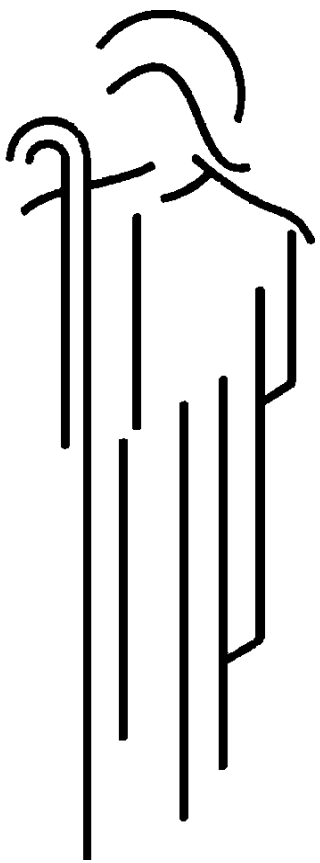




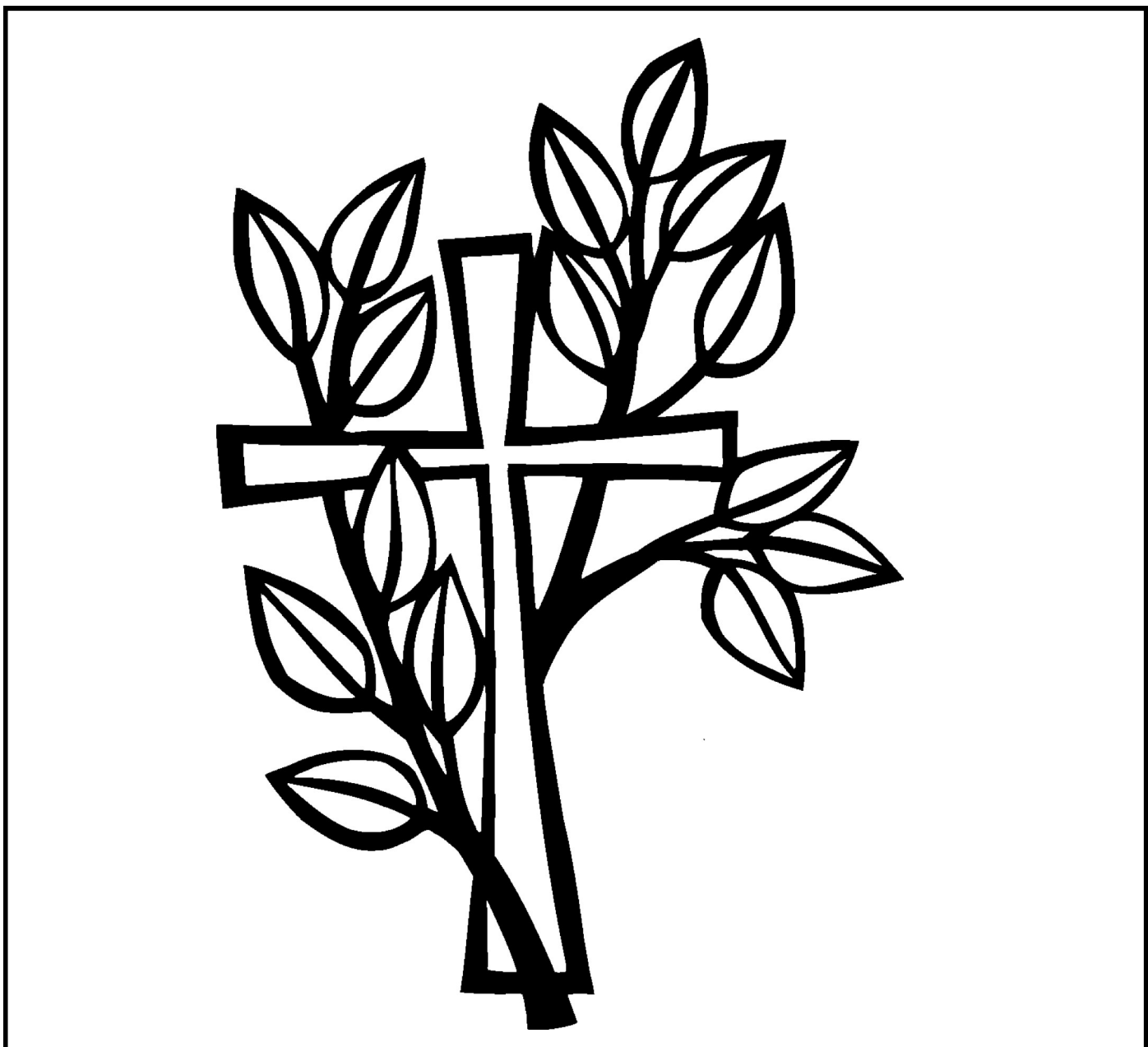
MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

