

## Messiah Lutheran Church

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*Thank you for worshiping with us today. We hope your experience is spiritually rewarding!*

### **Welcome Visitors!**

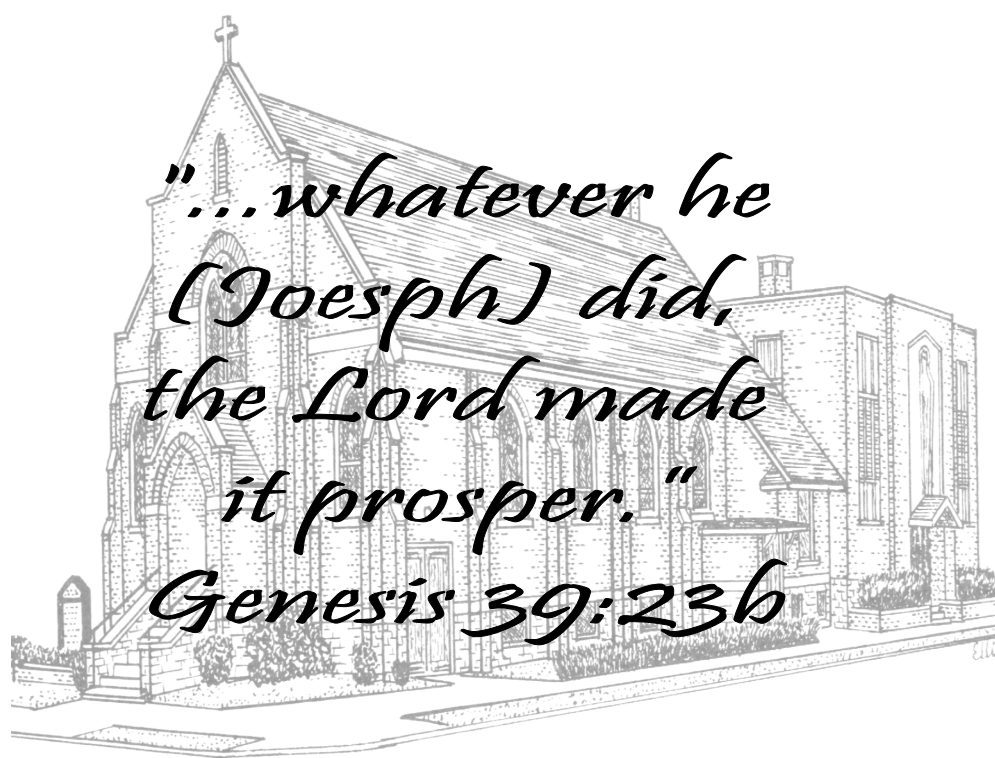
We are truly blessed that you are worshiping with us today! We have a special gift for you in the Narthex. Please pick one up before you leave.

You will find everything you need for worship in this Aid. Ushers are available near the entrance to assist you with any other need.

Please take a few moments to read the Announcements found on the inside cover of this Worship Aid.

**Large Print Worship Aids** are available from the ushers.

*Today we celebrate  
Sixteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost  
September 25, 2022  
11:00am Service of  
Holy Communion*



### **Our Staff**

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**Bonnie Stearns, Church Sexton**

## *Announcements*

**S**econd Mile Giving is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. For **October** the *Highmark Caring Place* 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!

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

**W**esleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed for October:

October 4 at 5:00-6:00pm for Country Fair Distribution.

October 10 at 10:00am to unload senior boxes.

October 17 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.

October 18 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

**V**eterans Miracle Network Collection: **September 11-30** Messiah is collecting Personal Care and Hygiene Items for this outreach. Items we are collecting include: bath sized bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, regular sized deodorant/antiperspirant. Monetary donations will also be accepted and used to purchase additional product. Place your in kind donation in the box found in the narthex. Monetary donations may be placed in the collection plate - please mark these “VMN”.

**T**runk or Treat: Servant Outreach/Parish Health Ministry, Church Life, and CYFM/Faith in Action Teams are asking for your help! They are in need of bags of individually wrapped candy to distribute to children at the Iroquois School District Trunk of Treat event. We are hoping to prepare 800 treat bags with four pieces of candy in each bag. If you are willing to support this by donating a bag of candy it would be greatly appreciated! Candy may be dropped off in the Narthex or the Church Office by *Sunday, October 16*.

