MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod

1308 Whitley Rd.
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Sunday School &
Adult Bible Class
9:30 am

Sunday Worship
8:00 am, 10:45 am

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7And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it,
and he sat on it. 8And many spread their cloaks on the road,
and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. 9And
those who went before and those who followed were shouting,
"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! 10Blessed is
the coming kingdom of our father David!
Hosanna in the highest!"

(Mark 11)

The First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2026

For Our Visitors....



Welcome! We encourage you to follow along with either the printed service or the hymnal. The hymnal page numbers are posted at the front of the sanctuary, and on the next page of this bulletin.We realize it can take a while for newcomers to become familiar with our liturgy, so please feel free to ask someone near you for assistance—he or she would be happy to help.

We love children in our church! But if your little one gets fussy, you may use the cry room located at the north end of the hallway behind the sanctuary on your right, where you can see and hear the service.



We celebrate the Lord's Supper in our services today. In this supper, our Lord Jesus Christ graciously feeds the humble sinner with His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Scripture clearly teaches that anyone who eats and drinks the body and blood of Christ without discerning that body and blood receives a judgment rather than a blessing from God (1 Cor. 11:29). Therefore, out of a Christian concern for souls, we require a thorough instruction in the teachings of the Lutheran Church before participating in this Sacrament. Participation at the altar is also a testimony of unity of faith with all others who partake (1 Cor. 10:17). Since unity at the altar presupposes unity in doctrine and confession (Acts 2:42), we kindly request that only those who are in confessional fellowship with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod participate. This includes active members in good standing of all sister Missouri Synod congregations.

We recognize that Closed Communion is a sensitive issue for many, and we have a brochure that explains it in more detail. It is available in the narthex or from an usher. If you have questions or concerns, please speak with our pastor. However, we welcome both children and adults who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church to come to the altar during communion for a pastoral blessing. Please indicate the request for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

Follow the QR code to visit our "Virtual Guestbook" and tell us about yourself and your visit with us.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING ONE – LSB 151

Sermon Title
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Scripture
Mark 11:1-10

HYMNS

Opening Hymn	336
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Closing Hymn	348

***Please note – LSB 357, stanzas 1 & 2,** will take the place of the **Gloria (LSB 154)** in this week's service.

✢SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY✢

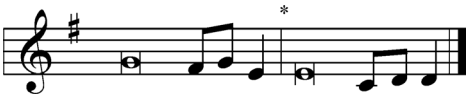
	8:00 AM	10:45 AM
ORGANIST	Josh Hatch	Josh Hatch
ALTAR GUILD	Debbie Goedecke Sydelle Numsen Linda Phillips Barbara Tilka Brenda Thowe	Debbie Goedecke Sydelle Numsen Linda Phillips Barbara Tilka Brenda Thowe
HEAD ELDER	Martin Littmann	David Loeffler
HEAD USHER	Randy Burk	Marty Hobson
ACOLYTE	Luther Kirby	Dalton Jacobs
CRUCIFER	Joseph Kirby	Evan Munoz
COUNTERS	Cathy Keto	Cathy Keto

✢THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH✢

Sunday	11/29	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:45 AM	Divine Service – Live Streaming (Facebook & YouTube) Sunday School – Live Streaming Divine Service
Monday	11/30	6:00 PM	Ladies' Bible Study
Tuesday	12/01	9:00 AM	JOY Group – Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	12/02	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Advent Meal – Baked Potatoes (hosted by Altar Guild) Midweek Advent Service
Thursday	12/03		
Friday	12/04		
Saturday	12/05	7:00 AM All Day	Men's Breakfast Bible Study Altar Guild–All Day–Decorating for Advent & Christmas

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given by Ken Pedersen to the glory of God and in memory of Mary Pedersen.

Introit *Psalm 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*



Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.

