



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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*Is not my word like fire,
declares the Lord...*

(Jeremiah 23:29a)

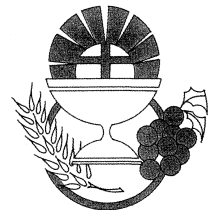


FOR OUR VISITORS....

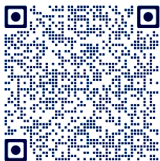
Welcome! We encourage you to follow along with either the printed service, or with the hymnal. The page numbers for the hymnal are posted at the front of the sanctuary and on the next page. We realize it can take a while for newcomers to become familiar with our liturgy, so please feel free to ask someone 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 a **nursery** at the end of the long hall toward the fellowship hall (last door on the right), for mothers who need more privacy with nursing infants. 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.

*LARGER PRINT IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.
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Divine Service—Setting Three—LSB 184

Hymns:

513, 578, 655

Distribution Hymns:

726, 404

Sermon Title:

“The Storm of the Lord”

Scripture:

Luke 12:49-53

Prelude:

LLANGLOFFAN (“The Clouds of Judgment Gather”) –
Jeffrey Blersch
EBENEZER (“Thy Strong Word”) –
settings by Kevin Hildebrand and Donald Johns

Postlude:

Prelude and Fugue in E minor –
Franz Xaver Anton Murschhauser

Christ’s Suffering and Death Bring Division

The Lord Jesus causes fear and trembling and division because His Word is *“like fire ... and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces”* (Jer. 23:29). His Law puts us all to death, whereas only His Gospel can bring us to life. He has fulfilled that Word for us by His cross and in His resurrection from the dead. He undergoes such a distressing baptism, accomplished by His death, in order to open the way for us through our Holy Baptism into His cross and resurrection. So, then, if we are able *“to interpret the appearance of earth and sky”* (Luke 12:56), let us mark this sign of His cross — recognizing that this world is subject to death, but knowing that Christ Jesus also has conquered death and obtained life everlasting for us. Let us fix our eyes on *“Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,”* and *“run with endurance the race that is set before us”* (Heb. 12:1–2).

Serving in God’s House Today

Organist: Miguel Ruiz		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Altar Guild: Joan Burk	Head Elder:	Martin Littmann	Dale Addink
	Head Usher:	Eric Weber	Durand Crutchfield
	Acolytes:	Sam Sifford	Christian Hernandez
Counters: Ken Pedersen Elena Jackson	Crucifer/ Altar Assistant	Cory O’Dell	Evan Munoz

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Eric & Kendra Weber in celebration of their 22nd wedding anniversary.

Introit: *Psalm 55:1-5, 12-14, 16; antiphon: v. 22*



Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;^{*}
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.
Give ear to my prayer, O God.^{*}
and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!
Attend to me, and answer me;
I am restless in my complaint and I moan,^{*}
because of the noise of the enemy,
because of the oppression of the wicked.
For they drop trouble upon me,^{*}
and in anger they bear a grudge against me.
My heart is in anguish within me;^{*}
the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
Fear and trembling come upon me,^{*}
and horror overwhelms me.
For it is not an enemy who taunts me—
then I could bear it;^{*}

it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—
then I could hide from him.
But it is you, a man, my equal,^{*}
my companion, my familiar friend.
We used to take sweet counsel together;^{*}
within God's house we walked in the throng.
But I call to God,^{*}
and the LORD will save me.

Collect of the Day

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual: *adapted from Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Sung by the Cantor
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 17-August 30

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| 17: 2 Sam. 7:1-17 | 1 Cor. 12:14-31 | 25: 1 Kings 7:51-8:21 | 30: 1 Kings 12:20-13:5, 33-34 |
| 1 Cor. 9:24-10:22 | 22: 1 Kings 2:1-27 | 2 Cor. 3:1-18 | |
| 18: 2 Sam. 7:18-29 | 1 Cor. 13:1-13 | 26: 1 Kings 8:22-30,46-63 | 1 Kings 14:1-16:28 |
| 1 Cor. 10:23-11:16 | 1 Cor. 14:1-16:24 | 2 Cor. 4:1-18 | 2 Cor. 8:1-24 |
| 19: 2 Sam. 11:1-27 | 23: 1 Kings 3:1-15 | 27: 1 Kings 9:1-9;10:1-13 | |
| 1 Cor. 11:17-34 | 1 Kings 3:16-4:34 | 2 Cor. 5:1-21 | |
| 20: 2 Sam. 12:1-25 | 2 Cor. 1:1-22 | 28: 1 Kings 11:1-26 | |
| 2 Sam. 13:1-19:43 | 24: 1 Kings 5:1-18 | 2 Cor. 6:1-18 | |
| 1 Cor. 12:1-13 | 1 Kings 6:1-7:50 | 29: 1 Kings 11:42-12:19 | |
| 21: 1 Kings 1:1-4, 15-35 | 2 Cor. 1:23-2:17 | 2 Cor. 7:1-16 | |

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 08/17 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE
- 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE

MONDAY 08/18 - 9:30AM - OPEN BRAILLE WORKSHOP—MAC BUILDING ON 377
- 4:00PM - PREGNANCY HELP 4U PARENTING CLASS

TUESDAY 08/19 - -

WEDNESDAY 08/20 - -

THURSDAY 08/21 - -

FRIDAY 08/22 - -

SATURDAY 08/23 - -

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!



