



## 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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*As Jesus passed on from there,  
he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth,  
and he said to him,  
**“Follow me.”***

*(Matthew 9:9)*

**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 Three—LSB 184

**Hymns:**

915, 798, 688

**Hymns During Distribution:**

609, 620

**Sermon Title:**

*"Jesus Calls You Righteous"*

**Scripture:**

*All readings and propers*

**Prelude**

Toccata in E minor - Anonymous  
 MEINEN JESUM LASS ICH NICHT ("Jesus Sinners  
 Doth Receive") - Jan Bender  
 YIGDAL ("The God of Abraham Praise") -  
 setting by Fritz Lubrich and Steven Wenté

**Postlude**

MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT ("Come, Follow Me,' the Savior  
 Spake") - Sam Eatherton



***Jesus Calls Sinners to Repentance and Newness of Life  
 in Accordance with His Mercy***

In calling Matthew the tax collector to follow Him, Jesus demonstrates that He has come *"not to call the righteous, but sinners"* (Matt. 9:9, 13). As a good physician, He comes not to confirm them in their sins, but to heal them with His grace, calling them to repentance, faith and newness of life (Matt. 9:12). He puts them to death by the preaching of His Law, in order to raise them with His Gospel, to live before Him in the righteousness of His resurrection (Hos. 6:1-2, 5). It is in this way that God *"gives life to the dead,"* that is, through faith in Jesus, *"who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification"* (Rom. 4:17, 24-25). Thus, sinners from all nations are called to share the same faith as Abraham, the father of all who trust in Jesus (Rom. 4:16-18). And as our Lord in mercy thus welcomes us poor sinners to recline at the table in His house, so does He *"desire steadfast love and not sacrifice"* (Matt. 9:10, 13; Hos. 6:6), that we should have mercy on our neighbors and forgive their sins against us for Jesus' sake.

**Serving in God's House Today**

		<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
<b>Organist:</b> Miguel Ruiz			
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Nikki O'Dell Linda Phillips Brenda Thowe Laurie Ward	<b>Head Elder:</b>	Martin Littmann	Jim Ward
	<b>Head Usher:</b>	Eric Weber	Durand Crutchfield
<b>Counters:</b> Kenneth Pedersen Cathy Keto	<b>Acolytes:</b>	Luther Kirby	Silas Christiansen
	<b>Crucifer/ Altar</b>	Sam Sifford	Cory O'Dell

*The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given by Linda Pinkston to the glory of God and in memory of her father, Robert Walker.*

**Introit***Psalm 50: 1-2, 6-10, 14-15*

<sup>1</sup>The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and  
sum- | mons the earth\*

from the rising of the sun to its | setting.

<sup>2</sup>**Out of Zion, the perfection of | beauty,\*  
God | shines forth.**

<sup>6</sup>The heavens declare his | righteousness,\*  
for God him- | self is judge!

<sup>7</sup>**“Hear, O my people, and I will speak;  
O Israel, I will testify a- | gainst you.\*  
I am | God, your God.**

<sup>8</sup>Not for your sacrifices do I re- | buke you;\*  
your burnt offerings are continually be- | fore  
me.

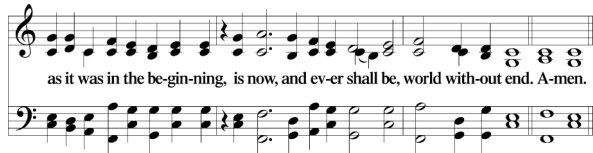
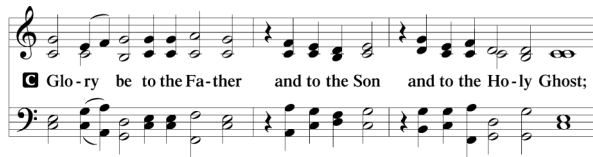
<sup>9</sup>**I will not accept a bull | from your house\*  
or goats | from your folds.**

<sup>10</sup>For every beast of the for- | est is mine,\*  
the cattle on a | thousand hills.

