



## 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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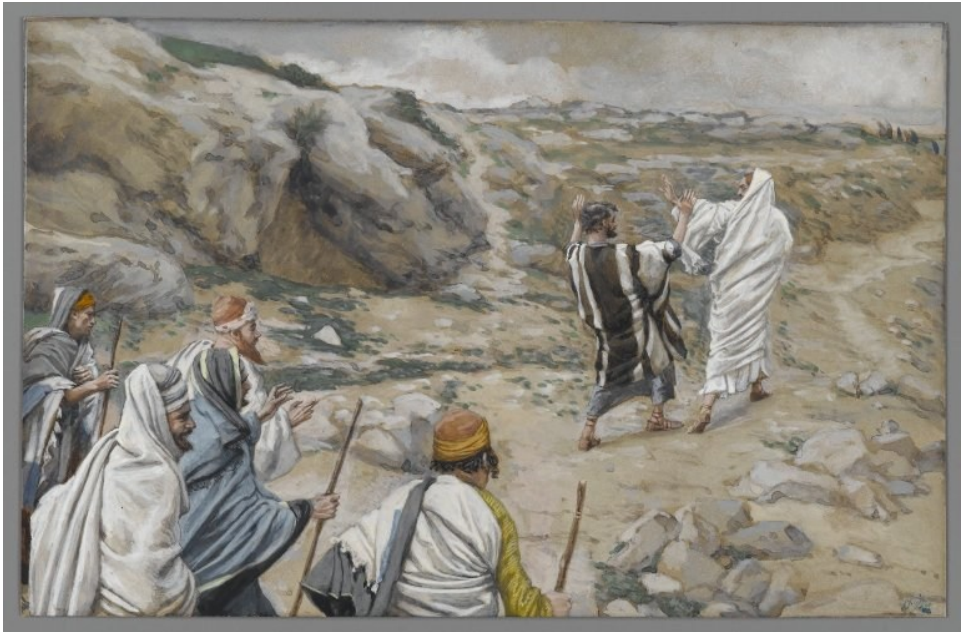
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*<sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you."*

*<sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter,*

*"Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."*

*(Matthew 16)*

## FOR OUR VISITORS....



**Today our service follows the Order of Matins** (found in Lutheran Service Book, p. 219). From the Latin for "morning", Matins is one of the 7 ancient daily prayer offices of the church. It is a service that has been sung and prayed in churches and monasteries, but is also appropriate for use in the Christian home. The first major canticle, the "Venite" (from the Latin for "come") invites the worshipper to

come and sing praises to God for his marvelous deeds of creation and salvation, and is based on Psalm 95. The "Te Deum" ("You God") or "Benedictus" ("Blessed be...") further express our praise and thanksgiving. Being the Lord's Day (Sunday), we also include the regular Sunday readings and a sermon, along with the prayer of the church.

**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.



Follow the QR code to visit our **"Virtual Guestbook"** and tell us about yourself and your visit with us today. We also have a physical guestbook in the narthex.



***This bulletin is available in large print upon request.***

# Order of Matins—LSB 219

## Hymns:

837

531

661

## Sermon Title:

*"Follow Me"*

## Scripture:

*Matthew 16:21-28*



## *The Glory of God Is the Passion and Cross of Christ Jesus*

After St. Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord *"began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised"* (Matt. 16:21). Upon hearing this "theology of the cross," Simon Peter stumbled into a satanic "theology of glory." But the glory of God is revealed in the Passion and cross of His incarnate Son. The faithful prophets, such as Jeremiah, suffered persecution and rejection in anticipation of Jesus' cross. Yet the Lord did not abandon them; He remembered them, and He was with them to deliver them (Jer. 15:15–20). By His cross, Jesus has redeemed the world, and in His resurrection, He has vindicated all who trust in Him. Thus, the Christian life is a discipleship of self-sacrificing love. Since Christ Jesus has reconciled us to God, we *"live peaceably with all"* (Rom. 12:18). By the certainty of His cross and resurrection, we *"rejoice in hope,"* and we are *"patient in tribulation"* and *"constant in prayer"* (Rom. 12:12).

