



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church-
Missouri Synod

1308 Whitley Rd.
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Sunday School &
Adult Bible Class
9:30am

Sunday Worship
8:00am, 10:45am

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send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.
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you give them something to eat.”
¹⁷They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.”
¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.”
¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass,
and taking the five loaves and the two fish,
he looked up to heaven and said a blessing.
Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples,
and the disciples gave them to the crowds.
²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied.
And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over.
²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men,
besides women and children.*

(Matthew 14)

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:
790, 642, 722

Hymns During Distribution:
625, 633

Sermon Title:
"Hear, that your soul may live!"

Scripture:
All Readings

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



Christ Jesus, the Living Bread from Heaven, Feeds the Children of God

By the Gospel of *"the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever"* (Rom. 9:5), we are *"the children of God"* (Rom. 9:8), *"not because of works but because of him who calls"* (Rom. 9:11). Therefore, *"listen diligently"* and *"hear, that your soul may live."* By His sacrificial death in His flesh and blood, He has made *"an everlasting covenant"* for us. Since He now calls us to Himself, we come to Him *"and eat what is good, and delight ... in rich food"* (Is. 55:2-3). He has come with divine compassion to save us from sin and death and to feed us with

Himself. As our Lord Jesus once took bread, *"said a blessing,"* broke the loaves, *"and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds"* (Matt. 14:18-19), He also now takes bread, blesses it by His Word to be His very body, and distributes it to His Church by the hand of His called and ordained servants. Just as *"they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces,"* there is more than enough for His whole Church to eat and to be satisfied (Matt. 14:20).

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:	Debbie Goedeke Debbie Lee Carol McGrath Sydelle Numsen Brenda Thowe	Head Usher:	Chris Nietenhoefer	Paul Cigainero
		Acolytes:	Luther Kirby	Silas Christiansen
Counters:	Laurie Ward Carol Lemmon	Crucifer/ Altar	Joseph Kirby	Christian Hernandez

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given by Bob Knipp to the Glory of God and in memory of his loving grandparents, John & Dolly Pope.

Introit *Psalm 105:39–43; antiphon: v. 1*



Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name; *
make known his deeds among the | peoples!
He spread a cloud for a | covering,*
and fire to give | light by night.
They asked, and he | brought quail,*
and gave them bread from heaven in a- | bundance.
He opened the rock, and water | gushed out;*
it flowed through the desert like a | river.

For he remembered his holy | promise,*
and Abraham, his | servant.
So he brought his people | out with joy,*
his chosen ones with | singing.

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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name; *
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Collect of the Day

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 26-August 8

2: 1 Sam. 17:20-47 Acts 26:24-27:8	6: 1 Sam. 20:1-23 Acts 28:16-31	9: 1 Sam. 25:1-22 1 Cor. 3:1-23	12: 1 Sam. 28:3-25 1 Sam. 29:1-30:31
3: 1 Sam. 17:48-18:9 Acts 27:9-26	7: 1 Sam. 20:24-42 1 Sam. 21:1-23:29	10: 1 Sam. 25:23-44 1 Cor. 4:1-21	1 Cor. 6:1-20
4: 1 Sam. 18:10-30 Acts 27:27-44	1 Cor. 1:1-25	11: 1 Sam. 26:1-25 1 Sam. 27:1-28:2	13: 1 Sam 31:1-13 1 Cor. 7:1-24
5: 1 Sam 19:1-24 Acts 28:1-15	8: 1 Sam. 24:1-22 1 Cor. 1:26-2:16	1 Cor. 5:1-13	14: 2 Sam. 1:1-27 1 Cor. 7:25-40
			15: 2 Sam. 5:1-25 1 Cor. 8:1-13

Help Shape the Next Generation of Faith

Messiah is looking for Sunday School teachers for all ages, starting in late August. You don't need to be a Bible scholar — just a heart for kids and a willingness to show up. We provide the curriculum, training, and support, and you don't need to commit to every Sunday.

To volunteer, please contact **Wiley Smith** at wiley.smithv@gmail.com or **(909) 327-5784**.

MARK YOU CALENDARS !