<sup>14</sup>**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanks- | giving,\*  
and perform your vows to the | Most High,**

<sup>15</sup>and call upon me in the day of | trouble;\*  
I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify

me.”

**Collect of the Day**

Almighty and most merciful God, You sent  
Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the  
lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts  
to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that  
we may feast with Him forever in His  
kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Gradual***Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b**Sung by the Kantor*

*Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.*

*On your wondrous works, I will meditate,  
and I will declare your greatness.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS: June 7-20**

7: Prov. 4:1-27

John 12:1-9

8: Prov. 5:1-21

*Prov. 6:1-7:27*

John 12:20-36a

9: Prov. 8:1-21

John 12:36b-50

10: Prov. 8:22-36

John 13:1-20

11: Prov. 9:1-18

John 13:21-38

12: Prov. 10:1-23

*Prov. 11:1-12:28*

John 14:1-17

13: Prov. 13:1-25

John 14:18-31

14: Prov. 14:1-27

John 15:1-11

15: Prov. 15:1-29

John 15:12-27

16: Prov. 16:1-24

John 16:1-16

17: Prov. 17:1-28

*Prov. 18:1-20:4*

John 16:17-33

18: Prov. 20:5-25

*Prov. 21:1-31*

John 17:1-26

19: Prov. 22:1-21

John 18:1-14

20: Prov. 22:22-23:12

John 18:15-40

# THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 06/07 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE  
- 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE  
- 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE

MONDAY 06/08

TUESDAY 06/09

WEDNESDAY 06/10

THURSDAY 06/11

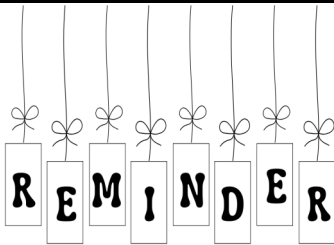
FRIDAY 06/12

SATURDAY 06/13 - 7:00AM - BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING—RECEPTION ROOM  
8:30AM SWADDLING CLOTHES—MAC BUILDING

## VBS IS COMING SOON!

**VBS begins Monday, June 15th.**

If you have not yet registered your child for VBS, please do so at  
<https://tinyurl.com/2abc9cm5>



Also, next Sunday in both services will be **the installation of all VBS workers**. Please plan to attend!

**A sincere thank you** to all who contributed snacks, craft items, etc., to VBS this year! Thanks to your generosity, we have all the items we need for this year's VBS.

## MLC Youth Parents' Night Out

Need a night out? Let the MLC Youth help!

Join us for a **Parents' Night Out** on **Friday, June 19, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** Children will enjoy an evening of **games, pizza, treats, popcorn, and a movie** while parents take some time to relax, run errands, or enjoy a date night or night out with friends.

**Who:** Children ages 3 and up (must be potty trained)

**When:** Friday, June 19, 5:30–9:00 p.m.

**Where:** MLC Fellowship Hall

There is no set fee for this event; however, **donations are appreciated and will help support our youth attending the Higher Things Conference.**

We hope you'll join us for a fun-filled evening while supporting our MLC Youth!

RVSP at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/49rnh6zz>

# Please keep in your prayers...

**Neighbor of Bob Knipp**, who is in need of a liver transplant.

**Bob Knipp's former neighbor**, serving in the military in Japan, who just had emergency surgery.

**We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer:** Trudy Harper, 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, David Grissom.

**...also those with other illnesses and trials:** 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, Karen Shrum, 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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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](mailto:schooloffice@mlcatexas.org), or for more information you may call the school office at **817.431.5486.**

**MLCA - Volunteers Needed - Locker Removal & Disposal Project.** As MLCA continues to improve and update the school facilities, they are preparing to remove and replace several lockers located on the first floor of the academy. They need volunteers who are willing to help with this project, to include assistance with removing lockers from the academy, carrying and moving lockers out of the building, loading lockers onto trucks and trailers, transporting lockers to the dump/disposal site, and unloading and disposing of the lockers. Because these lockers are large and heavy, they especially need individuals who are comfortable with lifting and moving bulky items. Volunteers are also needed who have access to pickup trucks, utility trailers, box trucks, or other suitable transport vehicles. Watch the Look Ahead for more details. **You may also contact the school office at 817.431.5486.**



