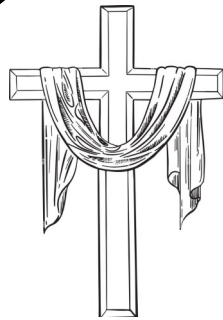




**Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 7, 2026**  
8:30 a.m.



*"Go and learn  
what this means:*

**'I DESIRE MERCY,  
AND NOT SACRIFICE.'**

*For I came not to call  
the righteous,  
but sinners."*

Senior Pastor Kurt Hoover  
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# Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church

June 7, 2026

8:30 a.m.


*Enter Reverently, Worship Joyfully, Live Faithfully*

## PRELUDE


Rose Ann Sochan

## OPENING HYMN

"He Leadeth Me," #461 v. 1-3




1. He lead - eth me! O bless - ed thought! O words with heav'n - ly comfort fraught!  
2. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine,  
3. And when my task on earth is done, When, by Thy grace, the vic - t'ry's won,




What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me!  
Con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see, Since 'tis Thy hand that lead - eth me!  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God thru Jor - dan lead - eth me!

*Refrain*



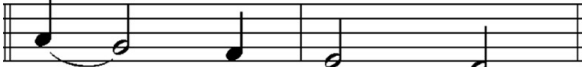
He lead - eth me, He lead - eth me, By His own hand He lead - eth me:



His faith - ful fol - l'wer I would be, For by His hand He lead - eth me.

## THE KYRIE

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All:   
Lord, have mer - cy.


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

All:   
Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: 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.

**All:**   
Lord, have mer - cy.

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

**All:**   
Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**All:**   
A - men

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SELF-EXAMINATION

Leader: Most merciful God,

**All: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a believer in Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

"This Is the Feast"



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



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.



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



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.



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.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

