



## **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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O LORD, OUR LORD,  
HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME  
IN ALL THE EARTH!

PSALM 8:1

**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.



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***This bulletin is available in large print upon request.***

# Divine Service—Setting—LSB

**Hymns:**

604, 498, 821

**Hymns During Distribution:**

507, 483

**Sermon Title:**

*“Created in the Image of the Holy Trinity”*

**Scripture:**

*All readings and propers*

**Prelude**

KOMM, GOTT SCHOPFER (“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”) – Johann Pachelbell

ST. PATRICK’S BREADPLATE (“I Bind unto Myself Today”) – Paul Fetler

NICAEA (“Holy, Holy, Holy”) – Lynn Trapp

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS (“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”) – Charles Callahan

**PSALM 8**—Setting by David Erb, *Sung by Kantor*

**Athanasian Creed—ALL-** LSB 319

**Postlude**

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS – Carolo Rossini  
*Fugue in A major* – Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

## *The Holy Triune God Recreates Us in the Image and Likeness of Christ Jesus*



The holy Triune God “*created the heavens and the earth,*” and “*behold, it was very good*” (Gen. 1:1, 31). However, after Adam and Eve fell into sin and plunged God’s good creation into decay and death, the Son of God would be “*delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God*” to be “*crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men*” (Acts 2:23). As Jesus “*received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit*” (Acts 2:33), He also raises up all the baptized and pours out the Spirit upon them through the preaching of His Gospel. He sends out His apostles to “*make disciples of all nations*” by “*baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*” and “*teaching them to observe all that [He has] commanded*” (Matt. 28:19–20). Through such baptizing and teaching — Gospel and Sacraments — the holy Triune God recreates us in the image and likeness of His incarnate Son, Jesus, the Christ, and behold, it is “*very good.*” (Genesis 1:31)

### Serving in God’s House Today

		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
<b>Organist:</b> Miguel Ruiz			
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Nikki O’Dell Carrie Ratsch	<b>Head Elder:</b>	Martin Littmann	Tom Phillips
	<b>Head Usher:</b>	Chris Nietenhoefer	Paul Cigainero
<b>Counters:</b> Laurie Ward Amy Hedman	<b>Acolytes:</b>	Jaxon Kirby	Dalton Jacobs Silas Christiansen
	<b>Crucifer/ Altar</b>	Ethan Salgado	Christian Hernandez

*The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given by Bob Knipp to the glory of God and in memory of two wonderful Christians, Harold and Berneice Karner.*

**Introit** *Psalm 16:5-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*



*Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.*

*Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.*

The LORD is my chosen portion | and my cup;\*  
you | hold my lot.

**The lines have fallen for me in pleasant |  
places;\***

**indeed, I have a beautiful in- | heritance.**

I bless the LORD who gives me | counsel;\*  
in the night also my heart in- | structs me.

**I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;\***  
**because he is at my right hand, I shall not  
be | shaken.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;\*

my flesh also | dwells secure.

**For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,\*  
or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.**

You make known to me the | path of life;\*

in your presence there is fullness of joy; at  
your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

**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.**

*Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.*

*Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.*

### **Collect of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS: May 31-June 13**

31: Eccl. 8:1-17

John 9:1-23

1: Eccl. 9:1-17

John 9:24-41

2: Eccl. 10:1-20

John 10:1-21

3: Eccl. 11:1-10

John 10:22-42

4: Eccl. 12:1-14

John 11:1-16

5: Prov. 1:8-33

John 11:17-37

6: Prov. 3:5-24

John 11:38-57

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

### **A NOTE FROM PASTOR CHRYST: FIRST COMMUNION**

God's richest blessings to **Matthias and Sarah Loeffler**, who have been examined and will receive their first Holy Communion this morning.

Messiah now offers the option for young people to receive First Communion prior to Confirmation, if the parents request it, and if the child demonstrates proper readiness. This does not replace Confirmation, but is another option for parents and families.

# THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 05/31 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE  
- 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE  
- 10:15AM - VBS VOLUNTEERS MEETING—MLCA LUNCHROOM  
10:45AM DIVINE SERVICE

MONDAY 06/01

TUESDAY 06/02

WEDNESDAY 06/03

THURSDAY 06/04

FRIDAY 06/05

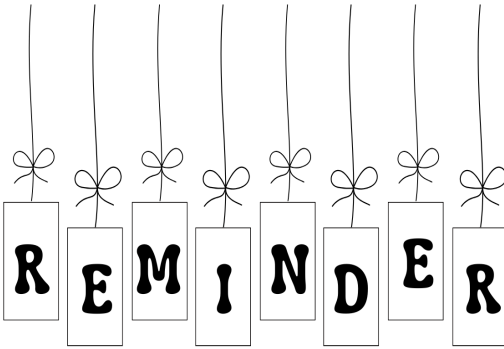
SATURDAY 06/06 - 7:00AM - MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY—ROSA'S ON HWY 377

## VBS IS COMING SOON!

Don't Delay Registering Your Child for VBS

**VBS begins in a few weeks (June 15th).** We need to obtain supplies for crafts, snacks and games. If you **are** planning to send your child to VBS, please sign up **soon**. This helps us prepare ahead of time so your child has a good experience.

You may register your child for VBS at  
<https://tinyurl.com/2abc9cm5>



## Featuring:

**Gov. Ron DeSantis** - Governor of Florida

**Pr. Matthew Harrison** -President of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

**Mollie Hemingway** of The Federalist

**Erin Hawley** of Alliance Defending Freedom

**Pr. Bryan Wolfmueller** of WolfmuellerOne

**Megan Basham** of The Daily Wire

**Robert Spencer** of Jihad Watch

**Pr. Will Weedon** of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever

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# Please keep in your prayers...

**Adam Greer**, infant, who had an operation on his skull Saturday, May 29th.

**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:** Connie Wesley Ramsey, Wendell Wahlstedt, Carole Cohen, Family of Dan Gholston, Don Knutson, 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.**



**VBS**—If you can contribute **snacks and crafts** for VBS, it would be greatly appreciated. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/mv7fryks> to see what items are needed, and also to sign up to donate items.



**A Life Thought in the Church Year for May 31 - The Holy Trinity: First Sunday after Pentecost:** “O Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!” (Psalm 8:1). The Triune God who made heaven and earth and all things, and who breathed into Adam the breath of life (Genesis 1), is the same God into whose name we are baptized—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19-20). This Jesus, who was crucified by men, but whom God raised from the dead (Acts 2:23-24), brings hope and courage to those who have lost their way in life. Through the forgiveness of sins in Christ, the past can no longer haunt us, and we are free to live in the light of God’s Word. Whether the woman facing an unexpected pregnancy, or the person who has received a terminal medical diagnosis, or the one who feels as though their life no longer has purpose or value, Jesus—the Lord of Life—will not forsake us. The promise of Christ stands: “I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).



LCMS Stewardship Ministry—  
**Matthew 28:19-20 - “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,**

**baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”** Behold the threefold Name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are baptized into this Name. We have been made a part of God’s family. Now, we are called to live in harmony with our new family, to be godly and live in God’s image. As God is loving, kind and generous, so are we all called to be.



**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday:** 8:00am: **115** 10:45am: **127** Total: **242**  
Sunday School: **99 OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$11,268.06** (includes online giving to Gen. Fund)

WEEKLY OFFERINGS NEEDED TO FUND THE CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: **\$ 19,549.00**

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## About the Cover

The name of our triune God is majestic throughout the earth. It is above and beyond all things. For it is from our God that all things came into being and continue to hold together. Amazingly, He places His name upon us in Holy Baptism. The God of all the universe promises to be with us at all times. It is fitting that everything should be in His name, from the Invocation to the Benediction, from Baptism to the day of resurrection, and forevermore!

## THE HOLY TRINITY

### Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1–2:4a

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup>And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>15</sup>And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>16</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>17</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>18</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>19</sup>And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." <sup>20</sup>So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>21</sup>And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>22</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>23</sup>And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. <sup>24</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>25</sup>Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

<sup>26</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

<sup>27</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>28</sup>And God said, "Behold, I have given you

every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>29</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>30</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>31</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>32</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>33</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

<sup>34</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

### Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22–36

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>22</sup>Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

- <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.  
<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.  
<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

<sup>29</sup>Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

- Sit at my right hand,  
<sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies your footstool."

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

### Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:16–20

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."