



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church -
Missouri Synod

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Sunday School &
Adult Bible Class
9:30 am

Sunday Worship
8:00 am, 10:45 am

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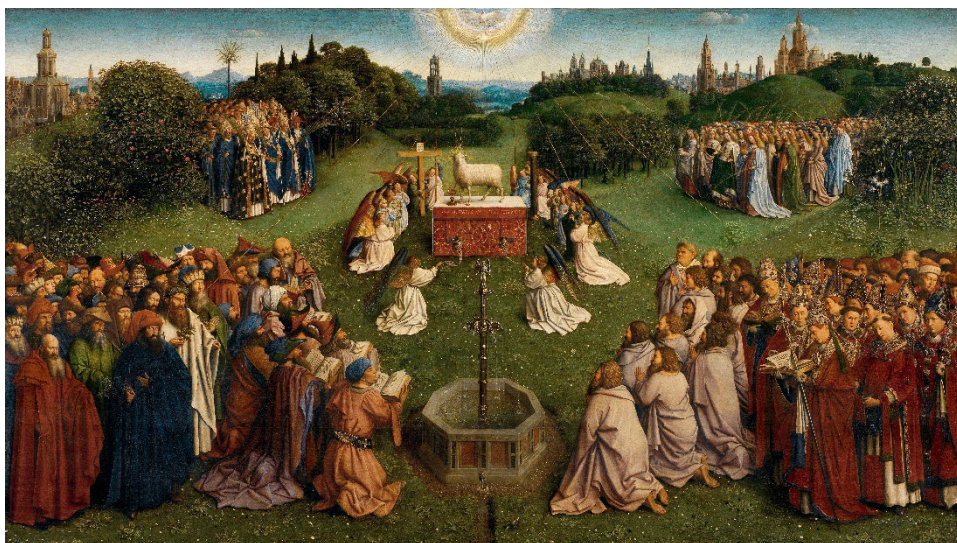
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“Who are these, clothed in white robes,
and from where have they come?”*

¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.”

And he said to me,

“These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

*They have washed their robes
and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

(Revelation 7)

For Our Visitors....



Welcome! We encourage you to follow along with either the printed service or the hymnal. The hymnal page numbers are posted at the front of the sanctuary. 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 located at the north end of the hallway behind the sanctuary on your right, where you can see and hear the service.

We celebrate the Lord's Supper 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 we have a brochure that explains it in more detail. It is available in the narthex or from an usher. If you have questions or concerns, please 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.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Today, we celebrate All Saints' Day, a festival that recognizes that all believers in Christ are made holy through his death and resurrection for us. Though we are still sinners, grappling with the fallen nature until death, Christ declares us to be "Blessed" (Matthew 5), "Children of God" (1 John 3), and counts us among the multitude who "have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7).



Sandra Hyden, November 21, 2025
Rudi Milbitz, February 14, 2026
Janet Hazlehurst, March 1, 2026
Bob Lemmon, April 22, 2026
Susan Copen, August 10, 2026
Ron Klingbeil, September 17, 2026
Marilyn Kivett, September 25, 2026



We also remember, especially on this day each year, those members of our own congregation who have departed this vale of tears to be with the Lord and await the resurrection. A chime will sound forth as we mention each name during the Prayer of the Church, as we remember and give thanks for the lives of these dear saints who have lived among us.

*Jesus said to her,
"I am the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.*

(John 11:25-26)

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Sermon Title

“For All the Saints”

Scripture

Revelation 7:2-17

HYMNS

Opening Hymn	677
Hymn of the Day	676
Distribution Hymns	725, 932
Closing Hymn	678

✠ SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY ✠

	8:00AM	10:45AM
ORGANIST	Josh Hatch	Josh Hatch
ALTAR GUILD	Debbie Goedecke Sydelle Numsen Linda Phillips Barbara Tilka Brenda Thowe	Debbie Goedecke Sydelle Numsen Linda Phillips Barbara Tilka Brenda Thowe
HEAD ELDER	Andrew Latham	Luis Munoz
HEAD USHER	Eric Weber	Durand Crutchfield
ACOLYTE	Luther Kirby	Liam Hinskey Matthias Loeffler
CRUCIFER	Jaxon Kirby	Cory O’Dell
COUNTERS	Ken Pedersen & Elena Jackson	Ken Pedersen & Elena Jackson

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Sunday	11/01	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:45 AM	Divine Service – Live Streaming Sunday School – Live Streaming Divine Service
Monday	11/02	6:00 PM	Ladies’ Bible Study – Reception Room
Tuesday	11/03	9:30 AM	JOY Group Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	11/04		
Thursday	11/05	6:00 PM	Pastor’s Class – Reception Room
Friday	11/06		
Saturday	11/07	7:00 AM	Men’s Breakfast Bible Study – Rosa’s Café Hwy 377

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given by Barry & Nikki O’Dell to the glory of God and in memory of Nikki’s parents.

Introit

Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b



These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;*

in your righteousness de- | liver me.

For you are my rock and my | fortress;*

and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*

you have redeemed me, O Lord, | faithful God.

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.

