



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Lutheran Church-
Missouri Synod*

1308 Whitley Rd.
Keller, TX 76248

Sunday School &
Adult Bible Class
9:30am

Sunday Worship
8:00am, 10:45am

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he saw there a man who had no wedding garment.*

*¹²And he said to him,
‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’
And he was speechless.*

*¹³Then the king said to the attendants,
‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness.
In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’¹
⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”*

(Matthew 22:11-14)

FOR OUR VISITORS....



Welcome! We encourage you to follow along with either the printed service or 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—they 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, then return the Quiet Bags 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 that explains 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 your 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 Two—LSB 167

Hymns:
515, 514, 516

Hymns During Distribution:
636, 680

Sermon Title:
“The Wedding Feast”

Scripture:
Matthew 22:1-14

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



***Clothed in the Righteousness of Christ,
We Partake of His Wedding Feast***



By His cross and resurrection, the Lord has swallowed up death forever, and by His Gospel He “*will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth*” (Is. 25:8). Therefore, “*let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation*” (Is. 25:9). On the mountain of the Lord of hosts — in His Church on earth, as in the kingdom of heaven — He has made “*for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine*” (Is. 25:6). It is the royal “*wedding feast*” of the Son of God, “*and everything is ready*” (Matt. 22:1, 4). Thus, His servants are sent into the highways and byways to invite and gather as many as they find, “*both good and bad,*” to fill the wedding hall with guests (Matt. 22:8-10). In Holy Baptism, He clothes them all in the “*wedding garment*” of His own perfect righteousness (Matt. 22:11). Therefore, “*do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God,*” and “*rejoice in the Lord always*” (Phil. 4:4-6).

Serving in God’s House Today

Organist: Josh Hatch		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Altar Guild: Linda Beecroft Nikki O’Dell Carrie Ratsch	Head Elder:	Steve Latham	David Loeffler
	Head Usher:	Eric Weber	Durand Crutchfield
	Acolytes:	Luther Kirby	Matthias Loeffler
Counters: Herbert Herrmann Ken Pedersen	Crucifer:	Jaxon Kirby	Evan Munoz

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given by Bob Knipp to the Glory of God and in memory of his dear friend, Catharina Maria Warmerdam-Eldering, also know as “Toos”.

Introit *Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2*



I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;*
I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

I will greatly rejoice | in the LORD;*
my soul shall exult | in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of sal- | vation;*,
he has covered me with the robe of | righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a
beautiful | headdress,*
and as a bride adorns herself | with her jewels.

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 praise the LORD as long | as I live;*,
I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; 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 91:11; 103:1*



He will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.
Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: OCTOBER 11–OCTOBER 24

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| 11: Deut. 9:23-10:22
Matt. 11:20-30 | 15: Deut. 13:1-18
Matt 13:1-23 | 19: Deut. 18:1-22
Matt. 14:22-26 | 23: Deut. 24:10-25:10
Matt. 16:13-28 |
| 12: Deut. 11:1-25
Matt. 12:1-21 | 16: Deut. 14:1-2, 22-23,
14:28-15:15 | 20: Deut. 19:1-20
Matt. 15:1-20 | 24: Deut. 25:17-26:19
Matt. 17:1-13 |
| 13: Deut. 11:26-12:12
Matt. 12:22-37 | 17: Deut. 15:19-16:22
Matt. 13:24-43 | 21: Deut. 20:1-20
Matt. 15:21-39 | |
| 14: Deut. 12:13-32
Matt. 12:38-50 | 18: Deut. 17:1-10
Matt. 14:1-21 | 22: Deut. 21:1-23
Deut. 22:1-24:9
Matt. 16:1-12 | |

To My Church Family



There aren't enough words or expressions of gratitude to adequately thank you for all the loving words, prayers, texts, cards, and kind deeds shown to me upon Ron's passing.

I am so grateful for your love and support as I navigate this next chapter in my life.

God's blessings—
Judy Klinbeil

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 10/11 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE
- 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE
- 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE

MONDAY 10/12 - 6:00PM - LADIES' BIBLE STUDY—RECEPTION ROOM

TUESDAY 10/13 - 9:30AM - JOY GROUP—FELLOWSHIP HALL

WEDNESDAY 10/14 - 6:00PM - SCHOOL BOARD—RECEPTION ROOM
- 6:30PM - ALTAR GUILD—FELLOWSHIP HALL

THURSDAY 10/15 - 6:00PM - PASTOR'S CLASS—RECEPTION ROOM
- 7:00PM - FESTIVAL CHOIR REHEARSAL

FRIDAY 10/16 -

SATURDAY 10/17 - 7:00AM - MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY—ROSA'S CAFÉ HWY 377

Thank You!