**A Life Thought in the Church Year for June 7 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost:** Sin is the cause of all our woes in

this life. God says so. Does it mean we can pick out particular sins as being the cause of particular woes? Quite often not. But we do know the cure to all our woes: the death of Jesus. His death paid for all our sins. His death gives us eternal life, no matter what sins we carry and no matter what woes we suffer. Jesus is greater than them all, and Jesus has paid the price for them all. So, as St. Peter says, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone

whom the Lord our God calls to himself" (Acts 2:38-39). Repent of your sins and let Him cure all your woes.



**LCMS Stewardship Ministry - Luke 16:19 - Matthew 9:9 - "As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him,**

**'Follow me.' And he rose and followed him.'** When Jesus talks, Matthew listens and acts. Jesus says, "Follow me," and Matthew follows. What does this tell us about Matthew? It tells us that he believes in Jesus. Our actions flow out of our faith. Show me what a man does, and I'll tell you what he really believes. Our sinful actions uncover our false beliefs and our need for repentance and a return to the forgiveness we find in Jesus. Our godly actions display our faith in Jesus. What kind of faith (or false belief) do your financial actions display?



**ESSENTIAL EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND... 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: A Lutheran View of Psychiatry, The Crusades, Roman Catholicism on Faith, The Comfort of Lutheran Doctrine, Pro-Life Feminism and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app of your favorite podcast provider.



**On The Line: A Lutheran Renewal Is Happening (And It Might Surprise You) - Interview with Rev. Dr. David Petersen**

Join us at the long table for the first part of our interview with Dr. David Petersen as we discuss how faithful doctrine, intentional community, and joyful discipline can renew the Church in an age of confusion, loneliness, and decline.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbm0phc3cic>



**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: 95 10:45am: 92 Total: 187**  
 Sunday School: — **OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$11,654.09** (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.**



## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### Old Testament Reading

#### Hosea 5:15-6:6

<sup>15</sup>I will return again to my place,  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek  
my face, and in their distress earnestly seek  
me.

<sup>16</sup>“Come, let us return to the LORD;  
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;  
he has struck us down, and he will bind us  
up.

<sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

<sup>3</sup>Let us know; let us press on to know the  
LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us as the showers,  
as the spring rains that water the earth.”

<sup>4</sup>What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes early away.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have slain them by the words of my  
mouth,

and my judgment goes forth as the light.

<sup>6</sup>For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt  
offerings.

### Epistle

#### Romans 4:13-25

<sup>13</sup>The promise to Abraham and his offspring  
that he would be heir of the world did not come  
through the law but through the righteousness  
of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law  
who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the  
promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but  
where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in  
order that the promise may rest on grace and be  
guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the  
adherent of the law but also to the one who  
shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father  
of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the  
father of many nations”—in the presence of the  
God in whom he believed, who gives life to the  
dead and calls into existence the things that do

not exist. <sup>18</sup>In hope he believed against  
hope, that he should become the father of  
many nations, as he had been told, “So  
shall your offspring be.” <sup>19</sup>He did not  
weaken in faith when he considered his  
own body, which was as good as dead  
(since he was about a hundred years old),  
or when he considered the barrenness of  
Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him  
waver concerning the promise of God, but  
he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory  
to God, <sup>21</sup>fully convinced that God was  
able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>That is  
why his faith was “counted to him as  
righteousness.” <sup>23</sup>But the words “it was  
counted to him” were not written for his  
sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be  
counted to us who believe in him who  
raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup>who  
was delivered up for our trespasses and  
raised for our justification.

### Holy Gospel

#### Matthew 9:9-13

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus passed on from there,  
he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the  
tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow  
me.” And he rose and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as Jesus reclined at table  
in the house, behold, many tax collectors  
and sinners came and were reclining with  
Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>And when the  
Pharisees saw this, they said to his  
disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with  
tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup>But when he  
heard it, he said, “Those who are well have  
no need of a physician, but those who are  
sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, ‘I  
desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I  
came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”