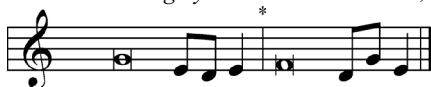
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Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual *sung by all* *Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*



These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*

in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Daily Bible Readings – Nov. 1-14

1: Deut. 34:1-12 Matt. 21:1-22	5.:Jer. 7:1-29 Matt. 23:1-12	8: Jer. 20:1-18 Matt. 24:29-51	12: Jer. 25:1-18 Matt. 26:1-19
2.: Jer. 1:1-19 Matt. 21:23-46	6: Jer. 8:18-9:12 Matt. 23:13-39	9: Jer. 22:1-23 Matt. 25:1-13	13: Jer. 26:1-19 Rev. 13:1-18
3.: Jer. 3:6-4:2 Matt. 21:23-46	7: Jer. 11:1-23 Jer. 12:1-19;15	10: Jer. 23:1-20 Matt. 25:14-30	Matt. 26:20-35
4.: Jer. 5:1-19 Matt. 22:23-46	Matt. 24:1-28	11:Jer. 23:21-40 Matt. 25:31-46	14: Jer. 29:1-19 Rev. 14:1-20 Matt. 26:36-56

Please keep in your prayers...

Linda Pinkston, and her uncle, **Paul Egner**, in the loss of Linda's aunt, **Brenda Egner**.

Tim Speight, who has been hospitalized.

Ryan Richard, cousin of **Brain Cade**, diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.

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: Delia Baker, Natalia Boniek, Sharon Boniek, Jacob Brewer, Alli Burk, Brian Cade's mother, Abby Carpenter, Carole Cohen, Marilyn Curry, Marlene Eaton, Family of Dan Gholston, LaVina Goedecke, Adam Greer, David Gruben, Michael Hanson, Matt Hinde, Rose Hughes, William Johnstone, Dennis Kitzman, 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, Louise Nelson (daughter of Marilyn Kivett), Shelby Renfro, Todd Ramage, 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, Ellie Johnson, Ethan Johnson, Erin O'Dell, Clara O'Neill, Danielle Osorio, Matthew Palmer, Felix Ping, 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 November 1

– **All Saints Day:** Every believer (saint) lives a life of tribulation, being hated by the world and mourning the sin in their own heart and the sins of the world, like abortion, human trafficking and other such evils (Revelation 7:14; 1 John 3:1). Yet, God's children live hopefully, awaiting the day in which He will wipe every tear away from our eyes. When we find ourselves in that great, innumerable multitude, we will rejoice to be freed from all such evil and to greet all the saints washed in Christ's blood, including many of the victims of our culture of death (Revelation 7:9, 14, 17).

LCMS National Mission – All Saints' Day – Matthew 5:7 – “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.” This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us (His own love, mercy, kindness and generosity) — flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST ... 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: Lutheranism in Israel, Postpartum Depression, ADHD, 20th-Century Lutheran Theologian Hermann Sasse and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE TREASURER: The Voters' Summary Report presented at the Voters' Assembly last week has been updated to reflect the mortgage balances which were previously omitted. This information can be found on the bulletin board in the Preschool/Fellowship Hall hallway

On The Line (OTL) is a podcast featuring interviews with leading experts in theology, culture, and the Christian faith, and offering confessional Lutheran insights. This past week, host **Rev. Bryan Stecker** was joined by **Rev. Dr. Charles Gieschen, Professor of New Testament at Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN**, to discuss Second Temple Judaism and how the Old Testament reveals the divinity of Jesus Christ. Dr. Gieschen explains why the earliest Christians did not invent Jesus' divinity, but recognized Him as the visible Yahweh already revealed throughout the Scriptures.

Angel Tree 2026 is coming soon! Angel Tree provides Christmas gifts to strengthen relationships between incarcerated parents and their children by sponsoring gifts for them. **How can you help?** On **Sunday, November 22**, Angel Tags will be distributed after both Sunday morning services, at the table in the Narthex. Once you receive a tag, simply purchase a gift for under \$25, wrap it, and place it under the Christmas tree in the Narthex by **Sunday, December 6** (the date will be printed on the tag you receive). For more information, contact Jonathan Griffith at jn_griffith@att.net.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY: Men of Messiah, whether you currently attend or have never attended, you are invited to the Men's Breakfast Bible Study on the **first and third** Saturday of each month. Starting next Saturday, November 7, we will begin a new study topic: Luther's Large Catechism. Please plan to join us at **Rosa's Cafe on Denton Hwy at 7:00 AM** for fellowship and learning. If you have any questions, please email Pastor Chryst at pastor.chryst@messiahkeller.org or speak with him directly.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:00 am: 105 10:45 am: 105 (Total: 210) Sunday School: 116
OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$13,209.14 (Plate and Online Giving to General Fund – all services)
OFFERINGS NEEDED EACH WEEK TO FUND CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: \$18,317.25
OFFERINGS REQUIRED THROUGH 09/30/26 (13 SUNDAYS): \$238,124
OFFERINGS RECEIVED THROUGH 09/30/26 (13 SUNDAYS): \$165,419
NOTE: MLC's current budgeting philosophy is that only offerings are counted as revenues in the annual budget plan; therefore, the Offerings Needed Each Week To Fund Current Year Budget is the amount in offerings that is required each Sunday during the fiscal year to fully fund the church. The actual number of offerings required is less due to other revenues that the church receives during the year; however, these additional revenues do not represent a material amount.



ALL SAINTS' DAY

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."