A very special thank you to **Josh Hatch** for playing in our services this morning.

2027 Officer & Board Member Nominee Solicitation

The elections for officers and board members will occur at the January 2027 Voters' Assembly. All members 18 years old and older are encouraged to provide recommendations for nominees.

We are using an online form to gather submissions. This form will be available until October 31, 2027 at 11:59 P.M. Scan these codes:

Online Form



Constitution (Refer to Section 4.)



For more information, please read the **Look Ahead** newsletter.

Please direct questions to Steven Latham at Steven.W.Latham@Verizon.net or 214.769.4999.

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY



The LCMS has designated October as Church Worker Appreciation Month, and **today, Sunday, October 11, is Pastor Appreciation Day.** Messiah is truly thankful for our wonderful Senior Pastor, Rev. Thomas Chryst, and our Assistant Pastor, Rev. Brennick Christiansen. Please be sure to let them know how much you appreciate their faithfulness in consistently sharing God's good gifts with us.

Please keep in your prayers...

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, Tim Speight, Gaelina Strader, Mike Vandergriff.

...also those with other illnesses and trials: Natalia Boniek, Sharon Boniek, Jacob Brewer, Alli Burk, Brian Cade's mother, Abby Carpenter, Carole Cohen, Marilyn Curry, Marlene Eaton, 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 McDougal, Family of Keith Leicht, Louise Nelson (daughter of Marilyn Kivett), Shelby Renfro, Connie Wesley Ramsey, Grant Smith, Patsy Smith, 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, Ethan Johnson, Erin O'Dell, Camilea O'Neill, Clara O'Neill, Daniella Osorio, Matthew Palmer, 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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**A Life Thought in the Church Year for
October 11 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost -
Proper 23 A:** The wedding feast is prepared,

yet people have lots of reasons for not attending. However, the excuses given for rejecting God are as implausible as the excuses people give to defend abortion and assisted dying (Matthew 22:5). Still, as God invites us into His great wedding banquet, He reminds us that this feast has been prepared for all and that every person is still precious to Him (Isaiah 25:6-7). Therefore, we have the task of extending His gracious invitation to “as many as you find” (Matthew 22:9).



**LCMS National Mission— 20th Sunday after
Pentecost—Ephesians 4:24 - “Put on the new
self, created after the likeness of God in true**

righteousness and holiness.” We have a new identity in Christ. Our old identity was in Adam; we were sinners, enemies of God, destined for death and destruction. But in Christ, we have a new identity: we are forgiven, the children of God, cleansed, destined for life everlasting. These two identities continue to struggle as we exist in this fallen world. So St. Paul encourages us to “put on the new self” — to consciously cling to Christ in faith and claim our new identity in Him. Coming to the Lord’s House, faithfully supporting the ministry, praying and reading Scripture daily — these are the works of the new self.



**THEOLOGY FOR WHITE COLLAR, BLUE
COLLAR, AND CLERICAL COLLAR... 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: Artificial Intelligence & Vocation; Bareness; The Early Church Fathers & Faith Alone; The Apology of the Augsburg Confession; Reuniting Mothers with Their Children in Foster Care; Young Men & Red-Pill Content 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, and offering confessional Lutheran insights. This past week, host **Rev. Bryan Stecker** was joined by **Rev. Dr. Richard Stuckwisch**, President of the Indiana district of the LCMS, to talk



about adiaphora, the Lutheran liturgy, the Divine Service, and what the Church does, teaches, and confesses. Click on the QR code to hear the latest episode.



REFORMATION DAY FESTIVAL CHOIR

To celebrate Reformation Day, we have put together a festival choir! Rehearsals are on **Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM**. If you are interested in singing with us, please call or text **Carrie Ratsch at (217) 685-3736**.



QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING—The next Voters' Meeting will be on **Sunday, October 25**, in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following the 10:45am

service. Please make plans to attend. And if you plan to propose any amendments to the Constitution or bylaws, please refer to the **President's Corner** in the **September 23 Look Ahead** for an overview of the process.



MLCA IS HIRING!

**POSITION:
PART-TIME CHOIR TEACHER
FOR GRADES K-8**

For more information or to apply,
please email alison.smith@mlcatexas.org,
or call 817.431.5486.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: — 100 10:45am: — 78 Total: — 178
Sunday School: — 107 — OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$ 11,670.84 (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.



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away
from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him,
that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops, and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”