*We welcome Michelle Flaherty as our musician today.*

***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. The Altar rail will not be used;
2. Ushers will dismiss people for Holy Communion starting in the back on the piano side of the church, one pew at a time;
3. Communicant should receive the consecrated host from Pr. Jeff 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;
4. If the communicant prefers the consecrated grape juice, they shall receive that from Pr. Jeff;
5. Communion cups will be placed in the cup trays in every other or third hole to allow for individuals to touch only the cup they are taking;
6. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will bring Holy Communion to you.

**Assisting at Worship:**

|                                | <b>Today</b>                         | <b>October 2</b>         |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Asst. Min.</b>              | Savanna Conner                       | Kathy Kiehl              |
| <b>Lector</b>                  | Cyndi Allen                          | Thomas Ecke              |
| <b>Acolyte</b>                 | Nevaeh peters                        | JJ Conner                |
| <b>Usher</b>                   | Art Anderson                         | Brian Rogala             |
| <b>Sound System</b>            | Tim Smock                            | Tim Smock                |
| <b>Video</b>                   | Brian Rogala, Jr.                    | Brian Rogala, Jr.        |
| <b>Counters</b>                | Candy Sprouse, Art Anderson          | Mary Rush, Candy Sprouse |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>             | Karen Pistner, Linda Jones           |                          |
| <b>Altar Guild<br/>October</b> | Ann Kent, Linda Voigt, Blaine Waters |                          |

## *Welcome/Announcements*

### *Call to Worship*

- P** We come to worship the Most High, our shelter from the storm.
- C** **We come and place our trust in God!**
- P** Our God delivers us from temptations and troubles.
- C** **We come and place our trust in God!**
- P** God heals us when disease and disaster strike.
- C** **We come and place our trust in God!**
- P** God offers us eternal life and shows us our salvation.
- C** **We come and place our trust in God!**

### *Praise Song*

### *Say I Won't*

1. Today it all begins. I'm seeing my life for the very first time through a different lens. Yesterday I didn't understand. Driving thirty five with the rocket inside, didn't know what I had. While I've been waiting to live my life's been waiting on me.

*Refrain:* I'm gonna run. No, I'm gonna fly.  
I'm gonna know what it means to live and not just be alive.  
The world's gonna hear 'cause I'm gonna shout.  
And I will be dancing  
when circumstances drown the music out. Say I won't.

2. Not enough is what I've been told, but it must be a lie  
'Cause the Spirit inside says I'm so much more.  
So let them say what they want; oh, I dare them to try. (R)

*Tag:* Say I won't. Say I won't. Say I won't.

*Bridge:* I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.  
So keep on saying I won't, And I'll keep proving you wrong.  
(R)

*Refrain 2:* I'm gonna run. No I'm gonna fly.  
I'm gonna know what it means to live and not just be alive.  
This world's gonna hear, whoa. 'cause I'm gonna shout.  
And I will be dancing when circumstances  
drown the music out. Say I won't.

*Ending:* Say I won't. Say that I won't. Oh, say I won't. Say I won't.

## *Prayer of the Day*

☐ Let us pray. God of presence,

☑ **you remained fully with Joseph when he sat long years in a prison for a crime he did not commit. Help us to see that you are always with us, so that we might live faithfully in your world. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

## *Lesson*

*Genesis 39:1-23*

Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. His master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had, in house and field. So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and with him there he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, she caught hold of his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" But he left his garment in her hand and fled and ran outside. When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, she called out to the members of her household and said to them, "See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice, and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside."

Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, and she told him the same story, saying, “The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me, but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside.”

When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, “This is the way your servant treated me,” he became enraged. And Joseph’s master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. The chief jailer committed to Joseph’s care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph’s care because the Lord was with him, and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

### *Message*

### *Reflection Time*

### *Song of the Day*

### *Good, Good Father*

1. I’ve heard a thousand stories of what they think you’re like,  
but I’ve heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.  
You tell me that you’re pleased, and that I’m never alone.

*Refrain:* You’re a good, good Father; it’s who you are,  
it’s who you are, it’s who you are. And I’m loved by you;  
it’s who I am, it’s who I am, it’s who I am.

2. I’ve seen many searching for answers far and wide,  
but I know we’re all searching for answers only you provide.  
Because you know just what we need before we say a word.(R,B)

*Bridge:* You are perfect in all of your ways,  
you are perfect in all of your ways,  
you are perfect in all of your ways to us.(2x)

3. Love so undeniable, I can hardly speak.  
peace so unexplainable, I can hardly think,  
as you call me deeper still, as you call me deeper still,  
as you call me deeper still into love, love, love.(Rx2)

## *Peace*

**P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**G** And also with you.

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

*Instrumental music while the Altar is being prepared*

## *Song of Offering*

## *Sanctuary*

2x

Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

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## *Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self*

**A** Let us pray. *(brief pause)* Give us, Lord,

**G** a heart that gladly gives. Even as you gave your all for us, so may we give our all to you. May we not give out of our abundance, but out of our poverty. In Christ we pray, Amen.

