



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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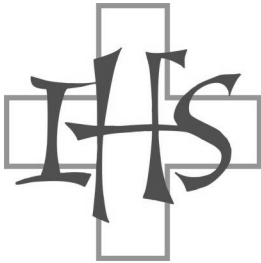
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³⁴[Jesus said:] *“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth.
I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.*

(Matthew 10)

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:

661, 716, 685

Hymns During Distribution:

656, 579

Sermon Title:

“Jesus Brings the Sword”

Scripture:

Matthew 10:34-42

Prelude

ALL SAINTS NEW (“The Son of God Goes Forth to War”) - Paul Soulek

DER LIEBEN SONNE LICHT UND PRACHT (“I Walk in Danger All the Way”) settings by Jacob B. Weber and Martin Gotthard Schneider

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in E minor - J. S. Bach, BWV 555 (performed by guest organist Felix Ping)



The Lord Jesus Brings Division on Earth for the Sake of Peace with God in Heaven

False prophets preach what their hearers want to hear, promising peace even when the Lord has spoken “war, famine, and pestilence” (Jer. 28:8). But if “the LORD has truly sent the prophet,” he speaks what the Lord has spoken, and “the word of that prophet comes to pass” (Jer. 28:9). The preaching of God’s Law is hard, because it confronts sin, brings it to light and makes it worse, “sinful beyond measure,” thereby “producing death” in the sinner (Rom. 7:13). But through our Baptism into Christ, “we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive” (Rom. 7:6). Now we belong “to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God” (Rom. 7:4). Belonging to Him puts us at odds with the world and divides us from all earthly ties, not only from our human family, but each person from his own life. For Christ

does not come “to bring peace, but a sword” (Matt. 10:34). Yet, whoever takes up his cross to follow Christ, and “loses his life” for Christ’s sake, finds new life in Him (Matt. 10:38-39)

Serving in God’s House Today

		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Organist: Miguel Ruiz			
Altar Guild: Nikki O’Dell Linda Phillips Brenda Thowe Laurie Ward	Head Elder:	Martin Littmann	Stephen Inglehart
	Head Usher:	Eric Weber	Durand Crutchfield
	Acolytes:	Silas Christiansen	Dalton Jacobs
Counters: Kenneth Pedersen Carol Lemmon	Crucifer/ Altar	Sam Sifford	Christian Hernandez

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the Pastors, School Administrators, Director of Parish Music, Elders, teachers, church and school workers, and other employees and volunteers who do such wonderful work serving the Lord and making such an important contribution to the congregation, school, and the community.

Introit

Psalm 89:1-4; 13-18



¹I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;*

with my mouth I will make known your
faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

²For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up for- | ever;*

in the heavens you will establish your |
faithfulness.”

³You have said, “I have made a covenant with my |
chosen one;*

I have sworn to David my | servant:

⁴“I will establish your offspring for- | ever,*
and build your throne for all gener- | ations.”

¹³You have a | mighty arm;*

strong is your hand, high your | right hand.

¹⁴Righteousness and justice are the foundation | of
your throne;*

steadfast love and faithfulness go be- | fore you.

¹⁵Blessèd are the people who know the | festal
shout;*

who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,

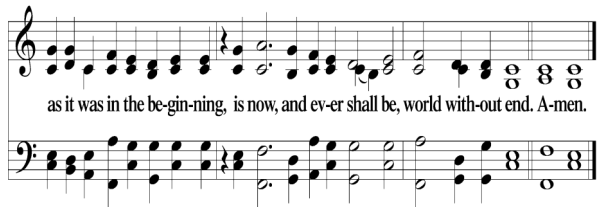
¹⁶who exult in your name | all the day*
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.

¹⁷For you are the glory | of their strength;*
by your favor our horn is ex- | alted.

