



# MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Lutheran Church-  
Missouri Synod*

1308 Whitley Rd.  
Keller, TX 76248

**Sunday School &  
Adult Bible Class**  
9:30am

**Sunday Worship**  
8:00am, 10:45am

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Senior Pastor

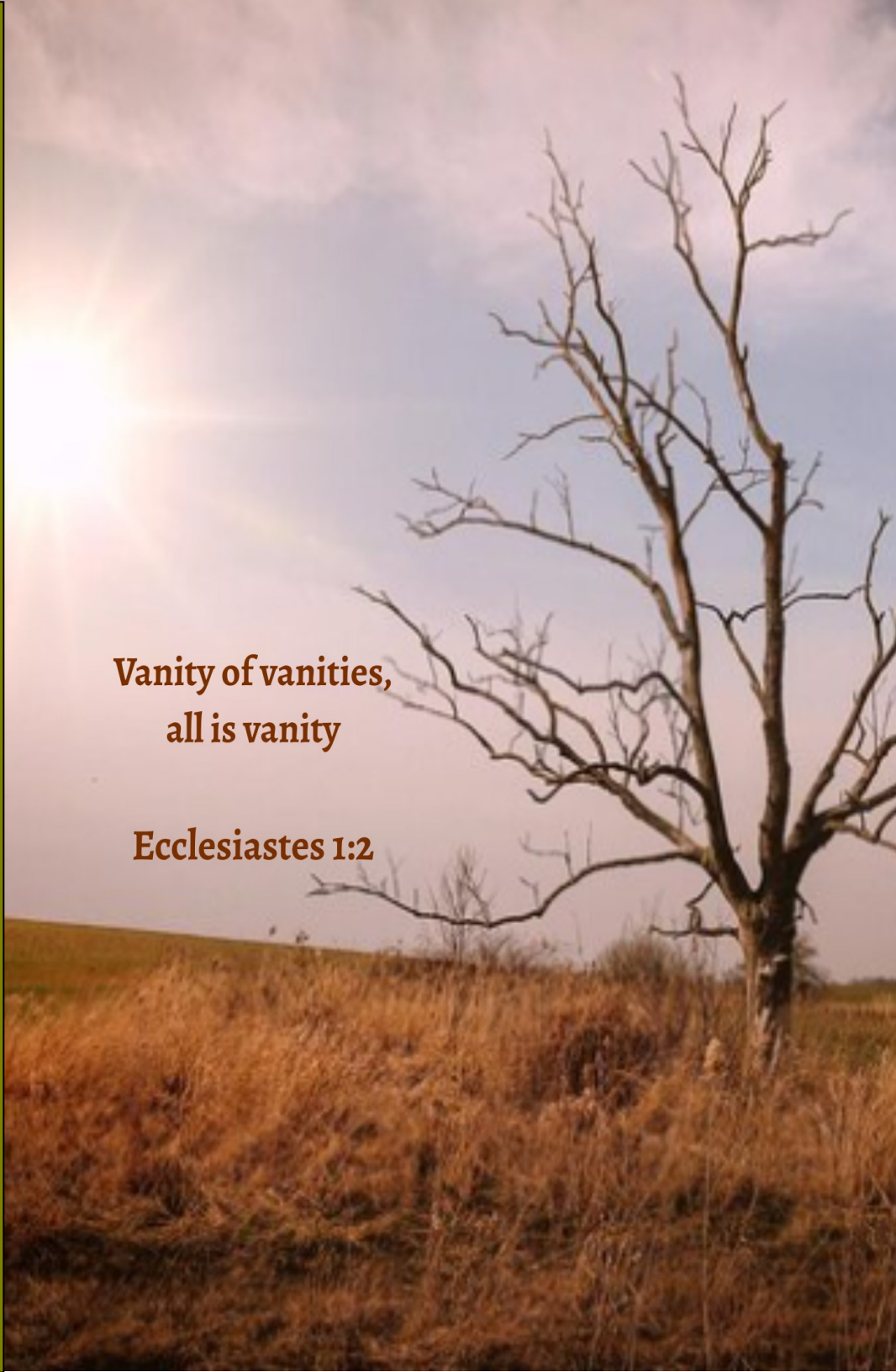
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**Vanity of vanities,  
all is vanity**

**Ecclesiastes 1:2**



**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 last classroom on **the left hand side of the pre-school** hallway behind the sanctuary. 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.