JOY Group resumes this **Tuesday, August 4th**.
Men's Breakfast Bible Study has also resumed, meeting the **1st & 3rd Saturday** of each month.
Pastor's Fall Class will begin on **Thursday, September 24th**.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 08/02 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE
- 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE
- 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE
- 12:15PM - FAREWELL POTLUCK FOR THE RUIZ FAMILY

MONDAY 08/03

TUESDAY 08/04 - 9:30AM - JOY GROUP—FELLOWSHIP HALL

WEDNESDAY 08/05

THURSDAY 08/06

FRIDAY 08/07

SATURDAY 08/08 - 7:00AM - BOARD OF ELDERS MEETING
- 8:30AM - SWADDLING CLOTHES

Thank You!

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



Farewell
and
Godspeed

This morning we bid Farewell and Godspeed to **the Ruiz family**. Please be sure to take a moment to thank them for their years of faithful service at Messiah.

Also, please join us in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:45 am service to celebrate and wish them well as they move on to their new call at Our Redeemer Lutheran in Dallas.



Sunday School will resume **Sunday, August 30th**. We will kick things off with a "Rally Day" Picnic the week prior, **Sunday, August 23rd**, after the 2nd service!

Please bring a side dish to share. The fun will start in the Fellowship Hall with food, games, and snow cones that all are welcome to enjoy!

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided, **but a grill and grillmaster are needed**.

If you are willing to help, please contact **Wiley Smith** at wiley.smithv@gmail.com or (909) 327-5784.

We would like to thank **Talita Goodwin, Barbara Tilka**, and **Meredith Sifford** for helping teach this summer.

Please keep in your prayers...

Helen Fletcher, sister of **Peggy Wahlstedt**, who is very ill and not eating.

We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer: Bob Martin, 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: Jo Ulrich, Christine Towers, Chelsea Lage, Karen Campbell, 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 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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Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-3:00pm



A Life Thought in the Church Year for August 2 - Pentecost 10:

Our God is the Lord and Giver of life! “Come ... incline your ear to me, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live” (Isaiah 55:3)! “He who gives food to all flesh, for His steadfast love endures forever” (Psalm 136:25) also gives nourishment to every born and preborn life He knits together fearfully and wonderfully. Even while I “have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart” (Romans 9:2) over the spiritually lost and the violence of abortion and euthanasia, we continue to eat and be satisfied (Matthew 14:20) from Jesus Christ, our Bread of Life.



LCMS Stewardship Ministry—Matthew 14:17-18 - “They said to him, ‘We have only five loaves here and two fish.’ And he

said, ‘Bring them here to me.’” The five loaves and two fish were all that the disciples had. But when they handed them over to the Lord, the multitudes were fed. Apart from Jesus, all we do and all we have comes to nothing. But in Jesus, the Lord blesses all we do and all we have for His gracious work.



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 show subjects include: Karl Marx’s Fascination with the Devil, The Fall of the Great Republics, Reducing Theology to Pithy Slogans, First-Century Jewish Historian Josephus on Jesus 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. This past week, OTL featured Dr. Arthur Just of Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, discussing Timeless Wisdom for the Church. Use the QR Code on the left to access the podcast.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: 89 10:45am: 131 Total: 220

Sunday School: 91 — OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$ — (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.



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
²Why do you spend your money for that
which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not
satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is
good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
³Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting
covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the
peoples,
a leader and commander for the
peoples.
⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do
not know,
and a nation that did not know you
shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the
Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.”

Epistle

Romans 9:1-13

¹I am speaking the truth in
Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears
me witness in the Holy Spirit— ²that I have
great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my
heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were
accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake
of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the
flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong
the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the
giving of the law, the worship, and the
promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and
from their race, according to the flesh, is the
Christ who is God over all, blessed forever.
Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of
God has failed. For not all who are descended
from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are
children of Abraham because they are his
offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your
offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not
the children of the flesh who are the children of
God, but the children of the promise are counted
as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said:
“About this time next year I will return and
Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but
also when Rebecca had conceived children by
one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they
were not yet born and had done nothing either
good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of
election might continue, not because of works
but because of his call— ¹²she was told, “The
older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written,
“Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the
death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat
to a desolate place by himself. But when the
crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from
the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great
crowd, and he had compassion on them and
healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening,
the disciples came to him and said, “This is a
desolate place, and the day is now over; send the
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