



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church-
Missouri Synod

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Sunday School &
Adult Bible Class
9:30am

Sunday Worship
8:00am, 10:45am

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who sowed good seed in his field,

²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came
and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away.

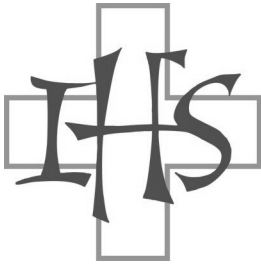
²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain,
then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷

And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him,
‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have
weeds?’

²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ “

(Matthew 13)

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:

894, 770, 924

Hymns During Distribution:

564, 629

Sermon Title:

"Good Seeds, Bad Seeds"

Scripture:

Matthew 13

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



The Word of the Gospel

Bestows the Righteousness of Christ and Brings Forth Faith

The good Seed, which is *"the Son of Man,"* Jesus Himself (Matt. 13:37), brings forth a harvest of faith and bears good fruits in *"the sons of the kingdom"* (Matt. 13:38). Whatever is sown apart from His Word is of the devil, who plants the weeds of unbelief and sin, even among the people of God. Thankfully, the Lord is patient and He does not uproot the weeds, lest the plants also be destroyed. He lets *"both grow together until the harvest"* (Matt. 13:30), while He continues to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins. Thus, He preserves His Church in righteousness, because He alone is *"the King of Israel and his Redeemer"* (Is. 44:6). Since all things are in His gracious care and keeping, *"fear not, nor be afraid"* (Is. 44:8). For *"the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God"* (Rom. 8:19), and in this hope we also wait with patience. Though we do not yet see it, *"the Spirit helps us in our weakness"* (Rom. 8:26) and, in truth, *"the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us"* (Rom. 8:18).

Serving in God's House Today

Organist:	Felix Ping, Guest Organist		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
		Head Elder:	Dale Addink	Jim Ward
Altar Guild:	Nikki O'Dell Carrie Ratsch	Head Usher:	Eric Weber	Durand Crutchfield
		Acolytes:	Luther Kirby	Liam Hinskey
Counters:	Kenneth Pedersen Laurie Ward	Crucifer/ Altar	Sam Sifford	Evan Munoz

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given by Kirby & Brenda Thowe to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Brenda's mother, Priscilla Lindwedel.

Introit

Psalm 86:11–15; antiphon: v. 6



Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;*
listen to my | plea for grace.
**Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may
walk | in your truth;***
unite my heart to | fear your name.
I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with |
my whole heart,*
and I will glorify your name for- | ever.
**For great is your steadfast | love toward
me;***
**you have delivered my soul from the
depths | of Sheol.**

O God, insolent men have risen up against me;
a band of ruthless men | seek my life,*
and they do not set you be- | fore them.
**But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and |
gracious,***
**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast
love and | faithfulness.**

**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.**

Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;*
listen to my | plea for grace.

Collect of the Day

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and
minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful
of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up
to holiness of living here and dwell with You
in perfect joy hereafter; 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* *Romans 11:33, 36*



**Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and
knowl- | edge of God!***
**How unsearchable are his judgments and how
inscrutable | his ways!**
**For from him and through him and to him are
| all things.***
To him be glory forever. | Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: July 19-August 1

19: 1 Sam. 2:18-36 Acts 15:22-41	23: 1 Sam. 6:19-7:17 Acts 19:23-21:14	Acts 22:17-29	31: 1 Sam. 16:1-23 Acts 25:13-27
20: 1Sam. 3:1-21 Acts 16:1-22	Acts 19:1-22	27: 1 Sam. 12:1-25 Acts 22:30-23:11	
21: 1 Sam. 4:1-22 Acts 17:1-34 Acts 16:23-40	24: 1 Sam. 8:1-22 Acts 21:15-36	28: 1 Sam. 13:1-18 Acts 23:12-35	1: 1 Sam. 17:1-19 Acts 26:1-23
22: 1 Sam. 5:1-6:3, 10-16 Acts 18:1-11, 23-28	25: 1 Sam. 9:1-27 Acts 21:37-22:16	29: 1 Sam. 14:47-15:9 Acts 24:1-23	
	26: 1 Sam. 10:1-27	30: 1 Sam. 15:10-35 Acts 24:24-25:12	



This morning we welcome **Christi Grider, Haley Connor, and Felix Ping** into membership during the **8:00am** service.

We also welcome **David & Lisa Austin** during the **10:45am** service.

Please welcome our new members following each service.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 07/19 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE
- 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE
- 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE
- 12:00PM - SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING

MONDAY 07/20

TUESDAY 07/21 - 6:00PM - BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—RECEPTION ROOM

WEDNESDAY 07/22 - 6:00PM - CHURCH COUNCIL

THURSDAY 07/23

FRIDAY 07/24

SATURDAY 07/25

REMINDER

There is a **Special Voters' Meeting today** immediately following the second service, in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank You!