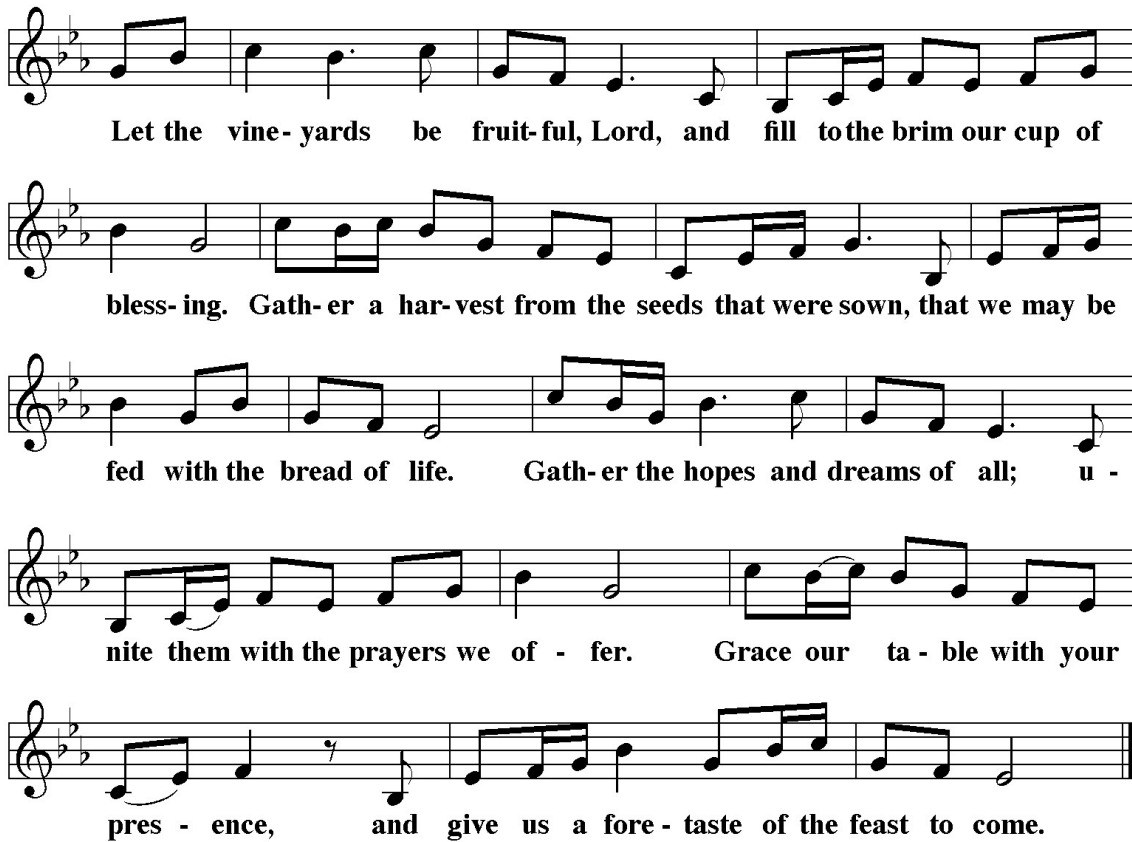
Leslie McFarland

**THE OFFERING**

Rose Ann Sochan

## OUR RESPONSE

"Let the Vineyards"



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## FIRST READING, Hosea 5:16-6:6 (ESV)

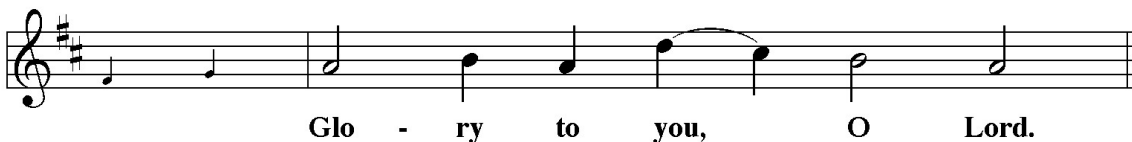
Reader: Randy Ling

<sup>15</sup> I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me.

<sup>1</sup> "Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. <sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. <sup>3</sup> Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth."

<sup>4</sup> What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. <sup>5</sup> Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. <sup>6</sup> For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

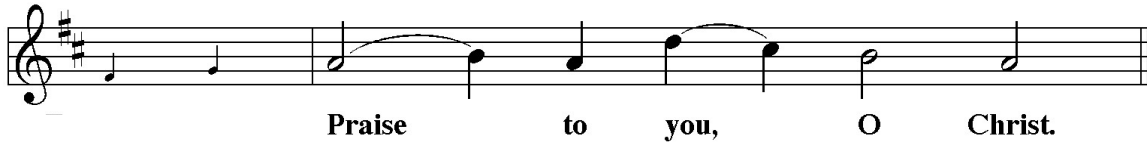
## SECOND READING, Matthew 9:9-13 (ESV)



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup> But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."



## MESSAGE

### "When Were You Called By God?"

Pastor Kurt Hoover

*A manuscript for this sermon and those previous can be found in the Narthex.*

## HYMN

### "Beneath the Cross of Jesus," #183 v. 1-3



- 1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand—
- 2. Up - on that cross of Je - sus Mine eye at times can see
- 3. I take, O cross, thy shad - ow For my a - bid - ing place;



The shad - ow of a might - y Rock With - in a wea - ry land;  
The ver - y dy - ing form of One Who suf - fered there for me;  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than The sun - shine of His face;



A home with - in the wil - der - ness, A rest up - on the way,  
And from my smit - ten heart with tears Two won - ders I con - fess—  
Con - tent to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss,



From the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, And the bur - den of the day.  
The won - ders of re - deem - ing love And my un - wor - thi - ness.  
My sin - ful self my on - ly shame, My glo - ry all the cross.

## WORDS OF FAITH

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. 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 into hell. 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. 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

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All:**   
And al - so with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All:**   
We lift them to the Lord.


Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:**   
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Leader: It is indeed right and salutary...  
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.

Leader: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

All: **Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

Servers: Rowan Hedden, Doug Potts, Lynn Tapella

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## HYMN

"Lamb of God"



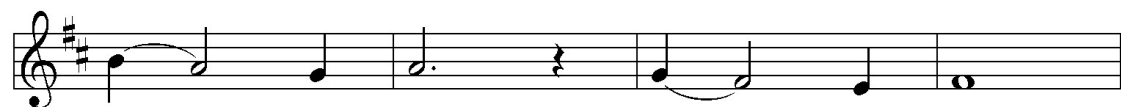
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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 HYMNS