THE GATHERING

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP



We welcome you to The Gathering this morning

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Our Mission:

*Glorifying God through our worship, our witness, our service,
and our support*

Our Vision:

To build and strengthen the body of Christ

Holy Communion

To help you feel more comfortable please know that all baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament and have already received Holy Communion in your home church, are welcome to come to the altar and receive Holy Communion.

To receive the sacrament:

1. Communicant should receive the consecrated host from the Pastor and then proceed to the Assisting Minister who will be standing near the sanctuary pillar on whichever side of the church is being communed to receive a prefilled communion cup;
2. If the communicant prefers the consecrated grape juice, they shall receive that from the Pastor.
3. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will bring Holy Communion to you.

Assisting at Worship:		
	Today	September 6
Asst. Min.	Ray Bennett	Ray Bennett
Lector	Ray Bennett	Jean Parker
Acolyte	Bella Alaniz	Maddie Bartlett
Usher	Arnold Conner	Art Anderson
Sound System	Brian Rogala, Jr.	Brian Rogala, Jr.
Video	Brian Rogala, Jr.	Brian Rogala, Jr.
Counters	Tim Smock, Karen Pistner	Art Anderson, Candy Sprouse
Altar Guild	Sandy Hough, Candy Sprouse, Mary Rush, Bonnie Magee	
Altar Guild September	Robin Curtis, Jean Parker, Karen Pistner	

Opening Song

My Jesus

1. Are you past the point of weary? Is your burden weighing heavy?
Is it all too much to carry? Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.
Do you feel that empty feeling 'cause shame's done all its stealing,
and you're desperate for some healing?
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

Refrain: He makes a way where there ain't no way.

Rises up from an empty grave.

Ain't no sinner that he can't save.

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

His love is strong and his grace is free,

and the good news is I know that he

can do for you what he's done for me.

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

And let my Jesus change your life.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah, amen, amen.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah, amen, amen, amen

2. Who can wipe away the tears
from broken dreams and wasted years,
and tell the past to disappear? Oh,
and let me tell you 'bout my Jesus,
And all the wrong turns that you would
go and undo if you could.
Who can work it all for your good?
Let me tell you about my Jesus. (R)
3. Who would take my cross to Calvary?
Pay the price for all my guilty
Who would care that much about me?
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus, oh (R x2)

Ending: Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Let my Jesus change your life.

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Opening Prayer

Song

This is Amazing Grace

1. Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The king of glory the king above all kings.
2. Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The king of glory the king above all kings.

Refrain: This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
that you would take my place, that you would bear my cross.
You laid down your life that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me.

3. Who brings our chaos back into order,
who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The king of glory the king of glory.
4. Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The king of glory the king above all kings. *(R, Bridge)*

Bridge: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy, worthy, worthy! *(R)*

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Lesson

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

A The Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Song

Way Maker

1. You are here, moving in our midst; I worship you, I worship you.
You are here, working in this place; I worship you, I worship you.

Refrain: (You are) Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper,
light in the darkness, my God, that is who you are. *(Repeat)*

2. You are here, touching ev'ry heart; I worship you, I worship you
You are here healing ev'ry heart I worship you I worship you. *(R)*

3. You are here, turning lives around; I worship you, I worship you.
You are here, mending ev'ry heart; I worship you,
yeah, I worship you, Lord. *(R, Tag)*

Tag: That is who you are. That is who you are.
That is who you are. That is who you are. *(Repeat)*

Bridge: Even when I don't see it, you're working.
Even when I don't feel it, you're working.
You never stop, you never stop working.
You never stop, you never stop working. *(Repeat, R, Tag)*

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Prayers of the People

Peace

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us offer to one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Song of Offering

Thy Word

Stand

Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end. *(R)*

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Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

A Let us pray. *(brief pause)* Loving God,

C we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving for the Great Meal

P Lift up your hearts and give thanks to the Lord our God.

