



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Lutheran Church-
Missouri Synod*

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

Sunday Worship
8:00am, 10:45am

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*²⁸And Peter answered him,
“Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”*

²⁹He said, “Come.”

So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus.

*³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid,
and beginning to sink he cried out,
“Lord, save me.”*

*³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him,
“O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”*

³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

*³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying,
“Truly you are the Son of God.”*

(Matthew 14)

FOR OUR VISITORS....



Welcome! We encourage you to follow along with either the printed service, or with the hymnal. The page numbers for the hymnal are posted at the front of the sanctuary and on the next page. 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** that is located at the north end of the hallway behind the sanctuary on your right. You are able to see and hear the worship service from there. We also have "**Quiet Bags**" available for children to use during the service. Please ask an usher or elder if you need assistance. The Quiet Bags are returned after the service.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated 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 have a brochure to explain it more thoroughly. It is available in the narthex or from an usher. If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to 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.

This bulletin is available in large print upon request.

Divine Service—Setting One—LSB 151

Hymns:
794, 717, 715

Hymns During Distribution:
718, 544

Sermon Title:
"Lord, Save Me!"

Scripture:
Matthew 14

Gradual—will be sung by all, using psalm tone provided on the next page of the bulletin



Christ the Crucified Comes to Save Us by the Word of Faith

The Lord who *"laid the foundation of the earth"* (Job 38:4) is the Author and Giver of life who governs all things by His Word. His wisdom and power are beyond our understanding, except as He reveals Himself in the incarnate Word, Christ Jesus. He has *"entered into the springs of the sea"* and *"walked in the recesses of the deep"* (Job 38:16), and He draws near to us in mercy. We have been *"a long way from the land, beaten by the waves"* and tossed about by hostile winds (Matt. 14:24). In our mortality and sinful unbelief, we do not always recognize the Lord Jesus. But as we cry out in fear, He speaks tenderly to us, *"Do not be afraid,"* and He reaches out His hand to save us (Matt. 14:27, 31). *"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved"* (Rom. 10:13), and now we call upon Him in faith, because we have heard *"through the word of Christ"* (Rom. 10:17). *"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"* (Rom. 10:8).

Serving in God's House Today

Organist:	Felix Ping, Guest Organist		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
		Head Elder:	Roland Towers	Steven Latham
Altar Guild:	Debbie Goedeke Debbie Lee Carol McGrath Sydelle Numsen Brenda Thowe	Head Usher:	Eric Weber	Durand Crutchfield
		Acolytes:	Luther Kirby	Matthias Loeffler
Counters:	Kenneth Pedersen Laurie Ward	Crucifer/ Altar	Sam Sifford	Cory O'Dell

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given by Luis & Jinel Munoz to the Glory of God and in celebration of their anniversary.

Introit *Psalm 34:4–8; antiphon: v. 1*



I will bless the LORD at | all times; *
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
**I sought the LORD, and he | answered me *
and delivered me from | all my fears.**
Those who look to him are | radiant, *
and their faces shall never | be ashamed.
**This poor man cried, and the LORD | heard him *
and saved him out of all his | troubles.**
The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear
him, *
and de- | livers them.

**Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good! *
Blessed is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!**
**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.**
I will bless the LORD at | all times; *
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve
us from all harm and danger that we, being
ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully
accomplish what You want done; through
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

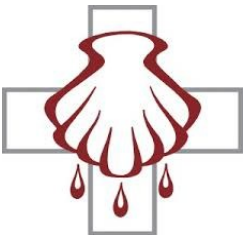
Gradual: *sung by all* *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*



**Fear the Lord, | you his saints, *
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous, *
but the Lord delivers him out | of them all.**