"Trust and Obey," #349

"In His Time," #465

## COMMUNION BLESSING & POST-COMMUNION HYMN



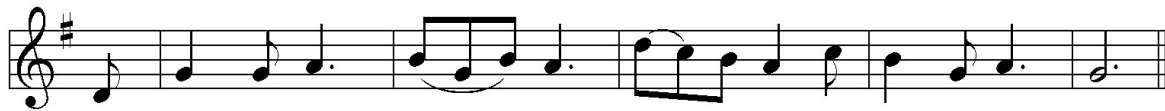
Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

### THE BENEDICTION

### CLOSING HYMN

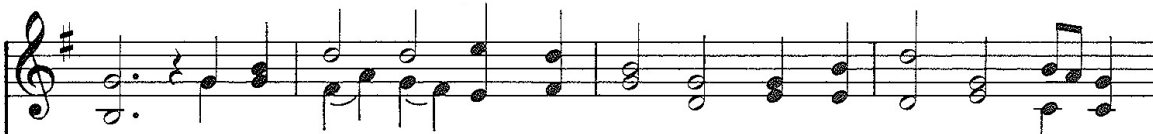
"Come, All Christians, Be Committed," #455 v. 1 & 4



1. Come, all Chris - tians, be com - mit - ted To the ser - vice of the  
2. Of your time and tal - ents give ye, They are gifts from God a -  
3. God's com - mand to love each oth - er Is re - quired of ev - ery  
4. Come in praise and ad - o - ra - tion, All who on Christ's name be -



Lord. Make your lives for Him more fit - ted, Tune your hearts with one ac -  
bove, To be used by Chris - tians free - ly To pro - claim His won - drous  
man. Show - ing mer - cy to a broth - er Mir - rors His re - demp - tive  
lieve. Wor - ship Him with con - se - cra - tion, Grace and love will you re -



cord. Come in - to His courts with glad - ness, Each his sa - cred vows re -  
love. Come a - gain to serve the Sav - ior, Tithes and off - 'rings with you  
plan. In com - pas - sion He has giv - en Of His love that is di -  
ceive. For His grace give Him the glo - ry, For the Spir - it and the



new, Turn a - way from sin and sad - ness, Be trans - formed with life a - new.  
bring. In your work with Him find fa - vor, And with joy His prais - es sing.  
vine; On the cross sins were for - giv - en; Joy and peace are ful - ly thine.  
Word, And re - peat the gos - pel sto - ry Till all men His name have heard.

*God will never lead you to a place  
where His grace cannot keep you.*

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**VBS is June 22-26!  
Register here:**



There will be a **Volunteer Workshop THIS MORNING, June 7<sup>th</sup>** at 9:40 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Email Stephanie at [VBS@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:VBS@mlcjoliet.org).

## **NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED**

### **125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

Save these dates: Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> - Dinner Banquet (time TBD); Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> - Reception Celebration between services.

### **COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP TIME**



Be sure to join us for coffee & good company on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall! Coffee will be available beginning at 8:30 a.m. and will continue until after the later service gets out. If you are an 8:30 attender - stay late! If Family Praise & Worship is your service - come early! Make new friends! If you'd like to help with Sunday morning coffee, please reach out to Joyce Pawlowski at 630-890-1203.

### **CONNECT WITH MESSIAH**

You can use this QR code to let us know you're new, tell us that you're interested in next steps at MLC, submit prayer requests, fill out a Connect Card, and give online.

Scan here to connect with MLC:



**Online Giving** - There are two convenient ways to do it:

- 1) On our website at <https://www.mlcjoliet.org/give>.
- 2) Through the Church Center app on your phone or tablet, or scan the QR code above.

### **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Please join Messiah's new Grief Support Group on the **first Thursday every month** at 1 p.m. in Room 101. This group offers caring and confidential space for those walking through loss. You are not alone. We are here to support one another. Questions may be directed to Pat Burke or Judy Fowler.

## MEMORY BEARS - Bonus Day June 9<sup>th</sup>!



Messiah's Memory Bears Group normally meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our next meetings are **June 9<sup>th</sup>** (bonus day) and **June 30<sup>th</sup>** (bumped out one week due to VBS). We have jobs that do not require sewing!

## PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Items for the bulletin are due by the end of the day each Tuesday, and newsletter material is due the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## QUILTERS

Messiah Quilters meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. We have a lot of quilts ready to complete and if you can tie a knot, you can help us out! We even have jobs you can do sitting down. Think about stopping in and see what we do. If you are unable to join us and would like to sew at home, we have kits available and can show you how easy it is to sew a quilt top together.

Contact Kathy Mueller at (815) 953-6601 or [scpbklane@aol.com](mailto:scpbklane@aol.com) for more information or any questions you may have. Hope to see you on **June 16<sup>th</sup>**!



## WOMEN'S GARDEN GETAWAY

Join the Messiah Women's Group for a fun morning at the Elwood Children's Garden on Wednesday, **June 10<sup>th</sup>**. The garden is a free, whimsical and interactive garden that offers fun and nature's beauty for all ages. The garden has themed small scale areas including Peter Rabbit's Garden, beautiful flower gardens and so much more to see!

We will carpool from Messiah, leaving at 9 a.m., or you can meet us at the Children's Garden at 9:30. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy in the pavilion. The Elwood Children's Garden is located at 801 N. Chicago Street in Elwood.

## MESSIAH KIDS (pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grades)

### MESSIAH KIDS WEDNESDAYS (MKW) SUMMER PROGRAM

**Kickoff date change:** Our summer MKW kickoff is on **July 1<sup>st</sup>** and runs through July 29<sup>th</sup> (except during VBS week). We'll meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the upper level Kidz Club!

### NATIONAL BIBLE BEE

Messiah will once again host the National Bible Bee this summer, **June 10<sup>th</sup>** through August 12<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 p.m.! Registration is open at [biblebee.org](http://biblebee.org). For more info please reach out to Leslie.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER SCHEDULE

Our summer session for K-8<sup>th</sup> graders will run **July 5<sup>th</sup>** through August 16<sup>th</sup>. We meet upstairs in the Kids Club.

For more info on ministries for kids pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, email Leslie McFarland, Children's Min. Director, at [childrensmin@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:childrensmin@mlcjoliet.org) or Megan Kuhn, Christian Ed. Director, at [christianed@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:christianed@mlcjoliet.org).

# **MESSIAH STUDENT MINISTRIES** (6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades)

## **BIBLE STUDY (SUNDAY MORNINGS)**

Bible Study for high schoolers is in the Fireside Room and will continue year-round.

## **SUMMER S.A.L.T. (for both FAM and H2H groups)**

This summer we will again meet in a combined format for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders! We kicked off last week off with a party at the Stier's home - Hope you were able to make it! Our summer program will meet at church from 6-8 p.m. June 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup>. *Please note that we will not meet on 07/22 or 07/29.*

For more info on ministries for students 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, email Kersten Stier, Youth Director, at [stumin@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:stumin@mlcjoliet.org).

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

If you would like to sponsor Altar flowers, please sign up in the Narthex or call the office at 815-741-4488. Arrangements are \$25 each.

## **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

### **SUNDAY, June 7**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:40 a.m. Education Hour (*high school only*)  
10:45 a.m. Family Praise & Worship  
1 p.m. Cristo Rey Worship

### **MONDAY, June 8**

n/a

### **TUESDAY, June 9**

9 a.m. Memory Bears (*bonus day*)

### **WEDNESDAY, June 10**

5 p.m. Bible Bee  
6 p.m. Summer S.A.L.T.

### **THURSDAY, June 11**

11 a.m. Fran Brandolino Funeral Service

### **FRIDAY, June 12**

n/a

### **SATURDAY, June 13**

9 a.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

### **SUNDAY, June 14**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:40 a.m. Education Hour (*high school only*)  
9:45 a.m. Baccalaureate Ceremony & Brunch  
10:45 a.m. Family Praise & Worship  
1 p.m. Cristo Rey Worship

## **ATTENDANCE**

### **LAST WEEK:**

8:30: 75  
10:45: 82  
Online: 26

## **2026 GIVING**

Operating Budget: \$694,359  
YTD Operating Budget: \$293,767  
YTD Giving Received: \$228,944  
Needed Each Week: \$13,353  
Received Last Week: \$10,415

### **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2026**

Actual Income vs. Expense:  
-\$14,823

## **STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK**

### **Psalm 107:1**

Give thanks to the Lord,  
for He is good,  
for His steadfast love  
endures forever.