

“... ought always to pray and not lose heart”

(Luke 18:1)



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Lutheran Church-
Missouri Synod*

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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.



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Divine Service Setting Three—LSB 184

Hymns:
811, 586, 924
Distribution Hymns:
623, 769

Sermon Title:
Persist in Faith and Prayer
Scripture:
(Genesis 32:22-30, Luke 18:1-8)

Prelude:
O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (“O that I Had a
Thousand Voices”) – Jeffrey Blersch
O HEILAND, REISS DIE HIMMEL AUF (“Preach You the
Word”) – Jonathan R. Mueller

Postlude:
Fugue in G minor – Louis Marchand

Faith Clings to the Word and Promises of God and Perseveres in Prayer

“Left alone,” Jacob wrestled through the night with the Lord, “until the breaking of the day” (Gen. 32:24). Though “Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him” (Gen. 32:25), he would not let go until the Lord blessed him. At times, we, too, strive with God; He strives with us and blesses us by grace. So Jesus teaches us “always to pray and not lose heart” (Luke 18:1). Jesus speaks of “a judge who neither feared God nor respected man” and of a widow “who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary’” (Luke 18:2–3). Because of her persistence, the judge agreed to “give her justice” (Luke 18:5). Our Lord dispenses justice generously and swiftly, giving “justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night” (Luke 18:7). He does so according to the Gospel. Therefore, His ministers are to persevere faithfully in their vocation, in what they “have learned and have firmly believed” (2 Tim. 3:14). On the basis of “the sacred writings” (2 Tim. 3:15), they are to “preach the word” at all times and not lose heart (2 Tim. 4:2).

Serving in God’s House Today

Organist: Miguel Ruiz		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Altar Guild: Brenda Thowe Carol McGrath Debbie Goedecke Laurie Ward Sydelle Numsen	Head Elder:	Roland Towers	David Loeffler
	Head Usher:	Eric Weber	Durand Crutchfield
	Acolytes:	Joseph Kirby	Christian Hernandez
Counters: Corrine Latham Herbert Herrmann	Crucifers:	Ethan Salgado	Nathan Munoz

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Bob Knipp in memory of his dear friends, Lillian & John van Santen, and Charles & Marcella Caldwell.

Introit *Psalm 74:15–19, 21, 20a, 22a; antiphon: v. 2a*



Remember your congregation, which you have
pur- | chased of old,*

which you have redeemed to be the tribe
of your | heritage!

You split open | springs and brooks;*

you dried up ever- | flowing streams.

Yours is the day, yours al- | so the night;*

you have established the heavenly lights | and
the sun.

You have fixed all the boundaries | of the earth;*

you have made summer and | winter.

Remember this, O LORD, how the en- | emy scoffs,*
and a foolish people re- | viles your name.

**Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the | wild
beasts;***

do not forget the life of your poor for- | ever.

Let not the downtrodden turn | back in shame;*

let the poor and needy | praise your name.

Have regard for the | covenant;*

arise, O God, de- | fend your cause.

Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,*

which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

Collect of the Day

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Psalm: *sung by the cantor*

Psalm 121; music by David Erb

*I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence comes my help?
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.*

*He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.*

*Behold, he who keeps Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.*

*The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.*

*The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.*

*The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;
he will preserve your soul.*

*The LORD shall preserve
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and even forevermore.*

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH	
TODAY 10/19	- 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE - 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE - 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE - 4:30PM - LUTHERAN HYMN FEST AT MYERSON SYMPHONY CENTER
MONDAY 10/20	- 9:30AM - OPEN BRAILLE WORKSHOP—MAC BUILDING ON 377 - 6:30PM - PASTOR’S CLASS 2—RECEPTION ROOM
TUESDAY 10/21	- 9:30AM - JOY GROUP BIBLE STUDY - 6:00PM - CONFIRMATION III CLASS
WEDNESDAY 10/22	6:00PM - CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 10/23	6:00PM PASTOR’S CLASS
FRIDAY 10/24	
SATURDAY 10/24	

CATECHESIS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 12

Scripture:

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:8-10

What is The Second Article of The Apostles’ Creed?

