



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church-
Missouri Synod

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Sunday School &
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9:30am

Sunday Worship
8:00am, 10:45am

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*For John came to you in the way of righteousness,
and you did not believe him,
but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him.
And even when you saw it,
you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.”*

(Matthew 21:32)

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 Four—LSB 203

Hymns:
698, 655, 496

Hymns During Distribution:
848, 857

Sermon Title:
"Turn and Live"

Scripture:
Matthew 21:23-32

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



The Cross of Christ Opens to Us the Way of Repentance to Life with God

The way of the Lord is righteous and just: *"The soul who sins shall die"* (Ezek. 18:4). However, because the Lord has *"no pleasure in the death of anyone"* (Ezek. 18:32), He calls sinners to repentance and faith in His gracious forgiveness of sins. The man who is thus turned away from his wickedness, who henceforth lives by the grace of God, *"shall surely live; he shall not die"* (Ezek. 18:28). This way of repentance has been opened for us by the cross of Christ. In the righteousness of faith and love, *"he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death"* (Phil. 2:8), and He was vindicated in His resurrection from the dead. Indeed, *"God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name"* (Phil. 2:9). He has given us this name in our Baptism into Christ, in whom we now *"shine as lights in the world"* (Phil. 2:15). He uses the authority that He has received from His Father (Matt. 21:23-27) to preach a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, by which even *"the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God"* (Matt. 21:31-32).

Serving in God's House Today

Organist: Josh Hatch		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Altar Guild: Nikki O'Dell Carrie Ratsch Laurie Ward	Head Elder:	Andrew Latham	David Loeffler
	Head Usher:	Randy Burk	Marty Hobson
	Acolytes:	Luther Kirby	Matthias Loeffler
Counters: Laurie Ward Amy Hedman	Crucifer:	Sam Sifford	Cory O'Dell

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given by Bob Knipp to the Glory of God and in memory of his loving Uncle and Aunt, Jim and Ruby Hahn, and his cousins, Dale & Marita Hahn.

Introit *Psalm 147:1–5; antiphon: v. 6*



The LORD lifts up the | humble;*
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our
God;*
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;*
he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.

**He heals the broken- | hearted*
and binds | up their wounds.**

He determines the number | of the stars;*
he gives to all of | them their names.
**Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;*
his understanding is beyond | measure.**

**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 lifts up the | humble;*
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the
place of all honor and authority. Enlighten
our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing
Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth;
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* *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: SEPTEMBER 27–OCTOBER 10

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| 27: Mal. 3:6-4:6
Matt. 4:12-25 | 1: Deut. 2:16-37
Matt. 6:16-34 | 5: Deut. 5:1-21
Matt. 8:18-24 | 9: Deut. 8:1-20
Matt. 10:24-42 |
| 28: Deut. 1:1-18
Matt. 5:1-20 | 2: Deut. 3:1-29
Matt. 7:1-12 | 6: Deut. 5:22-6:9
Matt. 9:1-17 | 10: Deut. 9:1-22
Matt 11:1-19 |
| 29: Deut. 1:19-36
Matt. 5:21-48 | 3: Deut. 4:1-20
Matt. 7:13-29 | 7: Deut. 6:10-25
Matt. 9:18-38 | |
| 30: Deut. 1:37-2:15
Matt. 6:1-15 | 4: Deut. 4:21-40
Matt. 8:1-17 | 8: Deut. 7:1-19
Matt. 10:1-23 | |



We rejoice with the **Roberson family**
in the baptism of
Weston and Makena
during morning chapel on **Friday, September 25.**

*We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that,
just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
we too might walk in newness of life.*

(Romans 6:4)

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 09/27 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE
- 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE

MONDAY 09/28 - 6:00PM - LADIES' BIBLE STUDY—RECEPTION ROOM

TUESDAY 09/29 - 9:30AM - JOY GROUP—FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 6:00PM - BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—RECEPTION ROOM

WEDNESDAY 09/30

THURSDAY 10/01 - 10:00AM - VISITATION, FUNERAL, & RECEPTION FOR RON KLINGBEIL
- 6:00PM - PASTOR'S CLASS—RECEPTION ROOM

FRIDAY 10/02

SATURDAY 10/03 - 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.



REFORMATION DAY FESTIVAL CHOIR

To celebrate Reformation Day, we're putting together a festival choir! Rehearsals will be held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m., beginning **Thursday, October 1**.

If you are interested in singing with us, please call or text Carrie Ratsch at (217) 685-3736.

FUNERAL INFORMATION—RON KLINGBEIL

The Lord has called home to Himself our dear brother in Christ, **Ron Klingbeil**, who passed away on Thursday, September 17.

We extend Christian sympathy and prayers to his wife, **Judy**, and the entire Klingbeil family.

Visitation will be at Messiah at **10:00 AM**, and the Funeral will be at **10:30 AM**, also here at Messiah, on **Thursday, October 1**. A reception will follow the funeral in the Fellowship Hall before the burial at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery at **2:00 PM**.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate first to Messiah Lutheran Church's Music Fund, then to the Dementia Society of America (www.dementiasociety.org/donate).

Please keep in your prayers...

Tim Speight, who has been hospitalized, and is in ICU.

Dennis Kitzman, recovering from surgery.

Louise Nelson, daughter of **Marilyn Kivett**, in the death of Marilyn.

LaVina Goedecke, who is suffering with severe health issues.

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, Adam Greer, David Gruben, Michael Hanson, Matt Hinde, Rose Hughes, William Johnstone, Marilyn Kivit, 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, Linda Pinkston and family, 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 September 27 - Pentecost 18:

The consistent refrain of the foes of life is something like, “You are more significant than others” or “Look to your own interests.” This refrain seeps into the everyday routine of many because it resonates with our sinful nature. In fact, we grumble at the slightest infringements on our lives of convenience. The Apostle Paul instructs each of us to “look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others” (Philippians 2:4). The world tries to drum into our minds that raising up children, serving those in need, caring for the elderly, and tending to those who are dying are useless pursuits. But in Christ we see the value of each life and the joy that God provides in seeing people loved.



LCMS National Mission—Pentecost 18— Matthew 21:26 - “But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd...”

Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is! Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.



EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS... 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: How to Read the Bible, Why Men Aren’t Marrying, The No Contact Movement, Debate Over the Location of the Town of Bethsaida 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** interviewed **Peter Bloedell**, Professor in the Theater Department of Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, MN. He is an accomplished author and professional who has received multiple awards from the Kennedy Center



American College Theatre Festival and has received special recognition from the Missouri Synod. The topic was **Why God Made Us to Create—Art, Storytelling, and the Christian Imagination**. Click on the QR code to hear the latest episode.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: — 111 10:45am: — 86 Total: — 197

Sunday School: — 109 — OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$ 16,771.28 — (includes online giving to Gen. Fund)

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



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

¹The word of the LORD came to me:
²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . .

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

Epistle: Philippians 2:1-4,14-18

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . .

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21: 23-27; 28-32

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.” ²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.”