## Serving in God's House Today

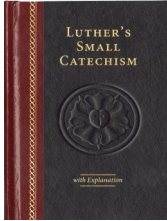
| Organist:    | Nathan Leicht,<br>Guest Organist                                                |                    | 8:00 a.m.     | 10:45 a.m.         |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|
|              |                                                                                 | Head Elder:        | Andrew Latham | David Loeffler     |
| Altar Guild: | Debbie Goedeke<br>Debbie Lee<br>Carol McGrath<br>Sydelle Numsen<br>Brenda Thowe | Head Usher:        | Eric Weber    | Durand Crutchfield |
|              |                                                                                 | Acolytes:          | Luther Kirby  | Jacob Lemmon       |
| Counters:    | Kenneth Pedersen<br>Carol Lemmon                                                | Crucifer/<br>Altar |               |                    |

*The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given by Bob Knipp to the Glory of God and in loving memory of his parents, William and Rachel Knipp.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS: August 30—September 12

|                                                                                |                                                                |                                                                  |                                                                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 30: 1 Kings 12:20-13:5,<br>33-34<br><i>1 Kings 14:1-16:28</i><br>2 Cor. 8:1-24 | 2: 1 Kings 18:20-40<br>Eph 2:1-22                              | 6: 2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37<br>Eph. 5:15-33                         | 10: 2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-19<br><i>2 Kings 13:1-18:8</i><br>Phil. 2:12-30 |
| 31: 1 Kings 16:29-17:24<br>2 Cor. 9:1-15<br><i>2 Cor. 10:1-13:14</i>           | 3: 1 Kings 19:1-21<br><i>1 Kings 20:1-22:53</i><br>Eph. 3:1-21 | 7: 2 Kings 4:38-5:8<br>Eph. 6:1-24                               | 11: 2 Chron. 29:1-24<br>Phil. 3:1-21                                      |
| 1: 1 Kings 18:1-19<br>Eph. 1:1-23                                              | 4: 2 Kings 2:1-18<br>Eph. 4:25-5:14                            | 8: 2 Kings 5:9-27<br>Phil. 1:1-20                                | 12: 2 Chron. 31:1-21<br>Phil. 4:1-23                                      |
|                                                                                | 5: 2 Kings 2:19-25; 4:1-7<br>Eph 4:25-5:14                     | 9: 2 Kings 6:1-23<br><i>2 Kings 6:24-8:29</i><br>Phil. 1:21-2:11 |                                                                           |

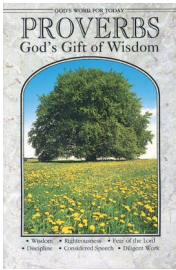
### FALL PASTOR'S CLASS



The **Pastor's Class** will begin on **Thursday, September 24**. Class will meet from **6:00 PM — 8:00 PM** in the Reception Room. This class is for those interested in becoming Lutheran, as well as for those who simply want to study through the Small Catechism again.

If you are interested in attending, please speak with Pastor Chryst or contact the church office at [churchoffice@messiahkeller.org](mailto:churchoffice@messiahkeller.org).

### LADIES' BIBLE STUDY



The fall Ladies' Bible Study will begin on **Monday, September 14**, at **6:00 PM**. This 10-week class will meet in the Reception Room and will study the book *Proverbs, God's Gift of Wisdom*.

Please contact Linda at [churchoffice@messiahkeller.org](mailto:churchoffice@messiahkeller.org) if you are interested.

### MLCA is hiring!



The academy is growing and is in need of a **part-time teacher for grades 5-8**. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Smith at [alison.smith@mlcatexas.org](mailto:alison.smith@mlcatexas.org) or **817.431.5486**.

## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 08/30 - 8:00 AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE  
- 9:30 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE  
- 10:45 AM - DIVINE SERVICE

MONDAY 08/31 - 9:30 AM - BRAILLE

TUESDAY 09/01 - 9:30 AM - JOY GROUP—FELLOWSHIP HALL

WEDNESDAY 09/02

THURSDAY 09/03

FRIDAY 09/04

SATURDAY 09/05 - 7:00 AM - MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY—ROSA'S CAFÉ—HWY 377

*Thank You!*

A very special **thank you** to our guest organist, **Nathan Leicht**, for playing in our services this morning.



Debbie Lee and Rachel Lee  
will be hosting a baby shower  
for two of Messiah's newest members,  
**Josh & Addie Hatch**,  
on **Sunday, September 20**,  
in the Fellowship Hall,  
immediately following the 10:45 am  
service.

This is Josh & Addie's first baby so all gifts  
will be helpful,  
but below is a link to Addie's registry:

[https://my.babylist.com/addie-hatch?  
session\\_synced=true](https://my.babylist.com/addie-hatch?session_synced=true)

Please make plans to celebrate this joyous occasion with the Hatches.