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

FAREWELL POTLUCK BBQ FOR THE RUIZ FAMILY— SUNDAY, AUGUST 2nd

Join us after second service as we celebrate the Ruiz family and wish them God's blessings on their next chapter!

Please take a moment to sign up using the link below to let us know you'll be attending and, if you're able, what you'd like to bring. Your RSVP helps us plan and purchase the right amount of meat for everyone.

If your plans change or you're unable to sign up ahead of time, please don't let that keep you from coming—we'd love to have you join us for this special time of food, fellowship, and celebration.

<https://tinyurl.com/4t2r57u3>

Now Enrolling

Messiah Lutheran Classical Academy & Preschool are enrolling now
for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Serving ages 2-8th Grade

Call or email today to schedule a tour!



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Preschool

Please keep in your prayers...

Christine Towers, who had a cardiac procedure this past week.

Chelsea Lage, who has a possible detached retina.

Karen Campbell, friend of Sandi Nietenhoefer, recently diagnosed with lung cancer.

We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer: Karen Bentle, 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: Tim Tomlinson, Marilyn Kivit, Cheryl Traub, Family of Selina Doughty and David Grissom, 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, Chelsea Lage, 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, Clara O'Neil, Daniella Osorio, Aidan Richmond, Davis Richmond, 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 David Christensen (4th Year), Tanner Sawall (4th Year), Abram Egger (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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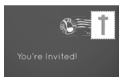
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MLCA Summer Hours: Tue-Thurs, 9:00am—2:00pm.
Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm



MLCA is hiring. The academy is in need of an **Algebra/Geometry teacher** for the 2026-2027 school year. This is a **part-time position, consisting of approximately 10 hrs/week.**

To apply, you may send your resume to schooloffice@mlcatexas.org, or for more information you may call the school office at **817.431.5486.**

Symposium on 1 and 2 Kings—Christ Lutheran Church in Lubbock, TX is hosting a 3-day Symposium (August 3-5) on 1 and 2 Kings, featuring Dr. Walter A. Maier III, Professor of Old Testament and Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. The symposium includes Matins, Vespers, and an opening night dinner. For details and to register, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/ym47s2sc>



Our Redeemer Lutheran in Dallas invites all LCMS Lutheran young adults to an evening of conversation, fellowship, and fun in a relaxed setting at DFW Fowling! Whether you're hoping to make new friends or explore the possibility of a future relationship, this event provides an opportunity to meet other Lutheran singles who share a common confession of faith.

For more information and to register, please visit punchbowl.com/parties/lcmsmixer.



A Life Thought in the Church Year for July 19 - Pentecost 8: The devil sowed his evil seed of suffering and death into the world by convincing Adam to doubt and disobey God's Word (Matthew 13:39). The sons of the evil one (Matthew 13:38) would convince us that we could avoid the sufferings of this present time (Romans 8:18) by embracing death through abortion, suicide, and euthanasia. But, God, who is our Rock (Isaiah 44:8), promises us true redemption from suffering through the blood of Christ, in whom we are adopted as God's children and have the promise of the resurrection of our bodies (Romans 8:23).



LCMS Stewardship Ministry—Romans 8:18 - “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel — if we keep our focus on “the glory to be revealed,” we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.



MORE TOPICS, MORE GUESTS, MORE JESUS... 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: The Movie “The Odyssey,” Prosecuting Pornography; The Hymn “Entrust Your Days and Burdens,” Lutheranism in Canada 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. Use the QR Code below to check out the most recent episode, an interview with **Dr. John Bombaro** discussing the Blessed Virgin Mary and why Lutherans should recover a richer, more biblical understanding of her place in the Christian faith.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: 92 10:45am: 115 Total: 207
Sunday School: 96 — OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$16,209.83 (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.



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will
happen.

⁸Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any."

Epistle

Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of
this present time are not worth comparing with
the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the
creation waits with eager longing for the
revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation
was subjected to futility, not willingly, but
because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that
the creation itself will be set free from its
bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the
glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that
the whole creation has been groaning together in
the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only
the creation, but we ourselves, who have the
firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait
eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of
our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved.
Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who
hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for
what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness.
For we do not know what to pray for as we
ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us
with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who
searches hearts knows what is the mind of the
Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints
according to the will of God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before
them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a man who sowed good seed in his
field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his
enemy came and sowed weeds among the
wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants
came up and bore grain, then the weeds
appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master
of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did
you not sow good seed in your field? How then
does it have weeds?' ²⁸He said to them, 'An
enemy has done this.' So the servants said to
him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather
them?' ²⁹But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the
weeds you root up the wheat along with
them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the
harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the
reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in
bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into
my barn.'" . . .

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went
into the house. And his disciples came to him,
saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds
of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who
sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The
field is the world, and the good seed is the
children of the kingdom. The weeds are the
sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who
sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the
close of the age, and the reapers are
angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and
burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the
age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and
they will gather out of his kingdom all causes
of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them
into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the
righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom
of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."