

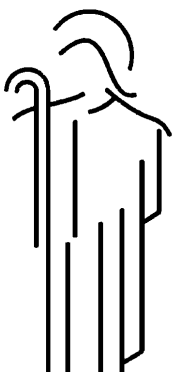
16th Sunday after Pentecost September 13, 2026

We welcome you to The Gathering Service



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

We invite all baptized Christians to join us at the Lords Supper.
Wait for the Usher to guide you.

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.

Bathrooms are located in two places. The downstairs restrooms can be reached by going through the double doors at the back of the sanctuary, then down the stairs to your left. Additional restrooms can be reached through the door next to the altar; proceed through the library, go around the corner, and use the second door on your left.

Worship Leaders Today

Assisting Minister	Brian Rogala, Jr.
Lector/Reader	Cyndi Allen
Acolyte	Manny Alaniz
Usher	Brian Rogala
Audio/Video	Rich Alaniz
Counters	Karen Pistner, Mary Rush
Altar Guild	Robin Curtis, Jean Parker, Karen Pistner

Worship Leaders September 20

Assisting Minister	Brad Bresee
Lector/Reader	Pam Bresee
Acolyte	Bella Alaniz
Usher	Arnold Conner
Audio/Video	JJ Conner
Counters	Tim Smock, Art Anderson
Altar Guild	Robin Curtis, Jean Parker, Karen Pistner

Opening 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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Opening Prayer

Song

God of Wonders

1. Lord of all creation, of water, earth, and sky;
The heavens are your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!

Refrain1: God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty, you are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

2. Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night. (R)

Bridge: Hallelujah, (to the Lord of heaven and earth).
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth).
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth).

Refrain2: God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy.
Precious Lord, reveal your heart to me.
Father, hold me, hold me.
The universe declares your majesty,
you are holy, holy, holy, holy.

Refrain3: God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy.
Precious Lord reveal your heart to me,
father hold me, hold me.

Ending: Hallelujah, (to the Lord of heaven and earth).
Hallelujah, (to the Lord of heaven and earth).
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Lesson

Psalm 95:1-7

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it; for his hands formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would hearken to his voice!

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lesson

Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

John 4:1-24

Now when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), he left Judea and departed again to Galilee. He had to pass through Samar'ia. So he came to a city of Samar'ia, called Sy'char, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samar'ia to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samar'ia?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring

of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly.” The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

A The Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Song

What a Beautiful Name

1. You were the word at the beginning,
one with God the Lord most high.
Your hidden glory in creation,
now revealed in you, our Christ.

Refrain: What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is,
the name of Jesus Christ my king.

What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.

2. You didn't want heaven without us,
so Jesus, you brought heaven down.
My sin was great, your love was greater;
what could separate us now?

Refrain 2: What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is,
the name of Jesus Christ my king.

What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.

What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.

Bridge: Death could not hold you, the veil tore before you.

You silence the boast of sin and grave.

The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory
for you are raised to life again.

Bridge 2: You have no rival, you have no equal.

Now and forever God, you reign.

Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory,
yours is the name above all names.

Refrain 3: What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is.

The name of Jesus Christ, my King.

What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against.

What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

Ending: What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

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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

We Believe

Stand

Refrain: We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, and he's given us new life.

We believe in the crucifixion.

We believe that he conquered death.

We believe in the resurrection,

and he's coming back again. We believe

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Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

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

C you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. 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.

Invitation to Communion

A Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Distribution Song

Holy Spirit

1. There's nothing worth more that will ever come close.
No thing can compare; you're our living hope. Your presence.
2. I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,
where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone,
in your presence, Lord.

Refrain: Holy Spirit, you are welcome here;
come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;
your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
to be overcome by your presence, Lord. Your presence, Lord.
(Repeat from Beginning)

Bridge: Let us become more aware of your presence
Let us experience the glory of your goodness (4X) (Lord)(R)

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Post Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. Sustaining God, **with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray .**

C Amen

Blessing

P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C Amen.

P The God of grace + bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Song ***All The People Said Amen***

1. You are not alone if you are lonely.
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy, to be forgiven and be free.
It's all you got to lean on, but thank God it's all you need.

Refrain: And all the people said, "Amen." Whoa.
And all the people said, "Amen."
Give thanks to the Lord, for his love never ends.
And all the people said, "Amen."

2. If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall,
and he so loved the world, he sent his son to save us all. (R)

Bridge: Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,
for theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God. (R X2, E)

Ending: And all the people said, “Amen.”

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Dismissal

A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*The Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of my son, Cory
Rush's birthday on September 13 by Mary Rush*

*One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Memory of Rae
Vorsheck McCaleb by Linda Voigt*

*One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of our 63rd
wedding anniversary by Dave & Ann Kent*

*The Vigil Candle is given to the Glory of God and in Memory of Rae Vorsheck
McCaleb 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.

Bald is Beautiful Sunday-Rally Day: Sunday, September 13, 9:45 am. We invite all of you to join us for a time of fellowship and celebration. Pastor 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, 2026 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.

Pulpit Swap: Sunday, September 20 both services Rev. Karen Kostur from Immanuel Lutheran Church will be here to preach for both services.

Crop Walk: Sunday, September 27, 1:00 pm, Presque Isle Sign up on form in narthex, take an envelope and collect donations with checks payable to CWS/CROP. Don’t want to walk/can’t walk? Consider sponsoring someone who is by making a donation in the Narthex or online.

Lectio Divina: Sunday, September 27, 4:00 pm. Alternative worship service for all member and friends.

Pet Walk: Tuesday, September 29, 6:00 pm. Meet in the parking lot for Pet Blessing, water provided, then a walk around the neighborhood.

Wesleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

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

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

This Week at the Church
(See Newsletter for More Detail)

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

Sunday 9/13	<i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Rally Day-All Members
	12:00Noon	Special Congregational Meeting
Monday	6:30PM	Guided Meditation
Tuesday	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
	1:30PM	Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00PM	Bible Study
Thursday	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	6:00PM	Church Council
	7:30PM	NA Group
Friday	7:30PM	AA
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	Pulpit Exchange	Pr. Karen Kostur
	12:00PM	Special Congregational Meeting

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