To you, | O Lord,*
I lift | up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;*
let not my enemies exult | over me.
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;*
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

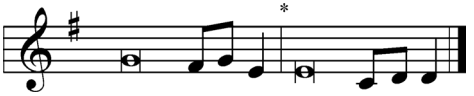
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.

Collect of the Day

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual *Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.*



Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*
Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.
Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*
From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS – NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 12

29: Is. 5:1-25 *Amos 1:1-9:15* 1 Peter 2:1-12 30: Is. 6:1-7:9 1 Peter 2:13-25 1: Is. 7:10-8:8 1 Peter 3:1-22 2: Is. 8:9-9:7 1 Peter 4:1-19	3:Is. 9:8-10:11 1 Peter 5:1-14 4: Is. 10:12-27a, 33-34 2 Peter 1:1-21 5: Is. 11:1-12:6 2 Peter 2:1-22	6: Is. 14:1-23 2 Peter 3:1-18 7: Is. 24:1-13 1 John 1:1 – 2:14 8: Is. 24:14 – 25:12 *Obad. 1-21* 1 John 2:15-29 9: Is. 26:1-19 1 John 3:1-24	10: Is. 26:20 – 27:13 1 John 4:1-21 11: Is. 28:14-29 1 John 5:1-21 *2 John 1-13* *3 John 1-15* 12: Is. 29:1-14 Jude 1-25



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Last **Sunday, November 22**, Pastor Chryst began a new topic in the Adult Sunday School Class - **The Book of Revelation.**

Come learn more about one of the most discussed books of the Bible! And if you missed the first class, you may view the video on Facebook or YouTube.

AED TEAM OPENING

The AED Team is looking for a new member! You do not need to be a licensed medical professional. The position involves only twice-a-year checks of the AED's (Automated External Defibrillators). The team will train you, and it's as easy as 1-2-3. If you are interested, please contact Lauren Friend at 830-992-0567, or email lcfriend64@gmail.com. You may also leave a note in Lauren's church mailbox.

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2026 ADVENT MIDWEEK SERIES
"The Family Tree of Christ"

Advent Meal – 6:00 PM
Evening Prayer – 7:00 PM

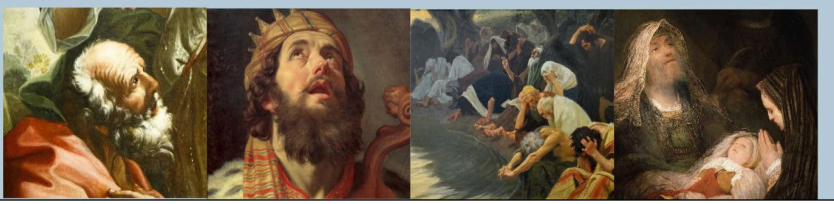
This Advent, our Midweek Series,
"The Family Tree of Christ,"
will examine the genealogy of Jesus according to St. Matthew.

We will begin our Wednesdays together with a meal
at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall,
followed by the Office of Evening Prayer at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

Week 1 – December 2 - "From Abraham to David"
Matthew 1:1-6a
(Baked Potato Bar- Meal Provided by the Altar Guild)

Week 2 – December 9 - "From David to Babylon"
Matthew 1:6b-11
(Soup & Salad - Meal Provided by MLCA Parents)

Week 3 – December 16 - "From Babylon to Jesus"
Matthew 1:12-17
(Italian - Meal Provided by MLC Youth)



Please make plans to join us each week!

Please also remember that meals will include a free-will offering each week to help raise funds for the group hosting that week's meal. Thanks for giving if you are able.



POINSETTIA ORDERS

On Christmas Eve, the chancel area will be decorated with beautiful red poinsettias, donated by congregation members. We need 75 plants for our poinsettia "trees," plus additional plants for the chancel area. **The cost is $12.00 per plant.** Poinsettias are donated primarily to adorn the sanctuary, but donors are welcome to take their plants home after the 10:00 AM service on Christmas Day.

HOW TO ORDER POINSETTIAS

This year, you have two options for ordering poinsettias!