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# Divine Service—Setting One—LSB 151

**Hymns:**

782, 719, 791

**Distribution Hymns:**

771, 618

**Sermon Title:**

*"Treasure in Heaven"*

**Scripture:**

*Luke 12:13-21*

**Prelude:**

Holy Manna ("Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings") –  
Wayne L. Wold

wer nur den lieben gott ("I Leave All Things to God's  
Direction")  
-settings by Stephen R. Johnson and Max Reger

**Postlude:**

"Psalm of Praise (Toccata on OLD HUNDREDTH)" –  
Charles Callahan

## ***Faith in Christ Is Rich Toward God***

To live for earthly things "is vanity and a striving after wind," and work that is driven by such vanity "is an unhappy business" (Eccl. 1:13–14). The man who lives like that has nothing to show for "all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun ... all his days are full of sorrow" (Eccl. 2:22–23). So, too, your "covetousness, which is idolatry" (Col. 3:5), makes a god out of that which cannot give you life or happiness. For "one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15). But "Christ who is your life" (Col. 3:4), in giving you Himself, gives you all the wealth of heaven. Instead of striving to lay up treasures for yourself, be "rich toward God" in Him (Luke 12:21).

## **Serving in God's House Today**

<b>Organist:</b> Miguel Ruiz		<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Joan Burk	<b>Head Elder:</b>	David Phillips	Luis Munoz
	<b>Head Usher:</b>	Randy Burk	Marty Hobson
	<b>Acolytes:</b>	Seth Ruiz	Dalton Jacobs
<b>Counters:</b> Carol Lemmon Laurie Ward	<b>Crucifer/ Altar Assistant</b>	Cory O'Dell	Nathan Munoz

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Luis & Jinel Munoz in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

My mouth shall speak | wisdom; \*  
the meditation of my heart shall be  
under- | standing.

**I will incline my ear to a | proverb; \***  
**I will solve my riddle to the music | of**  
**the lyre.**

Why should I fear in times of | trouble, \*  
when the iniquity of those who cheat me  
sur- | rounds me,

**those who trust | in their wealth \***  
**and boast of the abundance of their |**  
**riches?**

Truly no man can ransom an- | other, \*

*Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all  
inhabitants of the world,  
both low and high, rich and poor  
together!*

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Their voice has gone out to all the earth,  
and their words to the ends of the world.

3: 1 Sam. 17:48-18:9  
Acts 27:9-26

4: 1 Sam. 18:10-30  
Acts 27:27-44

5: 1 Sam 19:1-24  
Acts 28:1-15

6: 1 Sam. 20:1-23  
Acts 28:16-31

7: 1 Sam. 20:24-42  
*1 Sam. 21:1-23:29*

1 Cor. 1:1-25  
8: 1 Sam. 24:1-22  
1 Cor. 1:26-2:16  
9: 1 Sam. 25:1-22  
1 Cor. 3:1-23  
10: 1 Sam. 25:23-44  
1 Cor. 4:1-21  
11: 1 Sam. 26:1-25  
1 Sam. 27:1-28:2  
1 Cor. 5:1-13

12: 1 Sam. 28:3-25  
1 Sam. 29:1-30:31  
1 Cor. 6:1-20  
13: 1 Sam 31:1-13  
1 Cor. 7:1-24  
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

## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 08/03 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE  
- 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE  
- 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE

MONDAY 08/04 - 9:30AM - OPEN BRAILLE WORKSHOP—MAC BUILDING ON 377  
- 6:30PM - ALTAR GUILD MEETING—RECEPTION ROOM

TUESDAY 08/05 - 6:00 - EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 08/06 - 6:00PM - SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY 08/07 - -

FRIDAY 08/08 - 5:00PM - YOUTH BALLROOM DANCE LESSON—FELLOWSHIP HALL

SATURDAY 08/09 - 8:30AM - SWADDLING CLOTHES

This morning in the 10:45 am service, we welcome **Henry Lee**, the son of **David & Rachel Lee**, into God's Family through Holy Baptism.

Sponsors: Ben & Suzi Ruege  
Martin Kamm

## INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR REV. BRENNICK CHRISTIANSEN

Rev. Christiansen's installation service will be next **Sunday, August 10th**, here at Messiah, at 3 pm. This will be a Divine Service with Holy Communion, and area pastors will also be in attendance. Please make plans to attend! The service will be followed by an Ice Cream Sundae Social, featuring your choice of banana sundaes and root beer floats, complete with a variety of toppings.

The Christiansens wish to thank everyone involved with unloading their moving truck on Friday! It was greatly appreciated.

## Lutheran Hymn Festival

Do you know adults and children who love to sing, and who sing well? Help us find singers in our Lutheran congregations and schools who would like to participate in the choirs for the **12th Lutheran Hymn Festival** at the Meyerson Symphony Center on **Sunday, October 19, 2025**.

