



## MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church-  
Missouri Synod

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8:00am, 10:45am

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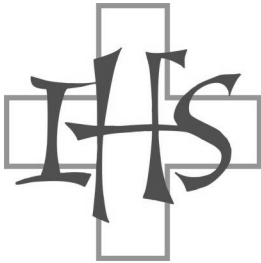
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and I will give you rest.  
<sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and  
lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.  
<sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

(Matthew 11)

## 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 Three—LSB 184

**Hymns:**

699, 756, 965

**Hymns During Distribution:**

618, 605, 763

**Sermon Title:**

*“Jesus Gives You Rest”*

**Scripture:**

*All Readings*

**Prelude**

NATIONAL HYMN (“God Bless Our Native Land”) –  
settings by Sondra K. Tucker and Jan Bender

WARUM SOLLT ICH MICH DENN GRAMEN

(“Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?”)

– Johann Gottfried Walther

VOX DILECTI (“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”)

– F. Reuter

**Postlude**

Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne –  
Dietrich Buxtehude

Performed by guest organist Felix Ping

**OPENING HYMN: LSB 699- I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**, will feature the alternate tune found in The Lutheran Hymnal



***Jesus Christ, Our Savior, Is Our True Peace and Sabbath Rest***

Though we have died with Christ in Holy Baptism, and we are raised to new life in Him, we find *“another law waging war”* in our body and life, that is, between our old Adam and the new man (Rom. 7:23). By the Spirit of Christ, we *“desire to do what is right,”* but we are not able to do so because *“nothing good”* dwells in our sinful flesh (Rom. 7:18). *“Thanks be to God,”* therefore, *“through Jesus Christ our Lord,”* who delivers us from *“this body of death”* (Rom. 7:24–25). We rejoice in Him, our gentle King, who comes *“righteous and having salvation”* (Zech. 9:9). He speaks peace to our embattled hearts, and by His blood of the New Testament He sets us *“free from the waterless pit,”* and He returns us to the stronghold of our Baptism (Zech. 9:10–12). Though we *“labor and are heavy laden,”* He calls us to Himself and gives rest to our souls through His free and full

forgiveness (Matt. 11:28), not because we are *“wise and understanding,”* but by the *“gracious will”* of God the Father, whom *“the Son chooses to reveal”* in love (Matt. 11:25–27).

**Serving in God’s House Today**

		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
<b>Organist:</b> Miguel Ruiz			
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Nikki O’Dell Carrie Ratsch	<b>Head Elder:</b>	Martin Littmann	Luis Munoz
	<b>Head Usher:</b>	Randy Burk	Marty Hobson
<b>Counters:</b> Veronica Hobson	<b>Acolytes:</b>		Silas Christiansen
	<b>Crucifer/ Altar</b>		Evan Munoz

*The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Barry and Nikki O’Dell’s anniversary.*

## Introit

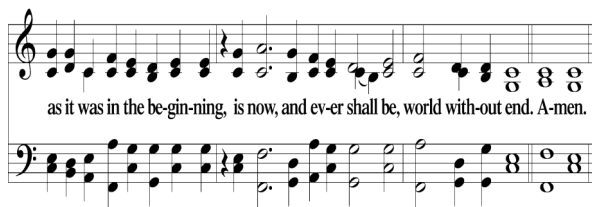
Psalm 145:1-9



- <sup>1</sup>I will extol you, my | God and King,\*  
and bless your name forever and | ever.
- <sup>2</sup>Every day I will | bless you\*  
and praise your name forever and | ever.
- <sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,\*  
and his greatness is un- | searchable.
- <sup>4</sup>One generation shall commend your works to  
an- | other,\*  
and shall declare your | mighty acts.
- <sup>5</sup>On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,\*  
and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.
- <sup>6</sup>They shall speak of the might of your |  
awesome deeds,\*  
and I will declare your | greatness.
- <sup>7</sup>They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant |  
goodness\*  
and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and | merciful,\*  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast  
love.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD is | good to all,\*  
and his mercy is over all that | he has made.



## Collect of the Day

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; 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 the Kantor Romans 11:33, 36*

*Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!*

*How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!*

*For from him and through him and to him are all things.*

*To him be glory forever. Amen.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS: July 5-18

5: Josh. 23:1-16  
Acts 12:1-25

6: Josh. 24:1-31  
*Judg. 1:1-36*  
Acts 13:1-12

7: *Judg. 2:6-23*  
Acts 13:13-41

8: *Judg. 3:7-31*  
Acts 13:42-52

9: *Judg. 4:1-24*  
*Judg. 5:1-31*  
Acts 14:1-18

10: *Judg. 6:1-24*  
Acts 14:19-15:5

11: *Judg. 6:25-40*  
Acts 15:6-21

12: *Judg. 7:1-23*  
*Judg. 7:24-12:15*  
Gal. 1:1-24

13: *Judg. 13:1-25*  
*Ruth 1:1-4:22*  
Gal 2:1-21

14: *Judg. 14:1-20*  
Gal. 3:1-22

15: *Judg. 15:1-16:3*  
Gal. 3:23-4:11

16: *Judg. 16:4-30*  
*Judg. 17:1-21:25*  
Gal. 4:12-31

17: 1 Sam. 1:1-20  
Gal. 5:1-26

18: 1 Sam. 1:21-2:17  
Gal. 6:1-18

## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 07/05 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE  
- 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL  
- 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE

MONDAY 07/06

TUESDAY 07/07

WEDNESDAY 07/08

THURSDAY 07/09

FRIDAY 07/10

SATURDAY 07/11 -- 7:00AM - BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING—RECEPTION ROOM  
- 8:30AM - SWADDLIG CLOHTES—MAC BUILDING

### Lutheran Young Adult Mixer—August 1st

Are you a Lutheran young adult interested in meeting other Lutheran singles? Our Redeemer Lutheran in Dallas invites you to an evening of conversation, fellowship, and fun in a relaxed setting at DFW Fowling!