¹⁸For our shield belongs | to the LORD,*
our king to the Holy One of | Israel.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; 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 the Kantor Romans 11:33, 36*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge 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: June 28–July 11

28: Josh. 3:1-17
Acts 9:1-22

29: Josh. 4:1-24
Acts 9:23-43

30: Josh. 5:1-6:5
Acts 10:1-17

1: Josh. 6:6-27
Acts 10:18-33

2: Josh. 7:1-26
Acts 10:34-48

3: Josh. 8:1-28
Acts 11:1-18

4: Josh. 10:1-25
Josh. 10:28-22:34

Acts 11:19-30
5: Josh. 23:1-16
Acts 12:1-25

6: Josh. 24:1-31
Judg. 1:1-36

Acts 13:1-12

7: *Judg. 2:6-23*
Acts 13:13-41

8: *Judg. 3:7-31*
Acts 13:42-52

9: *Judg. 4:1-24*
Judg. 5:1-31
Acts 14:1-18

10: *Judg. 6:1-24*
Acts 14:19-15:5

11: *Judg. 6:25-40*
Acts 15:6-21

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 06/28 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE
- 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE
- 12:15PM - SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING

MONDAY 06/29

TUESDAY 06/30

WEDNESDAY 07/01

THURSDAY 07/02

FRIDAY 07/03

SATURYDAY 07/04 - - INDEPENDENCE DAY

REMINDER—SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING TODAY

There will a brief Special Voters' Meeting after the 10:45am service to discuss the call of a Kantor candidate to Messiah.



Lutheran Young Adult Mixer—August 1st

Are you a Lutheran young adult interested in meeting other Lutheran singles? Our Redeemer Lutheran in Dallas invites you 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.

Please visit punchbowl.com/parties/lcsmixer for more information and to register.

MLCA Summer Camp

There are still 4 more weeks of Summer Camp! If you would like for your child to attend, use the QR Code on the right to find more information and to register!



Please keep in your prayers...

Marilyn Kivit, who was hospitalized and is now being transferred to hospice care.

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.

...also those with other illnesses and trials: 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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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.

Dr. Maier authored the Concordia Commentary series on Kings and is probably the foremost LCMS scholar of these texts. He holds a Ph.D. in Old Testament and Hebrew from Harvard University and has taught at CTSFW since 1989.

The symposium includes Matins, Vespers, and an opening night dinner.

Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/ym47s2sc> for details and to register.



A Life Thought in the Church Year for June 28 - The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Jesus said: “And whoever

gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward” (Matthew 10:42). God does not demand from us that we have success with everyone to whom we proclaim the Word of God. God knows the hearts of men. He knows that many have turned their hearts from hearing God’s Word and desire death and not life. They desire to stay in their sins and not hear God’s mercy and love for them. They will still kill their children, murder their elders, and seek to destroy life at every step because of who their father is. But we as God’s children are to speak the truth even when it is received with hostility and even when it seems meager and worthless. For God says if we

even give a cup of cold water, God will bless us. If we seek to save the life of a human being according to God’s Word, God will bless us.



A Life Thought in the Church Year for June 28, 2026: Matthew 10:42 - “And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.” The tithes and offerings you give to the Lord’s work in His church go toward supporting all manner of discipleship. They provide for a minister of the Gospel to preach, teach and conduct the Sacraments; they provide for our missionaries and ministries of mercy here and abroad; and they make sure that the folks in your area have a place to go to worship the Lord. The Lord is pleased with this work, and He wants to bless you through your support of it.



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: The 2026 Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, Marxism & Liberation Theology, Expressive Individualism & the Christian Life, The Sevenfold Graces of the Spirit in Isaiah 11 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, offering confessional Lutheran insights. Use the QR Code below to check out the most recent episode, an interview with LCMS Synod President, Matthew Harrison.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: 88 10:45am: 132 Total: 220
Sunday School: 77 — **OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$15,458.20** (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.



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Epistle Romans 7:1-13

¹Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ²Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

⁴Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

⁷What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." ⁸But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹I was once alive apart from the law, but

when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. ¹⁰The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹²So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

¹³Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

Holy Gospel Matthew 10:34-42

³⁴[Jesus said:] "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward." ⁴⁰"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."