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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31 [Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.
32 Before him will be gathered all the nations,
and he will separate people one from another
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.
34 Then the King will say to those on his right,
'Come, you who are blessed by my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

(Matthew 25)

The Last Sunday of the Church Year November 22, 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 FOUR – LSB 203

Sermon Title
"The Sheep and the Goats"
Scripture
Matthew 25:31-46

HYMNS

Opening Hymn	851
Hymn of the Day	532
Distribution Hymns	597,709
Closing Hymn	348

✢SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY✢
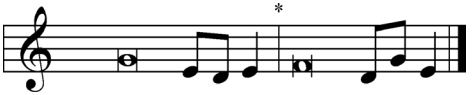
	8:00 AM	10:45 AM
ORGANIST	Josh Hatch	Josh Hatch
ALTAR GUILD	Debbie Goedecke Sydelle Numsen Linda Phillips Barbara Tilka Brenda Thowe	Debbie Goedecke Sydelle Numsen Linda Phillips Barbara Tilka Brenda Thowe
HEAD ELDER	David Phillips	Jim Ward
HEAD USHER	Eric Weber	Durand Crutchfield
ACOLYTE		Jacob Lemmon
CRUCIFER	Cory O'Dell	Nathan Munoz
COUNTERS	Kenneth Pedersen & Carol Lemmon	Kenneth Pedersen & Carol Lemmon

✢THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH✢

Sunday	11/22	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:45 AM	Divine Service – Live Streaming (Facebook & YouTube) Sunday School – Live Streaming Divine Service
Monday	11/23		
Tuesday	11/24	9:00 AM	JOY Group – Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	11/25	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Service
Thursday	11/26		Thanksgiving Day
Friday	11/27		
Saturday	11/28		Altar Guild–All Day–Decorating for Advent & Christmas

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given by Bob Knipp to the glory of God and in memory of his friends, Jack & Evelyn Kratchman, Ed Boley, Jr., and James David Warner.

Introit *Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV*



In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,*
the home of | righteousness.

O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*
let me know how fleeting | I am!
Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,*
and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.
And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*
My hope | is in you.
Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*
Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!
Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace | at my tears!*
For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my | fathers.
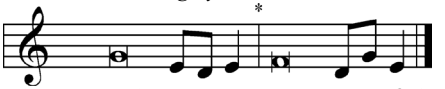
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,*
the home of | righteousness.

Collect of the Day

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual *sung by all* *Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*



These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.
Blessed are those whose strength is | in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS – NOVEMBER 22-DECEMBER 5

22: Dan. 2:24-49 Rev. 19:1-21 23: Dan 3:1-30 Rev. 20:1-15 24: Dan. 4:1-37 Rev. 21:1-8 25: Dan. 5:1-30 *Dan. 7:1-8:27* Rev. 21:9-27	26: Dan 6:1-28 *Dan. 9:1-27* Rev. 22:1-21 27: Is. 1:1-28 1 Peter 1:1-12 28: Is. 2:1-22 *Is. 3:1-4:6* 1 Peter 1:13-25	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



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Today, at **9:30 AM**, Pastor Chryst will begin a new topic in the Adult Sunday School:

The Book of Revelation

If you miss the first class, watch on YouTube and make plans to attend next Sunday!

MESSIAH'S YOUTUBE PAGE

A reminder: Messiah now has a new YouTube page! There, you will find livestreams of services and Adult Bible Class, JOY Group, recordings of previous services, as well as a special new feature. Pastor Chryst is hosting a short Monday morning video, **Messiah Minute**, with reflections on the readings for the upcoming Sunday service.

Please visit us at **https://www.youtube.com/@MessiahKellerLCMS**

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.



THANKSGIVING EVE
SERVICE OF PRAYER & PREACHING

Wednesday, November 25
7:00 PM

"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!"
(Psalm 107:1)



ADVENT MIDWEEK SERIES 2026

"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)



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.

