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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8And the foolish said to the wise,
'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'
9But the wise answered, saying,
'Since there will not be enough for us and for you,
go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.'
10And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came,
and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast,
and the door was shut.
11Afterward the other virgins came also, saying,
'Lord, lord, open to us.'
12But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.'
13Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

(Matthew 25)

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 8, 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. 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 TWO – LSB 167

Sermon Title
"A Well-Oiled Faith"
Scripture
Matthew 25:1-13

HYMNS

Opening Hymn	515
Hymn of the Day	516
Distribution Hymns	636, 473
Closing Hymn	708

✢SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY✢

	8:00AM	10:45AM
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	Martin Littmann	Dale Addink
HEAD USHER	Randy Burk	Marty Hobson
ACOLYTE	Luther Kirby	Liam Hinskey Matthias Loeffler
CRUCIFER	Joseph Kirby	Chrisitan Hernandez
COUNTERS	Herbert Herrmann & Carol Lemmon	Herbert Hermmann & Carol Lemmon

✢THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH✢

Sunday	11/08	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:45 AM	Divine Service – Live Streaming Sunday School Divine Service
Monday	11/09	6:00 PM	Ladies' Bible Study – Reception Room
Tuesday	11/10	9:30 AM	JOY Group Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	11/11	6:00 PM 6:30 PM	School Board – Reception Room Altar Guild – Fellowship Hall
Thursday	11/12		
Friday	11/13		
Saturday	11/14	7:00 AM 8:30 AM	Board of Elders – Reception Room Swaddling Clothes – MAC Building

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

Introit *Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3*



Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may | lay her young,*
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King | and my God.

How lovely is your | dwelling place,*
O | Lord of hosts!
Behold our shield, | O God;*
look on the face of your a- | nointed!
For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.*
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and | honor.*
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.
O | Lord of hosts,*
blessed is the one who | trusts in you!

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.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may | lay her young,*
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King | and my God.

Collect of the Day

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same 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 – Nov. 8-21

8: Jer. 20:1-18 Matt. 24:29-51	12: Jer. 25:1-18 Matt. 26:1-19	15: Jer. 30:1-24 *Rev. 15:1-8* Matt. 26:57-75	18: Jer. 37:1-21 *Rev. 17:1-18* Matt. 27:33-56
9: Jer. 22:1-23 Matt. 25:1-13	13: Jer. 26:1-19 *Rev. 13:1-18* Matt. 26:20-35	16: Jer. 31:1-17, 23-34 *Rev. 16:1-21* Matt. 27:1-10	19: Jer. 38:1-28 *Jer. 39:1-44:30* Matt. 27:57-66
10: Jer. 23:1-20 Matt. 25:14-30	14: Jer. 29:1-19 *Rev. 14:1-20* Matt. 26:36-56	17: Jer. 33:1-22 *Jer. 34:1-36:32;* *45:1-51:64* Matt. 27:11-32	20: Dan. 1:1-21 Matt. 28:1-20
11: Jer. 23:21-40 Matt. 25:31-46			21: Dan. 2:1-23 Rev. 18:1-24

This morning in the **8:00 AM** service, we welcome
Truett Joshua Hatch,
son of
Joshua and Addie Hatch,
into God's Kingdom through Holy Baptism.

Today, in our **10:45 AM** service,
we welcome three young people into communicant membership at Messiah.
All are baptized and have completed the Fall Pastor's Class:

Ezra Austin
Dalton Jacobs
Kylie Lowry



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.

Week 1 – December 2 - "From Abraham to David"
Matthew 1:1-6a
(Meal Provided by the Altar Guild)

Week 2 – December 9 - "From David to Babylon"
Matthew 1:6b-11
(Meal Provided by MLCA Parents)

Week 3 – December 16 - "From Babylon to Jesus"
Matthew 1:12-17
(Meal Host Needed)

Please keep in your prayers…

Becky Speight and family, in the loss of **Tim Speight.**

Sandy McDougall, who is having back surgery on November 12.

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, Tim Speight, 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, Marlene Eaton, 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 McDougal, Family of Keith Leicht, Louise Nelson (daughter of Marilyn Kivett), Linda Pinkston, Shelby Renfro, Todd Ramage, 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, 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 **Rev. Ian Kinney,** to discuss the **Spiritual Warfare that Christians Are Too Distracted to See.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY: Men of Messiah, whether you currently attend or have never attended, you are invited to the Men's Breakfast Bible Study on the **first** and **third** Saturday of each month. We are currently studying Luther's Large Catechism. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Chryst.

ADVENT MIDWEEK MEALS AND SERVICES begin on **Wednesday, December 2.** Everyone is busy during the week, and providing dinner for about 30-60 people is an easy way to serve your fellow congregation members so that mid-week church attendance is more feasible. **If your family or group would like to host dinner**, we have one remaining opening for the meal on **December 16**. Please email churchoffice@messiahkeller.org if interested.

ANGEL TREE provides Christmas gifts to strengthen relationships between incarcerated parents and their children by sponsoring gifts for them. **How can you help?** On **Sunday, November 22**, Angel Tags will be distributed after both Sunday morning 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.

A Life Thought in the Church Year for November 8 – Pentecost 24: Sadly, through things like abortion, abuse, poverty, and neglect, many people are deprived of a home filled with love, peace, and joy. God shows His love by preparing a "lovely dwelling place" (Psalm 84:1) for all people at His side through the death of Jesus, His Son. As we wait for Christ to gather us, His bride, to that eternal home with Him, we are wise to keep the light of faith burning brightly by continually hearing God's Word and by loving others by sharing His Word with them while there is still time (Matthew 25:1-4).

LCMS National Mission - Matthew 25:4 – "But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps." Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom's words and believed what He said. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of stewardship say about what you believe?

KARAOKE FOR CHRISTIAN HYMNS…Issues, Etc. You can sing hymns like "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," "Jesus Priceless Treasure," "Abide with Me" and more. Lutheran Public Radio has produced YouTube videos of more than 60 hymns featuring the Lutheran Public Radio Choir. Visit lutheranpublicradio.org/karaoke to sing along!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:00 am: **108** 10:45 am: **112** (Total: **220**) Sunday School: **117**

OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: $10,174.48 (Plate and Online Giving to General Fund – all services)
OFFERINGS NEEDED EACH WEEK TO FUND CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: $18,317.25
OFFERINGS REQUIRED THROUGH 09/30/26 (13 SUNDAYS): $238,124
OFFERINGS RECEIVED THROUGH 09/30/26 (13 SUNDAYS): $165,419

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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the
Lord!
Why would you have the day of
the Lord?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his
hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness,
and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in
it?
21 "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your
solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt
offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your
fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
23 Take away from me the noise of your
songs;
to the melody of your harps I
will not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an
ever-flowing stream."

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

1 [Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."