# Please keep in your prayers...

**Helen Vacha and family**, in the loss of Helen's sister.

**Peggy Wahlstedt**, in the loss of her sister, Helen.

**We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer:** Joan Beach, 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, Helen Fletcher, Family of Dan Gholston, Adam Greer, Michael Hanson, Matt Hinde, Rose Hughes, William Johnstone, Marilyn Kivit, Ron Klingbeil, 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, Shelby Renfro, Connie Wesley Ramsey, Grant Smith, Patsy Smith, Terry Swender, Cheryl Traub, Tim Tomlinson, Wendell Wahlstedt.

**...and those who are unable to worship with us regularly:** Carolyn Blume, Ron and Barbara Busse, Don & Marilyn Curry, LaVina Goedecke, 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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MLCA Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:00am—4:00pm  
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## **(Three Year Lectionary) A Life Thought in the Church Year for August 30 - Pentecost**

**14:** At the end of earthly life, we might cry out: “Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?” (Jeremiah 15:18). Don’t take your life, or anyone else’s, into your own hands. Receive St. Paul’s encouragement for all your for-life conversations: “Love one another with brotherly affection ... associate with the lowly ... live peaceably with all ... do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” (Romans 12:9-21). Even though many of us may “taste death” before the Son of Man returns, we set our minds on the things of God—life! —and not the things of man (Matthew 16:23, 28).



## **LCMS STEWARDSHIP for August 30**

— Matthew 16:26 - “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?” He who dies with the most toy...is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in home, church and society as loving, generous people. Those who don’t know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God’s kingdom.



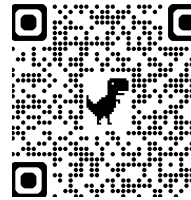
## **BOOK OF PROVERBS BIBLE STUDY...The**

**Word of the Lord Endures Forever** is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in

Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on the Book of Proverbs 21-31. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, Tune In, the LPR mobile app and 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. This past week, OTL featured an excellent interview with the **Rev. Dr. Alfonso Espinoza, Senior Pastor at St. Paul’s,**



**Irvine, CA, and newly elected Third Vice President of the LCMS,** on the topic *The Rapture, Israel, and End Time—Is Dispensation Biblical?* You may use the QR Code to the left to access the episode.

## **Altar Guild meetings resume in September!**

All interested women are invited to join us on **Wednesday, September 9 at 6:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. The Altar Guild will host a light supper featuring Fuhgeddaboutit stuffed breads and salad, introduce interested women to Altar Guild activities, and have a short business meeting.

To ensure an accurate meal estimate, please RSVP directly to Brenda Thowe by text or a phone call at 817-789-8374, or [Brenda.thowe@gmail.com](mailto:Brenda.thowe@gmail.com).

Messiah’s Altar Guild is a group of women dedicated to preparing the sanctuary for worship throughout the Church Year. Their work is mostly behind the scenes, requiring only a willing spirit and commitment to learn Messiah’s practices. The Guild meets a few times per year on Wednesday evenings and enjoys occasional social events. Please consider joining us - we have ways to serve that fit a variety of schedules and abilities.



**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: 88 10:45am: 124 Total: 212**

**Sunday School: 104 — OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$14,709.01 — (includes online giving to Gen. Fund)**

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS NEEDED TO FUND THE CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: \$ 19,549.00**

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## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.  
In your forbearance take me not away;  
know that for your sake I bear reproach.  
<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart,  
for I am called by your name,  
O LORD, God of hosts.  
<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of revelers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,  
for you had filled me with indignation.  
<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?  
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail?  
<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD:  
“If you return, I will restore you,  
and you shall stand before me.  
If you utter what is precious, and not what is  
worthless,  
you shall be as my mouth.  
They shall turn to you,  
but you shall not turn to them.  
<sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,  
declares the LORD.  
<sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

### Epistle Romans: 12:9-21

be <sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what  
is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one  
another with brotherly affection. Outdo one  
another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in  
zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.  
<sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be  
constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of  
the saints and seek to show hospitality.  
<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you;  
bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those  
who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live  
in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty,

but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited.  
<sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to  
do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If  
possible, so far as it depends on you, live  
peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge  
yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for  
it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay,  
says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, “if your  
enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give  
him something to drink; for by so doing you will  
heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be  
overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

### Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

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behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me.  
For you are not setting your mind on the things  
of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If  
anyone would come after me, let him deny  
himself and take up his cross and follow me.  
<sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it,  
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find  
it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the  
whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall  
a man give in return for his life? <sup>27</sup>For the Son  
of Man is going to come with his angels in the  
glory of his Father, and then he will repay each  
person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup>Truly, I  
say to you, there are some standing here who  
will not taste death until they see the Son of  
Man coming in his kingdom.”