



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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²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.”

²³But he did not answer her a word.

And his disciples came and begged him, saying,
“Send her away, for she is crying out after us.”

²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.”

²⁶And he answered,

“It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.”

²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.”

And her daughter was healed instantly.

(Matthew 15)

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 "**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.

This bulletin is available in large print upon request.

Divine Service—Setting One—LSB 151

Hymns:
779, 690, 810

Hymns During Distribution:
615, 618

Sermon Title:
"Justified and Still Walking"

Scripture:
Ephesians 2:1-10

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



The Church Lives Under the Cross of Christ and Prays in the Hope of His Mercy

By her persistent prayer that Jesus would have mercy and help her (Matt. 15:22, 24), and even in the face of His initial silence and apparent rejection (Matt. 15:23-26), the Canaanite woman boldly confessed her faith in Him (Matt. 15:27-28). Her beautiful example encourages us to cling to the words and promises of the Gospel, even in the face of the Law that accuses and condemns us. *"For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable"* (Rom. 11:29), and His Law *"has consigned all to disobedience"* for the very purpose *"that he may have mercy on all"* (Rom. 11:32). Hence, the woman's faith and hope were not disappointed, but her prayers were answered in the mercy of Christ. Not only does He grant us the crumbs from His table, but He also feeds us with *"the children's bread"* in the house of His Father (Matt. 15:26-27). He has brought us to His *"holy mountain,"* and He makes us joyful in His house, where He hears our prayers and accepts our sacrifice of praise upon the altar of His cross (Is. 56:7).

Serving in God's House Today

Organist:	Felix Ping, Guest Organist		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
		Head Elder:	Martin Littmann	Luis Munoz
Altar Guild:	Debbie Goedeke Debbie Lee Carol McGrath Sydelle Numsen Brenda Thowe	Head Usher:	Randy Burk	Marty Hobson
		Acolytes:	Luther Kirby	Matthias Loeffler
Counters:	Herbert Herrmann Amy Hedman	Crucifer/ Altar	Sam Sifford	Cory O'Dell

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given by Jim and Laurie Ward to the Glory of God and in celebration of Sharon Ward's 94th Birthday.

Introit *Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: v. 8*



The LORD is the strength of his | people; *
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.
To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.
Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,*
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.

Blessed | be the LORD!*

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.
The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped,*
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.

**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.**

**The LORD is the strength of his | people; *
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.**

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and 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 34:9, 19, alt.



**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.**

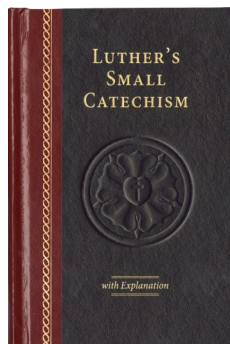
DAILY BIBLE READINGS: August 16-29

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

COMING SOON!

Pastor's Fall Class will begin on **Thursday, September 24th.**

If you are interested in attending, please talk with Pastor Chryst,
or contact the church office at 817.431.2345
or churchoffice@messiahkeller.org.



THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 08/16 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE
- 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE
- 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE
- 12:00 - SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING—FELLOWSHIP HALL

MONDAY 08/17

TUESDAY 08/18 - 9:30AM - JOY GROUP—FELLOWSHIP HALL

WEDNESDAY 08/19 - 6:00PM - BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—RECEPTION ROOM
- 7:00PM - SCHOOL BOARD—RECEPTION ROOM

THURSDAY 08/20

FRIDAY 08/21

SATURDAY 08/22

Thank You!

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

REMINDER



There will be a **Special Voters' Meeting today**, in the Fellowship Hall, **following the 10:45am service**. This meeting will be to act on the Call Committee's recommendation of a call to a new candidate for Kantor.



Sunday School will resume **Sunday, August 30th**.

We will kick things off with a "Rally Day" Picnic **next Sunday, August 23rd**, after the 2nd service!

Please bring a side dish to share. The fun will start in the Fellowship Hall with food, games, and snow cones that all are welcome to enjoy! Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please make plans to join us!

We would like to thank **Talita Goodwin, Barbara Tilka, and Meredith Sifford** for helping teach this summer.

MLCA is hiring!



Our 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 or 817.431.5486.

Please keep in your prayers...

Chelsea Lage, recovering from spinal surgery.

We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer: Mandy Demick, John DiCesare, Tim Speight, Rob Bentley, Randy Gay, Denny Knutson, Joan Beach, Linda Pancake, Wayne Kirkland, Ken & Carolyn Blume, Gaelina Strader, Sarah Jarrett, Mike Vandergriff, Rev. Ernie Bernet, Janie Peter.