## *Call to Reconciliation*

**P** In God's presence, our lives are exposed and our need is revealed. Let us confess who we are, asking God to embrace us with grace and hope. God of Joseph,

**G** we confess how often we are not content with the simple gifts and life you offer. Tempted by everything, we can become insensitive to those who have nothing. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we may miss the chance to gather your goodness and godliness. Chasing after all which has no value, we may not have the energy to pursue the faith, the love, the gentleness you have for us. Forgive us, and help us to remember how you have redeemed us; and in remembering, may we make that good confession that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, now and forever. Amen.

**P** Your sins are forgiven and you are made whole, in the name of the Father † and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

## *Thanksgiving for the Great Meal*

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

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

## *Consecration*

### *The Lord's Prayer*

- P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- G** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### *Invitation to Communion*

- A** Christ invites us to this table. Come, taste and see.

### *Distribution of Communion* [sit]

### *Communion Music* Instrumental

### *Post Communion Prayer*

- A** Let us pray. (*brief pause*) God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- G** **Amen.**

### *Prayers of the People*

- A** As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation....God of grace,

- G** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Gracious God, gathered together in communion with the Holy Spirit, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

- G** **Amen.**

### *Blessing*

- P** God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless us with truth and peace in the name of the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

- G** **Amen.**



## ***Closing Song***

## ***For Your Glory***

1. There is a time to live, there is a time to die,  
there is a time to laugh, there is a time to cry.  
There is a time to dance, a time for joy's embrace,  
and in all seasons God we humbly seek your face.  
This is our offering to you. This is our offering.

*Refrain:* Ev'rything I am is for your glory,  
ev'rything I am for you Lord,  
ev'rything I am is for your glory,  
ev'rything I am for you Lord.

2. There is a time to sow, there is a time to reap.  
A time for victory, a time to claim defeat.  
A time to be renewed, a time to be reborn,  
and in all seasons God we bow before your throne.  
This is our offering to you, this is our offering. *(R/Bridge)*

*Bridge:* The earth stands still without you.  
We could only move because you made us to.  
The world is nothing without you.  
We could only love because you made us to. *(R)*

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## ***Dismissal***

- A** Go in peace with Christ beside us.
- G** **Thanks be to God.**

*The Worship Aids are given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of my  
niece, Ashley's birthday by Candy Sprouse*

*The Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of what  
would have been our 50th wedding anniversary by Sallie Barnes*

*The Vigil Candle is given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of Messiah  
Lutheran Church by the Mikotowicz family*

# The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



## THE ORIGINAL DESPERATE HOUSEWIFE

Joseph's refusal of Potiphar's wife and her lusty attempts to make him her 'boy-toy' left her with nothing but his garment and her lies to tell. **Genesis 39:7-20**





## Weekly Budgetary Outlook

|                    | <u>Regular Giving</u> | <u>Other Bdgtd. Inc.</u> | <u>Total Bdgtd. Income</u> | <u>Actual Expense</u> | <u>Weekly Avg. Bdgtd. Exp.</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| September 18, 2022 | \$1,326.00            | \$49.00                  | \$1,375.00                 |                       | \$4,095.54                     |
| YTD (37 weeks)     | \$113,134.00          | \$22,565.30              | \$135,699.30               | \$142,079.68          | \$155,630.52                   |

***Our Shortfall through 37 weeks is (\$6,380.38).***

***Thank you for your generous contributions!***

“Legalism focuses on how little to give;  
love focuses on how much can I give.”

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## 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**

|                  |  |   |
|------------------|--|---|
| <b>Sun. 9/25</b> | <b><i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i></b>   |   |
|                  | 8:30 and 11:00AM                                 | Service of Holy Communion               |
|                  | 1:30PM   | Crop Walk-Beach 1                       |
| <b>Mon.</b>      | 6:30PM   | Meditation Group                        |
|                  | 8:30PM   | NA Group                                |
| <b>Tues.</b>     | 10:00AM  | Sewing Circle                           |
| <b>Thu.</b>      | 10:00AM  | Grateful Prayer Group                   |
| <b>Fri.</b>      | 7:30PM   | AA                                      |
| <b>Sun. 10/2</b> | <b><i>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i></b> |   |
|                  | 8:30 and 11:00AM                                 | Service of Holy Communion               |
|                  | 9:45AM   | Servant Outreach/Parish Health Ministry |