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean? (first half)

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil;

WEEKLY READINGS:

- Mon:** Hannah Prays for a Son—1 Samuel 1:1-18
- Tues:** The Prophet Samuel is Born—1 Samuel 1:19-28
- Wed:** The Song of Hannah—2:1-11
- Thurs:** Reformation Day—The Truth Will Set You Free—John 8:31-36
- Fri:** Gospel Reading—Luke 18:1-8
- Sat:** Old Testament Reading—Genesis 32:22-30

HYMNS:

- 656 “A Mighty Fortress”
- 555 1, 3, 9 “Salvation unto Us Has Come”
- 954 1, 2 “We All Believe in One True God

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: OCTOBER 19-NOV 1

19: Deut. 18:1-22 Matt. 14:22-26	23: Deut. 24:10-25:10 Matt. 16:13-28	27: Deut. 29:1-29 Matt. 18:21-35	31: Deut. 32:28-52 Deut. 33:1-29
20: Deut. 19:1-20 Matt. 15:1-20	24: Deut. 25:17-26:19 Matt. 17:1-13	28: Deut. 30:1-20 Matt. 19:1-15	Matt. 20:17-34
21: Deut. 20:1-20 Matt. 15:21-39	25: Deut. 27:1-26 Matt. 17:14-27	29: Deut. 31:1-29 Matt. 19:16-30	1: Deut. 34:1-12 Matt. 21:1-22
22: Deut. 21:1-23 Deut. 22:1-24:9 Matt. 16:1-12	26: Deut. 28:1-22 Matt. 18:1-20	30: Deut. 31:30-32:27 Matt. 20:1-16	

Please keep in your prayers...

Lee Masoian, father of Stacie Jacobs, who is having heart surgery. Please pray for the surgery, outcome, and recovery.

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

...also those with other illnesses and trials: Ali Burk, Amy Lyon, Grover & Patty Dowling, Jaana Phillips, the Lewis family, Bruce Lage, Jaden Chisholm, Chelsea Lage, Grant Smith, William Johnstone, Marlene Eaton, Kris Carter, Wes Liles, Mary Lowry, 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: Carolyn Blume, Susan Copen, Don & Marilyn Curry, Rudi Milbitz, LaVina Goedecke, Janet Hazelhurst, Ron and Barbara Busse, Ron Klingbeil, Ronald and Brenda Patterson, Marvin Wilken.

.....all of our college students in and out of state: Christian Boniek, Ashley Brewer, Jacob Brewer, Colby Carter, Seminarian David Christensen, Maranda Crutchfield, Dorian Crutchfield, Paul Hedman, Ethan Johnson, Cole O'Dell, Ryan O'Dell, Clara O'Neil, Daniella Osorio, Helena Phillips, 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.
- Our educational ministry, especially our Academy, Sunday School, and Catechumens.
- Fellow Messiah members, married couples and children, young couples, singles, and Pastor Chryst.
- 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. Solomon Yadessa and his work with the Multi-Ethnic Ministry of North Texas.
- 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 Eggers (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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MLC Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm



YOU ARE INVITED to MLCA's Trunk or Treat, October 25th, from 4:00-6:00pm! There will be pumpkin decorating, photos, concessions, candy, & **costumes are encouraged!** If you would like

to volunteer to host a trunk and/or to donate bags of candy or prizes, please use this QR code, or email schooloffice@mlcatexas.org.



The Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held next **Sunday, October 26**, immediately following the late service, in the Fellowship Hall at 12pm. All members of Messiah are encouraged to attend. More details

will be coming soon. As a reminder, men of the congregation are eligible voters only after attending their first meeting. To verify your voting status, you may contact Chris Goodwin at cjgood123@gmail.com



ALL SAINTS DAY (OBSERVED) CHILI COOK-OFF Make plans now to join your fellow saints at Messiah on Sunday, November 2, after the late service for a Chili Cook-Off! This will be a great time

of fun and fellowship, and there will be prizes for best chili! Follow the link below for more details and to sign-up to compete and/or to bring items to go with the chili! <https://tinyurl.com/488e95vw>



October 19 – Proper 24—Genesis 32:26 – “Then he said, ‘Let me go, for the day has broken.’ But Jacob said, ‘I will not let you go unless you bless me.’” The great Lutheran musician J.S.

Bach composed a beautiful motet using this verse. It is the cry of true faith, much the same as Peter's words: “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68). True faith clings to the Lord no matter the struggle, no matter the “hard sayings” that the Lord speaks. True faith knows that God means to bless us always.



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

talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Teens, Smartphones & Mental Health; Christian Nationalism; Netflix Shows Promoting LGBT Content; The National March for Life; Defining Bioethics and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.



A Life Thought in the Church Year for October 19 – (Proper 24): The

world has always been filled with people who have turned away from the truth of God's Word and are not willing to endure sound doctrine (2 Timothy 4:3-4), especially regarding the sanctity of human life. Knowing that we can't force people to believe God's Word and value God's precious gift of life, we “lift up our eyes to the hills,” trusting that “... our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth” (Psalm 121:1-2). For we trust that God alone has the power to change hearts, and He does so through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is able to make us wise unto salvation (2 Timothy 3:15).



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: **85** 10:45am: **111 (196 total)** Sunday School: **105**
OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$10,173.92 (Including online giving to Gen. Fund)

WEEKLY OFFERINGS NEEDED TO FUND THE CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: \$19,549

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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 32:22-30

The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

Holy Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.