...also those with other illnesses and trials:

Helen Fletcher, Rose Hughes, Family of Keith Leicht, Family of Bob Martin, Jo Ulrich, Christine Towers, Chelsea Lage, Karen Campbell, Tim Tomlinson, Marilyn Kivit, Cheryl Traub, Adam Greer, Connie Wesley Ramsey, Wendell Wahlstedt, Carole Cohen, Family of Dan Gholston, Terry Swender, Michael Hanson, Aaron Koppelberger, Bruce Lage, Marilyn Curry, Nikki McLeroy, Marilyn Kivit, Brian Cade's mother, Abby Carpenter, Ron Klingbeil, Vicky Krolczyk, Matt Hinde, Lee Masoian, Alli Burk, Amy Lyon, the Lewis family, Grant Smith, William Johnstone, Marlene Eaton, Wes Liles, Patsy Smith, Shelby Renfro, Connie Worley Ramsey, Brooke Lage, The Lowry Family, Sandy McDougal, Jacob Brewer.

...and those who are unable to worship with us regularly: Susan Copen, Carolyn Blume, Don & Marilyn Curry, LaVina Goedecke, Ron and Barbara Busse, 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, Maranda Crutchfield, Dorian Crutchfield, Ethan Johnson, Erin O'Dell, Clara O'Neil, Daniella Osorio, Mia Salgado, Max Tonniges, Charlie Umayam, Audrey Weber, Emily Weber, Morgan Chryst, Matthew Palmer.

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.
- 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 August 16 - Pentecost 12:

"Thus says the LORD: Keep justice, and do righteousness ..." (Isaiah 56:1, 7)! Keep justice for innocent unborn babies and for every human life, dear Christian friends. "For God has consigned all to disobedience, that He may have mercy on all" (Romans 11:32). All have sinned and fallen short—every age, every ability, every race, both genders—and God has had mercy on all in Christ our crucified and risen Lord of life! Let us pray for His mercy, along with the Canaanite woman's cry for her daughter (Matthew 21:22), even when we don't receive an answer to our for-life prayers right away.



Matthew 15:27 - "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table — He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That's where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.



TRUTH, GOODNESS, BEAUTY... 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 teachings include: What Is Critical Theory?, The Reliability of the Bible, The Population Bust, The Term "Flesh" in the Bible and more. You can listen at your convenience 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, offering confessional Lutheran insights. This past week, OTL featured former Baptist pastor, **Javier Perdomo**, who considered Roman Catholicism but, after much research and learning, is now a member of the LCMS. He is a church historian and researcher. In this episode he discusses what sets Lutheran theology uniquely apart from Rome and other traditions, and how it offers assurance and peace to Christians.



Pastor Christiansen will be teaching two online classes this fall for the **Consortium for Classical Lutheran Education (CCLE)**.

The first course will be **Greek I**, an exploration of the essence of grammar as found in Koine Greek. Students will learn the Greek alphabet, collect Greek vocabulary, and begin to understand the structure of the biblical Greek language. For more information or to register, please visit <https://www.ccle.org/classes-1/greek-i>

Pastor Christiansen is also teaching a course called **Lutheran Theology and Philosophy of Education**. This course will be a comparative read-through of primary texts (theological, philosophical, pedagogical, literary), all of which concern what classical Lutheran education is. The course will consider Scriptural foundations for learning and how such things may be applied for families today. For more information or to register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2fwpcu6lk>.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: 114 10:45am: 112 Total: 226

Sunday School: 101 — OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$16,328.31 — (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.



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

¹Thus says the LORD:
“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves
to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name
of the LORD,
and to be his servants,

everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does
not profane it,

and holds fast my covenant—
⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of
prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of
prayer

for all peoples.”

⁸The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
declares,

“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

Epistle

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his
people? By no means! For I myself am an
Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of
the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his
people whom he foreknew. . . .

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles.
Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the
Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order
somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and
thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection
means the reconciliation of the world, what will
their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God
for your sake. But as regards election, they are
beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the
gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just
as you were at one time disobedient to God but
now have received mercy because of their
disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been

disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to
you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God
has consigned all to disobedience, that he may
have mercy on all.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21–28

²¹Jesus went away from there and
withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.
²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that
region came out and was crying, “Have mercy
on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is
severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did
not answer her a word. And his disciples came
and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for
she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I
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