ONLINE:

1. Go to www.messiahkeller.org and choose the **Online Giving** tab in the upper right corner, which will take you to the **Online Donation** page.
2. Go to the **Special Offerings** section and scroll down to the **Poinsettias/Lilies** option (3/4 down the list).
3. Check the box on the left, then enter the amount proportionate to the number of Poinsettias you wish to order ($12, $24, $36, etc.)

GIVING ENVELOPE:

As you enter the sanctuary, you will find special envelopes on the offering table designated for Poinsettia purchases. Simply fill out the information on the front, place your check in the envelope, and place in the offering plate, or you may put it in the designated basket on the table in the narthex, where it will be collected by an Altar Guild member each Sunday.

MLCA Parents' Night Out

MLCA is hosting a Parents' Night Out on **December 11**. Please visit https://tinyurl.com/7njabjvt if you would like to sign-up! See flyer below for more information.



Angel Tree 2026

ALL Angel Tree tags were claimed last Sunday, November 22! Thank you to everyone who signed up. **Please be sure to return your wrapped present by next Sunday, December 6.**

Volunteers are also needed to help **deliver the gifts** on **Saturday, December 12.** If you can assist, please contact Jonathan Griffith at jn_griffith@att.net

MLCA will be participating in the Very Merry Light Parade, as part of Keller's Holly Days event!

Holly Days is **Friday, December 4**, from 5:00-9:00 PM.
The parade begins at **7:00**, followed by the lighting of the Christmas Tree at Town Hall.

Make plans to arrive early, to secure a good spot to view the parade and to support MLCA!

If you have further questions, please contact **schooloffice@mlcatexas.org**

Please keep in your prayers…

Jennifer Maique and family, in the loss of Jennifer's father, **William Robinson.**

We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer: Rob Bentley, Rev. Ernie Bernet, Ken & Carolyn Blume, John DiCesare, Mandy Demick, Randy Gay, Sarah Jarrett, Wayne Kirkland, Denny Knutson, Linda Pancake, Janie Peter, Ryan Richard, Gaelina Strader, Mike Vandergriff.

…also those with other illnesses and trials: Delia Baker, DeeDee Bizzell, Natalia Boniek, Sharon Boniek, Jacob Brewer, Alli Burk, Brian Cade's mother, Carole Cohen, Marilyn Curry, Paul Egner, Family of Dan Gholston, LaVina Goedecke, Adam Greer, David Gruben, Michael Hanson, Matt Hinde, Rose Hughes, William Johnstone, Dennis Kitzman, Aaron Koppelberger, Vicky Krolczyk, Brooke Lage, Bruce Lage, Chelsea Lage, Wes Liles, The Lewis family, The Lowry Family, Amy Lyon, Family of Bob Martin, Lee Masoian, Nikki McLeroy, Sandy McDougall, Family of Keith Leicht, Louise Nelson (daughter of Marilyn Kivett), Linda Pinkston, Shelby Renfro, Todd Ramage, Connie Wesley Ramsey, Karen Shrum, Grant Smith, Patsy Smith, Becky Speight, Terry Swender, Cheryl Traub, Tim Tomlinson, Peggy Wahlstedt, Wendell Wahlstedt, Jeff Wilson.

…and those who are unable to worship with us regularly: Carolyn Blume, Ron and Barbara Busse, Don & Marilyn Curry, Susan Gruben, Ronald and Brenda Patterson, Marvin Wilken.

…all of our college students in and out of state: Ashley Brewer, Jacob Brewer, Colby Carter, Seminarian David Christensen, Morgan Chryst, Maranda Crutchfield, Dorian Crutchfield, Ellie Johnson, Ethan Johnson, Erin O'Dell, Clara O'Neill, Danielle Osorio, Matthew Palmer, Felix Ping, Ethan Salgado, Mia Salgado, Max Tonniges, Charlie Umayam, Audrey Weber, Emily Weber.

