rejoicing – things like in-person corporate worship, sharing the peace, singing, and meeting face-to-face. We continue to pray and thank God for safe and effective vaccines being made more widely available, especially to children and to people across the world who are especially vulnerable to disease and can afford very little health care.

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The symbol in the upper left corner expresses by means of candle and messianic rose the worship of the Messiah and the Truth of Christ. The cross signifies His central deed and the five crosses in the rose the sacred wounds.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK (CONTINUED)

Covid has helped us realize that Christ's church isn't just a building and isn't a spectator sport. The Holy Spirit gathers us together around God's Word and sacraments week in and week out, refreshing and encouraging us. What a fellowship, what a joy divine it is to once again come together for worship, fellowship, and witness, as we serve our neighbors and spread hope, faith, and love in our community by the gospel of Jesus Christ. Please join us!

Grateful to have you as companions as we go on our way rejoicing,

Pastor Erhardt



A NOTE FROM YELE

June 9th, 2021

Dear People of Messiah,

THANK YOU

It is with much joy and gratitude that my family and I write to thank you for accepting me into fellowship and for your act of benevolence. Very many thanks and I will see you in heaven!

In Christ,

Yelebephee Alice Wilberforce



Visit our website to listen to audio recordings of Sunday Sermons.
<http://new.princetonlutheranchurch.org/worship/service-and-sermon-audios/>

CHURCH CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, July 8, 7:30 pm
Community Book Group



Saturday, July 10, 10am
Outdoor Worship Service



Tuesday, July 13, 7 pm
Executive Board



Saturday, July 31, 9 am
Men's Forum



Thursday, August 5, 7:30 pm
Community Book Group



Saturday, August 7, 10 am
Outdoor Worship Service



Saturday, August 28, 9 am
Men's Forum



COMMUNITY BOOK GROUP

July 8: *The Power and the Glory*,
by Graham Greene

August 5: *Elijah of Buxton*,
by Christopher Paul Curtis

Discussions begin at **7:30pm** online.

Please obtain and read the book before each discussion, and come with your thoughts and questions. All are welcome! If you'd like to participate,

email LCMprinceton@gmail.com
or call 609.924.3642 to receive online connection information.

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum will resume at 9am on Sunday, September 5, with a four week *Welcome to Messiah* course for people considering membership in the congregation.



FELLOWSHIP EVENT: SHEEP SHEARING & HERDING AT HOWELL FARM ON MAY 8



Photos courtesy of Janice Hofreiter and Patricia Hlafter

FELLOWSHIP EVENT: KAYAKING IN THE MEADOWLANDS ON JUNE 19



Photos courtesy of Nancy Amidon and Vanessa Notario

MESSIAH'S BROOD X CICADAS OUT FOR THEIR 17-YEAR VISIT



Photos courtesy of Rick Cooper and Pastor Erhardt

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS IN JULY

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST YEAR B	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL READING
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost <i>July 4</i>	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	Psalms 48	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost <i>July 11</i>	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19	Psalms 24	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost <i>July 18</i>	2 Samuel 7:1-14a	Psalms 89:20-37	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost <i>July 25</i>	2 Samuel 11:1-15	Psalms 14	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21



SUNDAY SCRIPTURE LESSONS IN AUGUST

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST YEAR B	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL READING
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost <i>August 1</i>	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a	Psalms 51:1-12	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost <i>August 8</i>	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33	Psalms 130	Eph. 4:25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost <i>August 15</i>	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14	Psalms 111	Eph. 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost <i>August 22</i>	1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30	Psalms 84	Eph. 6:10-20	John 6:56-69
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost <i>August 29</i>	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

July 2021



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