Angel Tree 2026

Angel Tree provides Christmas gifts to strengthen relationships between incarcerated parents and their children by sponsoring gifts for them.

Angel Tags will be distributed **today** after both services at the table in the Narthex. Once you receive a tag, simply purchase a gift for under $25, wrap it, and place it under the Christmas tree in the Narthex by Sunday, **December 6** (the date will be printed on the tag you receive).

Contact Jonathan Griffith at jn_griffith@att.net for more information.

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…

Karen Shrum, in the death of her sister, **Marlene Eaton.**

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, Natalia Boniek, Sharon Boniek, Jacob Brewer, Alli Burk, Brian Cade's mother, Abby Carpenter, 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, 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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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 **Samuel Cantu**, a contributor the **Lutheran Scholastics** YouTube channel, to discuss the **Forgotten Lutheran Arguments Against Rome and Evangelicals.**

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 topics include: Young Men & the Manosphere; The Vanishing Black Family; Technology & Spirituality; The Importance of Biblical Morality 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 November 22 – Last Sunday of the Church Year: Today, Jesus gives a divine perspective on our neighbors. Jesus identifies "the least of these" as His "brothers" and tells us that when we love and serve those least ones, we are actually serving Him! (Matthew 25:40). St. Paul also reminds us that because of Christ's own death and resurrection, all people will be raised on the Last Day, either to life or to death (1 Corinthians 15:21-22). Together, this means that every single person, no matter their size, age, or physical condition, is a person whom Jesus has died for, identifies with, and who will be raised to live eternally.

LCMS National Mission - Matthew 25:44 – "Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?'" With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So first things first: if we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts and ask Him to increase our faith!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:00 am:**88 ;** 10:45 am:**85 ;** (Total: **173**) Sunday School:**103**

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: EZEKIEL 34:11-16,20-24

11 "For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will
search for my sheep and will seek them out. 12 As a
shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his
sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my
sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where
they have been scattered on a day of clouds and
thick darkness. 13 And I will bring them out from the
peoples and gather them from the countries, and
will bring them into their own land. And I will feed
them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and
in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed
them with good pasture, and on the mountain
heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There
they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich
pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel.
15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I
myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord
God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the
strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will
strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I
will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . .
20 "Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them:
Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep
and the lean sheep. 21 Because you push with side and
shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns,
till you have scattered them abroad, 22 I will rescue
my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will
judge between sheep and sheep. 23 And I will set up
over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he
shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their
shepherd. 24 And I, the Lord, will be their God, and
my servant David shall be prince among them. I am
the Lord; I have spoken."

EPISTLE: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-28

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the
dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen
asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man
has come also the resurrection of the dead.
22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall
all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order:
Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those
who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end,
when he delivers the kingdom to God the
Father after destroying every rule and every
authority and power. 25 For he must reign until
he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The
last enemy to be destroyed is death. 27 For "God
has put all things in subjection under his
feet." But when it says, "all things are put in
subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who
put all things in subjection under him. 28 When
all things are subjected to him, then the Son
himself will also be subjected to him who put
all things in subjection under him, that God
may be all in all.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 25:31-46

31 [Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man
comes in his glory, and all the angels with
him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.
32 Before him will be gathered all the nations,
and he will separate people one from another
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the
goats. 33 And he will place the sheep on his
right, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King
will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who
are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the foundation of the
world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me
food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I
was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was
naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you
visited me, I was in prison and you came to
me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him,
saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry
and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?
38 And when did we see you a stranger and
welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And
when did we see you sick or in prison and visit
you?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly,
I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of
these my brothers, you did it to me.'
41 "Then he will say to those on his
left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the
eternal fire prepared for the devil and his
angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me no
food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome
me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and
in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then
they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did
we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or
naked or sick or in prison, and did not
minister to you?' 45 Then he will answer them,
saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do
it to one of the least of these, you did not do it
to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal
punishment, but the righteous into eternal
life."