Whether you're hoping to make new friends or explore the possibility of a future relationship, this event provides an opportunity to meet other Lutheran singles who share a common confession of faith.

Please visit [punchbowl.com/parties/lcsmixer](https://punchbowl.com/parties/lcsmixer) for more information and to register.



**Zachary Zieschang** is the gentleman to whom Messiah has extended the Divine Call to serve as our Director of Parish Music/Kantor.

Please keep Zachary and his family in your prayers as they deliberate. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them according to God's will.

# Please keep in your prayers...

**We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer:** Trudy Harper, Karen Bentle, 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:** 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, Chelsea Lage, 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 David Christensen (4th Year), Tanner Sawall (4th Year), Abram Egger (1st Year), 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 Summer Hours: Tue-Thurs, 9:00am—2:00pm.  
Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm



**MLCA is hiring.** The academy is in need of an **Algebra/Geometry teacher** for the 2026-2027 school year. This is a **part-time position, consisting of approximately 10 hrs/week.**

To apply, you may send your resume to [schooloffice@mlcatexas.org](mailto:schooloffice@mlcatexas.org), or for more information you may call the school office at **817.431.5486.**

**Symposium on 1 and 2 Kings—Christ Lutheran Church in Lubbock, TX** is hosting a 3-day Symposium (August 3-5) on 1 and 2 Kings, featuring Dr. Walter A. Maier III, Professor of Old Testament and Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN.

Dr. Maier authored the Concordia Commentary series on Kings and is probably the foremost LCMS scholar of these texts. He holds a Ph.D. in Old Testament and Hebrew from Harvard University and has taught at CTSFW since 1989.

The symposium includes Matins, Vespers, and an opening night dinner.

Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/ym47s2sc> for details and to register.



**A Life Thought in the Church Year for July 5 - Pentecost 6** - Sin dwells in each

one of us so that even when we desire to do what is right, we are seldom able to do it without stain (Romans 7:18). Therefore, even Christians fall into sins which dehumanize our neighbors. We treat others differently or harbor hatred toward them because of their race, political views, past sins, etc. Thanks be to God that He is pleased to reveal His salvation to us in His Son, Jesus Christ, forgiving our sins, delivering us from the power of sin, and considering us as His own beloved children (Matthew 11:25-27; Romans 7:25).



**LCMS Stewardship Ministry—Matthew 11:28 - “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”**

Jesus has come to do the work so that we might have rest from burdens and labors we are not capable of bearing. He frees us from sin, death and the demands of the Law. In that peace and rest of Jesus we find a new purpose — His light yoke is not a burden to bear, but a joy!



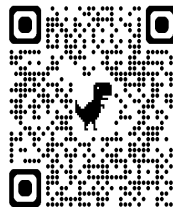
**WHERE CHRISTIANITY MEETS CULTURE...Issues, Etc.** is a podcast and

radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent subjects include: Pro-Life Democrats; Divorce & Remarriage; Down Syndrome Children & Abortion; Campus Ministry and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://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. Use the QR Code below to check out the most recent episode, an interview with Matt Whitman, an Evangelical Free pastor who offers an outsider's perspective on the LCMS.



**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: 82 10:45am: 114 Total: 196**  
 Sunday School: 85 — **OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$11,212.87** (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.**



## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### Old Testament Reading Zechariah 9:9-12

- <sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
- <sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall speak peace to the nations;  
his rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the  
earth.
- <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of  
my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the  
waterless pit.
- <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of  
hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you  
double.

### Epistle Romans 7:14-25a

<sup>14</sup>We know that the law is spiritual,  
but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup>I do  
not understand my own actions. For I do  
not do what I want, but I do the very thing I  
hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I  
agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So now  
it is no longer I who do it, but sin that  
dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing  
good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I  
have the desire to do what is right, but not  
the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do  
the good I want, but the evil I do not want  
is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what  
I do not want, it is no longer I who do it,  
but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I  
want to do right, evil lies close at hand.  
<sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God, in my  
inner being, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members  
another law waging war against the law of  
my mind and making me captive to the law  
of sin that dwells in my members.  
<sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver  
me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to  
God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

### Holy Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus declared, "I  
thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and  
earth, that you have hidden these things  
from the wise and understanding and  
revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup>yes,  
Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All  
things have been handed over to me by my  
Father, and no one knows the Son except  
the Father, and no one knows the Father  
except the Son and anyone to whom the  
Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me,  
all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will  
give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you,  
and learn from me, for I am gentle and  
lowly in heart, and you will find rest for  
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