The Lutheran Churches in the DFW area have been producing Hymn Festivals at the Meyerson in downtown Dallas since 1993 and have hosted such renowned Lutheran organists as Paul Manz, Walter Pelz, Michael Burkhardt, and Robert Hobby. These Festivals have been a time for people to gather and sing hymns with a large adult choir, children's chorus, brass ensemble, and the magnificent Lay Family Organ. This year's festival theme is "The Holy Trinity: Yesterday, Today, Forever," and will feature the musical leadership of David Cherwien as the organist.

Please visit <https://lutheranhymnfestival.org/festivals/> and select Adult or Children's Choir Registration for more information on rehearsals and other requirements, as well as to register. **Singers are encouraged to respond/register by Friday, August 29.**

The adult choir will be directed by Dr. Scott Hyslop ([shyslop@ziondallas.org](mailto:shyslop@ziondallas.org)), and the children's choir will be directed by Miguel Ruiz ([mruizmusic@gmail.com](mailto:mruizmusic@gmail.com)). Please do not hesitate to reach out to either with any questions. You may also reach Miguel directly at 719.849.0120. We'd love to have you come and sing with us as we celebrate our heritage of spiritual song with festive music in the beautiful Symphony Center!

# Please keep in your prayers...

**We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer:** 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, Randy Gay

**...also those with other illnesses and trials:**  
**Chelsea Lage** Grant Smith, Mary Ann Kondratick, William Johnstone, Marlene Eaton, Jim Williams, Kris Carter, Taylor Carlson, Wes Liles, Grover Downing, Mary Lowry, Patsy Smith, Shelby Renfro, Connie Worley Ramsey, Chelsea Lage, Brooke Lage, The Lowry Family, Sandy McDougal, Bruce Lage, 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, Dusty Ford, Ron and Barbara Busse, and Ron Klingbeil.

**.....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, Camilea O'Neil, Daniella Osorio, Helena Phillips, Aidan Richmond, Davis Richmond, 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:** 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.
- Prayers for Pastor Christiansen, his family, and the move to Texas while he prepares for his service to Messiah Lutheran.

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MLCA Summer Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 9:00am-3:00pm  
First Day of School : August 13th  
MLC Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm





**MLCA** is hoping to hire a part-time **6th Grade Math teacher**, Mon-Fri. For more details, contact Mrs. Smith at [alison.smith@mlcatexas.org](mailto:alison.smith@mlcatexas.org).



**We are in need of Sunday School teachers for all ages beginning in September.** Curriculum and training

will be provided, and you don't have to commit to teaching every Sunday. If you are interested, please **complete the volunteer form in the bulletin**. You may call or email our new Sunday School Superintendent, Wiley Smith, at 909-327-5874 or [wiley.smithv@gmail.com](mailto:wiley.smithv@gmail.com) with any questions.



**ELDERLY CARE SEMINAR:** Mark your Calendars for the Upcoming Elderly Care Seminar that will be held on Thurs, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, & 11th, in the

Fellowship Hall. Messiah member Dr. Miguel Hernandez will be lecturing on many different topics related to Elder Care, and there will be a time for questions and answers afterward. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please join us for one or both sessions.



**CHURCH OFFICE IS HIRING.** We are seeking a second part-time (paid) staff member to complete the church office needs. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Martin Littmann or Pastor Chryst.



Make plans now to join Pastor Chryst & Pastor Randal Poppe next summer, May 31-June 11, 2026, for a tour through Germany & Austria. For cost, itinerary, and more information, please see the information sheet in the middle glass case in the church narthex, or follow the link in this week's Look Ahead email. You may also contact Rev. Poppe at 262.633.9592 to sign up or to request more information.



**STEWARDS UNDER THE CROSS for**

August 3 – Proper 13—Luke 12:15 – “And he said to them, ‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’” Coveting is the opposite of being content with what God has given us. And the cure for coveting is twofold: thankfulness to God and generosity toward God’s purposes. So be on guard against all covetousness. Acknowledge that your Father has given you all that you need, and therefore be free and confident in directing the mammon of this world toward godly purposes..



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**A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR for August 3 – Pentecost VIII (Proper 13C):** The Lord our God has

made human lives His business (Psalm 100:3; Luke 13:20). That makes the sanctity of every human life the Church’s business. Crucified and ascended Jesus Christ invites us to press even death into service – never the death of the neighbor’s body, but rather the death of the sinful and selfish desires (Colossians 3:5) that lie behind abortion and assisted suicide.



**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday:** 8:00am: **81** 10:45am: **123** (**204** Total)  
**Sunday School: 74 OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$ 8,933.49** (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.

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## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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### **Old Testament Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14; 2:18-26**

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

### **Epistle: Colossians 3:1-11**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which

is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

### **Holy Gospel: Luke 12:13-21**

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."