Sunday School resumes Sunday, September 7th. We will kick off the new SS year with a **"Rally Day" Picnic** on Sunday, August 31st after 2nd service! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. The fun will start in the Fellowship hall with food, games and snow cones. All are welcome!

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided but a grill master is needed. Contact Wiley Smith if you're willing, at wiley.smithv@gmail.com or (909) 327-5784



We would like to thank all those who helped teach this summer: The Goodwins, The Salinas', Alison Smith, and Eric Weber. Your service was greatly appreciated!



RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Today, we welcome The Christiansen Family

**Rev. Brennick Christiansen & Wife, Bethany, and their 5 children ~
Silas, Lydia, Hezekiah, Phoebe, and Anastasia.**

Please welcome our new members after the service.

Please keep in your prayers...

We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer: 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:
Chelsea Lage Grant Smith, Mary Ann Kondratick, William Johnstone, Marlene Eaton, Kris Carter, Taylor Carlson, Wes Liles, Grover Downing, Mary Lowry, Patsy Smith, Shelby Renfro, Connie Worley Ramsey, Chelsea Lage, Brooke Lage, The Lowry Family, Sandy McDougal, Bruce Lage, 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, and Ron Klingbeil. Ronald & 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, Camilea O'Neil, Daniella Osorio, Helena Phillips, Aidan Richmond, Davis Richmond, Mia Salgado, Max Tonniges, Charlie Umayam, Audrey Weber, Emily Weber, Morgan Chryst.

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 Pastors Chryst and 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. 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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MLCA Summer Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 9:00am-3:00pm
First Day of School : August 13th
MLC Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm



MLCA is hoping to hire someone who can facilitate afternoon extended care! Please contact Mrs. Smith at alison.smith@mlcatexas.org for details if you are interested or know anyone who might be!



ELDERLY CARE SEMINAR: Mark your Calendars for the Upcoming Elderly Care Seminar that will be held on Thurs, Sept. 4th, & 11th, in the Fellowship Hall. Messiah member Dr. Miguel Hernandez will be lecturing on many different topics related to Elder Care, and there will be a time for questions and answers afterward. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please join us for one or both sessions.



St. Paul Lutheran in Austin, TX is hosting a weekend of worship, fellowship, and learning, as they explore how Lutheran theology brings clarity and peace in a chaotic world. Designed for young adults (ages 18-35), the conference will include sessions on evangelism, cultural engagement, and bold Christian living, as well as worship services and Q&A with Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller. Cost is \$10. For more information or to register, visit <https://www.stpaulaustin.org/events/christian-comfort-in-a-chaotic-cosmos-a-young-adult-conference/>



Make plans now to join Pastor Chryst & Pastor Randal Poppe next summer, May 31-June 11, 2026, for a tour through Germany & Austria. For cost, itinerary, and more information, please see the information sheet in the middle glass case in the church narthex, or follow the link in this week's Look Ahead email. You may also contact Rev. Poppe at 262.633.9592 to sign up or to request more information.



Are you interested in playing volleyball with other church families? If so, please contact Jinel Munoz at 214-514-5871!



Sunday, October 19, 2025 is the 12th Lutheran Hymn Festival at the Meyerson Symphony Center. If you are interested in participating, or just attending, visit <https://lutheranhymnfestival.org/festivals/>. You may also speak with Mr. Ruiz for more information!



STEWARDS UNDER THE CROSS for August 17 – Proper 15—Luke 12:51 – “Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” Jesus has come to divide us out of the world — to carve out a people for Himself, redeemed by His blood and trusting His Word. The world hates this Word, but for us it is life and salvation. We seek to follow Jesus' Word in all things because we know Him who gave us the Word: we know He always seeks to bless us.



THE LIGHT OF GOD'S WORD IN A WORLD OF DARKNESS... 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 teachings include: Biblical Manhood, Loving Your LGBTQ Neighbor Without Compromise, The Death of Mainline Protestantism, Gen Z Women & the Church 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 August 17 – Pentecost X (Proper 15C): Proclaiming and practicing the Word of the Lord doesn't always make people glad (Luke 12:51-52). Discomfort and persecution come with speaking truth and showing love (Hebrews 11:36-38). But Almighty God's insistence on the sanctity of every human life, though occasionally unpopular, always brings precisely the community, fellowship, and belonging that we all need (Hebrews 12:1-2).



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: 90 10:45am: 125 (215Total)
Sunday School: 109 OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$ 24,853.24 (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.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 23:16-29

Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

For who among them has stood in the
council of the LORD
to see and to hear his word,
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

Behold, the storm of the LORD!
Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until he has executed and accomplished
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.
"I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;

I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.

But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my
words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their
evil way,

and from the evil of their deeds.

"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

Epistle: Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it

was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies...

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Holy Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

[Jesus said:] "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."