



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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*“Christ Jesus came into the world
to save sinners”*

(1 Timothy 1:15b)

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 a **nursery** at the end of the long hall toward the fellowship hall (last door on the right), for mothers who need more privacy with nursing infants. 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.

*LARGER PRINT IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.
PLEASE SEE AN USHER FOR A COPY.*

Divine Service Setting Two—LSB 167

Hymns:
569, 609, 566

Distribution Hymns:
710, 802

Sermon Title:
*"The Lord Is My Shepherd; I Shall Not Be
Caused to Be Wanting"*

Scripture:
Luke 15:1-10

Prelude:

THE SAINT'S DELIGHT ("In Adam We Have All Been
One")
-settings by Theodore Beck and
Dennis W. Zimmer

MEINEN JESUM LASS ICH NICHT ("Jesus Sinners Doth
Receive")
-settings by Jan Bender and Hugo Gehrke

Postlude:

O DASS ICH TAUSEND ("By Grace I'm Saved")
-settings by Richard Heschke and Donald
Busarow

Jesus Christ Is the Great Shepherd of His Sheep

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15). As He had mercy on Paul, in order to "display his perfect patience" (1 Tim. 1:16), so also does He seek out His sheep "from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness" (Ezek. 34:12). To deliver His flock, He "will seek the lost, ... bring back the strayed, ... bind up the injured, and ... strengthen the weak" (Ezek. 34:16), and "they shall no longer be a prey" (Ezek. 34:22). He sets over them one great Good Shepherd, the Son of David, who "shall feed them and be their shepherd" (Ezek. 34:23). For Christ Jesus is the one man who, "having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them," would "leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it" (Luke 15:4). When He finds the lost one and brings it home rejoicing, "the angels of God" and all the company of heaven rejoice with Him, with great joy (Luke 15:7, 10).

Serving in God's House Today

Organist: Miguel Ruiz		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Altar Guild: Debbie Lee Nikki O'Dell Laurie Ward	Head Elder:	David Phillips	Luis Munoz
	Head Usher:	Randy Burk	Marty Hobson
	Acolytes:	Asher Ruiz	Dalton Jacobs
Counters: Veronica Hobson	Crucifers:	Cory O'Dell	Evan Munoz

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Bob Knipp in memory of his dear cousin, Wanda J. McFarland, and his dear friend, Sue Hunter Harper.

Introit *Psalm 30:1–5; 8–10; antiphon: vv. 11a, 12b*



*You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!*

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up*
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.

**O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,*
and you have | healed me.**

O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;*
you restored me to life from among those who
go down | to the pit.

**Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,*
and give thanks to his | holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a |
lifetime.*

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes
with the | morning.

**To you, O | LORD, I cry,*
and to the Lord I plead for | mercy:**

“What profit is there in my death,
if I go down | to the pit?*

Will the dust praise you?

Will it tell of your | faithfulness?

Hear, O LORD, and be merci- | ful to me!*

O LORD, be my | helper!”

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.**

*You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!*

Collect of the Day

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without
whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us
that we may not be lost forever but follow You,
rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You
live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

Gradual: *adapted from Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

All are invited to sing

**Fear the Lord, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

Catechesis for the week of September 14

Scripture: Psalm 23:1-4

**1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
3 He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
4 Even though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

What are all the commandments?

**You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your
neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his
manservant or maidservant, his ox or
donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 09/14 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE
 - 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE
 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE
 12:00PM ELDER FAMILY PICNIC

MONDAY 09/15 - -

TUESDAY 09/16 - 9:30AM - JOY GROUP BIBLE STUDY—FELLOWSHIP HALL

WEDNESDAY 09/17 - -

THURSDAY 09/18 - 6:00PM - PASTOR'S CLASS—RECEPTION ROOM

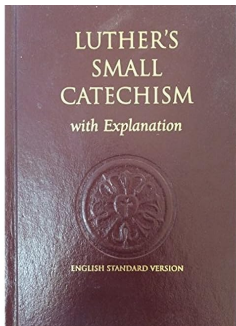
FRIDAY 09/19 - -

SATURDAY 09/20 - 7:00AM - MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST—ROSA'S CAFÉ ON 377

ELDER FAMILY PICNIC TODAY!



Today, following the 10:45 a.m. service, is the elder family picnic for all those whose elders are Stephen Inglehart, Andrew Latham, Martin Littmann, David Loeffler, David Phillips, and Roland Towers. Also, if you were not able to attend the June picnic, you are welcome to come to join us today for a time of food, fellowship, and fun with your elders and fellow church members!