We remember all those serving our country, particularly our members and loved ones in the military: Jesus Aranda, Tony Bourassa, Tyler Burk, David Cantrell, Cassie Gessling, Hannah Kajer, Joseph Kajer, Seth Kirch, Andrew Latham, Andrew Lowry, Hannah Pinkston, Carly Schwarzenburg, Brandon Towers, Nicolas Towers, Frank Wilde, Chaplain Peter J. Williams.

We also pray for…

- Our Braille ministry, that the Word will continue to reach the blind or visually impaired around the world.
- Messiah's educational ministry, especially our Academy, Preschool, Sunday School, and our Catechumens.
- Fellow Messiah members, married couples and children, young couples, singles, Pastor Chryst, and Pastor Christiansen.
- The voters, church council, and leaders of Messiah Church and School as they deliberate on the work the Lord has given His people to do.
- Our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world being persecuted for their faith.
- The spread of the Gospel around our nation and world and the work of our missionaries and relief workers.
- Rev. Dr. Michael Paul and his work in Taiwan.
- The Swaddling Clothes ministry and those who come seeking assistance.
- Those studying at seminary, including James Buhler (1st Year), Vicar Abram Egger, and Vicar Peter Williams, as they prepare to serve in the Holy Ministry.
- Prayers for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.

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MLCA Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:00am—3:00pm
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A Life Thought in the Church Year for November 29 – Advent 1: Isaiah reminds us that every person is created by God. We are all the work of His hands: "we are the clay and He is our potter" (Isaiah 64:8). Not only does this teach us that each life is precious, it instructs us that our lives and our bodies are not ours to do with as we please. It is God alone who determines each life's beginning and end and how we are to use our bodies to glorify Him. Thankfully, we can rest securely in His care, upholding His gift of life, because "God is faithful" and "sustains you to the end" (1 Corinthians 1:8).

LCMS National Mission - Jeremiah 23:6 – "And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'" Jesus is our righteousness, our justification, our all. In Jesus, we are forgiven and receive every blessing from the Father. This knowledge sets us free to live as children of the heavenly Father without fear. Freed from the supposed need to justify ourselves, we can do good works for the right reason: to thank God and to serve our neighbor.

On The Line (OTL) is a podcast featuring interviews with leading experts in theology, culture, and the Christian faith, and offering confessional Lutheran insights. This past week, host **Rev. Bryan Stecker** was joined by **Dr. Caleb Karges of Lutheran Classical College** to discuss Rock and Roll, the Cultural Revolution, and the Fall of Communism.

Issues, Etc. - SACRED MUSIC FOR THE ADVENT SEASON… "Savior of the Nations, Come," "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry," "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending," "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding," "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." You can listen to sacred music for the Advent season 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:00 am:**76** ; 10:45 am:**104** ; (Total: **180**) Sunday School:**96**

OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: $9,854.62 (Plate and Online Giving to General Fund – all services)
OFFERINGS NEEDED EACH WEEK TO FUND CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: $18,317.25
OFFERINGS REQUIRED THROUGH 10/31/26 (17 SUNDAYS): $311,393.25
OFFERINGS RECEIVED THROUGH 10/31/26 (17 SUNDAYS): $285,162.86

NOTE: MLC's current budgeting philosophy is that only offerings are counted as revenues in the annual budget plan; therefore, the Offerings Needed Each Week to Fund Current Year Budget is the amount in offerings that is required each Sunday during the fiscal year to fully fund the church. The actual number of offerings required is less due to other revenues that the church receives during the year; however, these additional revenues do not represent a material amount.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 64:1-9

1 Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
5 You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7 There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
8 But now, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 Be not so terribly angry, O Lord,
and remember not iniquity forever.

EPISTLE READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL READING: MARK 11:1-10

1 When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples 2 and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. 3 If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" 4 And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. 5 And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" 6 And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. 7 And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. 8 And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. 9 And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! 10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"