C We gladly lift up our hearts and give God our praise and thanksgiving.

Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution Song

House Of The Lord

1. We worship the God who was. We worship the God who is.
We worship the God who evermore will be.
He opened the prison doors. He parted the raging sea.
My God, he holds the victory, yeah.

Refrain: There's joy in the house of the Lord.

There's joy in the house of the Lord today.

And we won't be quiet. We shout out your praise.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

Our God is surely in this place. And we won't be quiet.

We shout out your praise.

2. We sing to the God who heals. We sing to the God who saves.
We sing to the God who always makes a way.
'Cause he hung up on that cross. Then he rose up from that grave.
My God's still rolling stones away. *(R)*

Bridge: ('Cause) We were the beggars. Now we're royalty.
We were the prisoners. Now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by his grace.
Let the house of the Lord sing praise. (x2, *Refrain*)

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Post Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. (*brief pause*) Compassionate God,
C through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the
abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy
meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We
ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us
now and forever. Amen

Blessing

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God, bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
C Amen.

Song ***Mighty to Save***

1. Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing.
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior.
The hope of nations

Refrain: Savior, he can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.
Forever, author of salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave.
Jesus conquered the grave.

2. So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures.
Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in.
Now I surrender. (*R then Bridge*)

Bridge: Shine your light, and let the whole world see,
we're singing, for the glory of the risen King. Jesus.
Shine your light and let the whole world see,
we're singing for the glory of the risen King.
(R2x then Bridge)

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Dismissal

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

*The Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of my brother
Jack and in Celebration of our brother Jim's 83rd birthday by Jean Parker*

*One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Memory of my dad,
Lynn Snyder by Linda Voigt*

*The Vigil Candle is given to the Glory of God and in Memory of my dad,
Lynn Snyder by Linda Voigt*

Announcements

Second Mile Giving is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. For **September Bethesda Trinity Center** is our Second Mile Giving beneficiary. Contributions may be made throughout the month by using the yellow envelopes found in the pews. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Wesleyville Food Pantry: Please consider a financial gift. Checks should be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church marking “Food Pantry” in the memo line.

Taize Worship: **Today, 4:00 pm:** Join us on Sunday afternoon for a time of prayer, reflection and singing at our quarterly Taize worship. Pastor will be guiding us through this meditative service with Michelle leading us in singing.

OWLs: **Tuesday, September 8.** Meet in parking lot at 9:30 am if you want to car pool to St. Patrick’s Church, 130 E 4th Street, for a tour, 10:00 am, then go to lunch afterwards on to St. Peter’s Church, 230 W 10th St. for a tour, 1:00 pm.

Hearth Walk: **Thursday, September 10, 5:00 pm** . Registration: Liberty Park. Donate online or in the Narthex.

Bald is Beautiful Sunday-Rally Day: **Sunday, September 13.** We invite all of you to join us for a time of fellowship and celebration. Pastor time will share with us the plans for the new programming year, Michelle will lead us in singing. There will be light refreshments and pastries available.

Stained Glass Windows Special Congregation Meetings: **September 13 & 20 at 12:00 noon.** The Council invites you to an all-important meeting of the congregation to discuss and vote on the next step of restoring our beautiful stained-glass windows. Please come and hear the council’s proposal about the windows. We are required by our constitution to hold two meetings for a project this large.

Bible Study: **Starting September 15/16.** Tuesday afternoons 1:30 pm in the Study Lounge and Wednesday night 6:00 pm in the Study Lounge.

Wesleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

September 1 at 5:00-6:00pm for Country Fair distribution.

September 7 at 10:00am to unload senior boxes.

September 14 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.

September 15 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

(See Newsletter for More Detail)

Monday Closed. Tuesday 10:00

**Office Hours :Monday Closed, Tuesday 10:00am-5:00pm,
Wednesday Closed, Thursday 10:00am-5:00pm,
Friday 10:00am-5:00pm**

Sun. 8/30	<i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
Mon.	6:30PM	Guided Meditation
Tues.	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
Wed.	1:00PM	Bound Together
Thu.	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	12:00Noon	CYFM
	7:30PM	NA Group
Fri.	7:30PM	AA
Sun. 9/6	<i>15th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Servant Outreach

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