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: August 9—22

9: 1 Sam. 25:1-22 1 Cor. 3:1-23	12: 1 Sam. 28:3-25 1 Sam. 29:1-30:31 1 Cor. 6:1-20	16: 2 Sam 6:1-19 1 Cor. 9:1-23	20: 2 Sam. 12:1-25 2 Sam. 13:1-19:43 1 Cor. 12:1-13
10: 1 Sam. 25:23-44 1 Cor. 4:1-21	13: 1 Sam 31:1-13 1 Cor. 7:1-24	17: 2 Sam. 7:1-17 1 Cor. 9:24-10:22	21: 1 Kings 1:1-4, 15-35 1 Cor. 12:14-31
11: 1 Sam. 26:1-25 1 Sam. 27:1-28:2 1 Cor. 5:1-13	14: 2 Sam. 1:1-27 1 Cor. 7:25-40	18: 2 Sam. 7:18-29 1 Cor. 10:23-11:16	22: 1 Kings 2:1-27 1 Cor. 13:1-13 1 Cor. 14:1-16:24
	15: 2 Sam. 5:1-25 1 Cor. 8:1-13	19: 2 Sam. 11:1-27 1 Cor. 11:17-34	



This morning in the
10:45am service,
we rejoice in the
baptism of
Kylie Lowry
and
Carter Lowry.



This morning, we
welcome **Josh & Addie
Hatch** into membership
at Messiah during the
10:45am service.
Please greet our new
members following the
service.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 08/09 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE
- 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE
- 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE

MONDAY 08/10

TUESDAY 08/11 - 9:30AM - JOY GROUP—FELLOWSHIP HALL

WEDNESDAY 08/12 - 8:00AM - MLCA FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

THURSDAY 08/13

FRIDAY 08/14

SATURDAY 08/15 - 7:00AM - MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY—ROSA'S CAFÉ—HWY 377

Thank You!

A very special **thank you** to our guest organist, **Felix Ping**, for playing in our services this morning.

INSTALLATION OF MESSIAH LUTHERAN CLASSICAL ACADEMY AND PRESCHOOL FACULTY AND STAFF

MLCA

Alison Smith—Principal, 2nd Grade, Piano
Kris Carter—Assistant Principal, 1st Grade, Piano
Wiley Smith—Kindergarten
Lisa McLaughlin—3rd Grade
Jennifer Maique—4th Grade/5th Grade
Barbara Liles—6th Grade
Romina Mariani—7th/8th Grade
Mike Suedmeier—Algebra & Geometry
Angie Richmond—Art
Greg McCall—Physical Education

Rachel Koreski—Executive Assistant, School Office
Jinel Munoz—Finance Manager, MLC and MLCA

MLCA PRESCHOOL

Linda Pinkston—Director, Art
Josephine Booth—2s Teacher
Briley Bush—2s Assistant Teacher
Dena Harman—3s Teacher
Kathy Hardt—Pre-K Teacher

Pastor Chryst - Daily Chapel and Religion for upper grades; Weekly Chapel for Preschool
Pastor Christiansen - Daily Chapel and Religion for upper grades; Weekly Chapel for Preschool

Please keep in your prayers...

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

...also those with other illnesses and trials: Helen Fletcher, Rose Hughes, Susan Copen, Family of Keith Leicht, Family of Bob Martin, Jo Ulrich, Christine Towers, Chelsea Lage, Karen Campbell, Tim Tomlinson, Marilyn Kivit, Cheryl Traub, Family of Selina Doughty and David Grissom, Adam Greer, Connie Wesley Ramsey, Wendell Wahlstedt, Carole Cohen, Family of Dan Gholston, Terry Swender, Michael Hanson, Aaron Koppelberger, Bruce Lage, Marilyn Curry, Nikki McLeroy, Marilyn Kivit, Brian Cade's mother, Abby Carpenter, Ron Klingbeil, Vicky Krolczyk, Matt Hinde, Lee Masoian, Alli Burk, Amy Lyon, the Lewis family, Grant Smith, William Johnstone, Marlene Eaton, Wes Liles, Patsy Smith, Shelby Renfro, Connie Worley Ramsey, Brooke Lage, The Lowry Family, Sandy McDougal, Jacob Brewer.