This Thursday, September 18th, is the beginning of our fall Pastor's Class. The class meets each Thursday from 6:00-8:00 p.m., and is especially for those interested in becoming Lutheran and seeking membership at Messiah, but is also open to current MLC members. It covers the basics of the Christian faith as taught in Luther's Small Catechism. The class usually lasts about 8 weeks. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please email churchoffice@messiahkeller.org.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: September 14-27

14. 2 Sam. 1:1-27
 1 Cor. 7:25-40
 15. 2 Sam. 5:1-25
 1 Cor. 8:1-13
 16. 2 Sam 6:1-19
 1 Cor. 9:1-23
 17. 2 Sam. 7:1-17
 1 Cor. 9:24-10:22

18. 2 Sam. 7:18-29
 1 Cor. 10:23-11:16
 19. 2 Sam. 11:1-27
 1 Cor. 11:17-34
 20. 2 Sam. 12:1-25
 2 Sam. 13:1-19:43
 1 Cor. 12:1-13
 21. 1 Kings 1:1-4, 15-35
 1 Cor. 12:14-31

22. 1 Kings 2:1-27
 1 Cor. 13:1-13
1 Cor. 14:1-16:24
 23. 1 Kings 3:1-15
1 Kings 3:16-4:34
 2 Cor. 1:1-22
 24. 1 Kings 5:1-18
1 Kings 6:1-7:50
 2 Cor. 1:23-2:17

25. 1 Kings 7:51-8:21
 2 Cor. 3:1-18
 26. 1 Kings 8:22-30, 46-63
 2 Cor. 4:1-18
 27. 1 Kings 9:1-9; 10:1-13
 2 Cor. 5:1-21

Please keep in your prayers...

We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer: Tim Speight, Randy Gay, Denny Knutson, Joan Beach, Linda Pancake, Rick Swender, Wayne Kirkland, Ken Blume, Carolyn Blume, Gaelina Strader, Sarah Jarrett, Mike Vandergriff, Rev. Ernie Bernet, Janie Peter.

...also those with other illnesses and trials: the Lewis family, Bruce Lage, Jaden Chisholm, Chelsea Lage, Grant Smith, Mary Ann Kondratick, William Johnstone, Marlene Eaton, Kris Carter, Wes Liles, Grover Downing, Mary Lowry, 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: Carolyn Blume, Susan Copen, Don & Marilyn Curry, Rudi Milbitz, LaVina Goedecke, Janet Hazelhurst, Ron and Barbara Busse, Ron Klingbeil, Ronald and Brenda Patterson, Marvin Wilken.

.....all of our college students in and out of state: Christian Boniek, Ashley Brewer, Jacob Brewer, Colby Carter, Seminarian David Christensen, Maranda Crutchfield, Dorian Crutchfield, Paul Hedman, Ethan Johnson, Cole O'Dell, Ryan O'Dell, Clara O'Neil, Daniella Osorio, Helena Phillips, 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.
- Our educational ministry, especially our Academy, Sunday School, and Catechumens.
- Fellow Messiah members, married couples and children, young couples, singles, and Pastor Chryst.
- 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. Solomon Yadessa and his work with the Multi-Ethnic Ministry of North Texas.
- 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 Eggers (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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MLC Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm



This Thursday, September 18th, is North Texas Giving Day. MLCA is hoping to raise \$20,000 toward curriculum, classroom furniture, technology, and more. Please consider giving if you can! You may go to <https://tinyurl.com/smpuu7bp>, or use this QR Code:



Ride Share? An elderly couple has contacted Messiah asking if anyone is able to help them get to church on Sundays. They have recently relocated and live in the Roanoke area. If you are interested in helping out, contact Pastor Chryst for more information.



SWADDLING CLOTHES MINISTRY is in need of baby wash, baby shampoo, baby wipes, diapers, and other essential items. You may leave items in the crib in the Narthex, or you may contact Karen Dana or the church office if you have questions or need more information.



LUTHERAN HYMN FEST will be Sunday, October 19th, at the Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas.

Visit <https://lutheranhymnfestival.org/> to buy your ticket if you have not yet done so!



STEWARDS UNDER THE CROSS for September 14 – Proper 19—Luke 15:2 – “And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, ‘This man receives sinners and eats with them.’”

Thanks be to God: Jesus receives us sinners! What the Pharisees can’t understand, we praise with all our being. We give thanks for the grace of God, and we live by that grace. The more of it we receive, the more we will want to conform ourselves to the image of our generous and gracious Lord. Knowing the Lord and trusting Him come first, and the desire to imitate Him can’t help but follow.



BOOK OF PROVERBS BIBLE STUDY...

The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on the Book of Proverbs. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, Tune In, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.



A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR for September 14 – Holy Cross (Proper 19C) – Jesus made His

cross a decidedly public proclamation, lifted up and appealing to everyone (John 12:32). Christianity knows nothing of private convictions and personal choices. We get to speak openly, courageously, and compassionately that no other deliverance exists (Psalm 40:10), not even abortion or assisted suicide. Every human life belongs to Him alone who has drawn all unto Himself.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: 97 10:45am: 114 (211 total)
Sunday School: 105 **OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$21,764.24** (Including online giving to Gen. Fund)

WEEKLY OFFERINGS NEEDED TO FUND THE CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: \$19,549

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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-24

"For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

"As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

"Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken."

Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:5-17

The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."