...and those who are unable to worship with us regularly: Susan Copen, Carolyn Blume, Don & Marilyn Curry, LaVina Goedecke, Ron and Barbara Busse, 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, Maranda Crutchfield, Dorian Crutchfield, Ethan Johnson, Clara O'Neil, Daniella Osorio, Aidan Richmond, Davis Richmond, Mia Salgado, Max Tonniges, Charlie Umayam, Audrey Weber, Emily Weber, Morgan Chryst, Matthew Palmer.

We remember all those serving our country, particularly our members and loved ones in the military: Carly Schwarzenburg, Jesus Aranda, Hannah Kajer, Nicolas Towers, Tony Bourassa, Tyler Burk, David Cantrell, Cassie Gessling, Joseph Kajer, Seth Kirch, Andrew Latham, Andrew Lowry, Hannah Pinkston, Brandon 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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A Life Thought in the Church Year for August 9 - Pentecost 11: "Who shut in the

sea with doors when it burst out from the womb" (Job 38:8)? While He knitted you together in your mother's womb, our gracious God surrounded you with a beautiful watery cushion of amniotic fluid, which no one should ever hurt or harm. "The person who does the commandments shall live by them" (Romans 10:5, quoting Leviticus 18:5), showing that God desires life for us and not death. We worship our living, risen Lord, and not a ghost (Matthew 14:26-27), just as we speak and act for every enfleshed soul whom He has made in His image.



LCMS Stewardship Ministry—Matthew 14:30 - "But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, 'Lord, save me.'"

The world really is a scary place, with natural disasters, disease, terrorism and a hundred other things. But where do we place our hope, our trust, our vision? Where do we look for aid and comfort? When Peter's eyes were on the Lord, he had confidence. When he turned to look at his problems and took his eyes off the Lord, he fell apart. Sometimes God's call to support the work of His church with our offerings makes us nervous. But put your eyes back on your Lord, trust Him, follow His Word and all really will be well.



YOUR LIFELINE TO THE LUTHERAN WORLDVIEW... Issues, Etc. is a podcast

and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Breaking Free from the Burden of Shame, Family Discipleship, Understanding Burnout, The Roots of "Spiritual But Not Religious" and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.



On The Line (OTL) is a podcast dedicated to revolutionizing how Lutheran theology is communicated, featuring interviews with leading experts in theology, culture, and the Christian faith, offering confessional Lutheran insights. This past week, OTL featured the Christian rapper, Flame, discussing his move from the Reformed Baptist denomination to the LCMS. Use the QR Code on the left to access the podcast.



Sunday School will resume **Sunday, August 30th**. We will kick things off with a "Rally Day" Picnic the week prior, **Sunday, August 23rd**, after the 2nd service!

Please bring a side dish to share. The fun will start in the Fellowship Hall with food, games, and snow cones that all are welcome to enjoy! Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided, **but a grill and grillmaster are needed**. Please contact **Wiley Smith** at wiley.smithv@gmail.com or (909) 327-5784, if you are willing to help.

We would like to thank **Talita Goodwin, Barbara Tilka, and Meredith Sifford** for helping teach this summer.

NOTICE: There will be a **Special Voters' Meeting** next **Sunday, August 16th**, in the Fellowship Hall, following the 10:45am service. This meeting will be to act on the Call Committee's recommendation of a call to a new candidate for Kantor. Please see last Wednesday's Look Ahead for more details.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: 88 10:45am: 127 Total: 215

Sunday School: 101 — OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$ — (includes online giving to Gen. Fund)

WEEKLY OFFERINGS NEEDED TO FUND THE CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: \$ 19,549.00

You may use this QR code for your convenience if you would like to give to Messiah. It will direct you to our Vanco System for electronic giving.



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading

Job 38:4-18

⁴[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷when the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb,

⁹when I made clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed limits for it
and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?

¹²“Have you commanded the morning since
your days began,

and caused the dawn to know its place,

¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the
earth,

and the wicked be shaken out of it?

¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal,
and its features stand out like a garment.

¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld,
and their uplifted arm is broken.

¹⁶“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
or walked in the recesses of the deep?

¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the
earth?

Declare, if you know all this.”

Epistle

Romans 10:5-17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we

proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ²⁸And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”