

15th Sunday after Pentecost

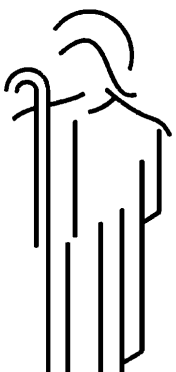
September 6, 2026

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	Ray Bennett
Lector	Jean Parker
Acolyte	Maddie Bartlett
Usher	Art Anderson
Audio/Video	Brian Rogala, Jr.
Counters	Art Anderson, Candy Sprouse
Altar Guild	Robin Curtis, Jean Parker, Karen Pistner

Worship Leaders September 13

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

Opening Song Open The Eyes of My Heart

Refrain: Open the eyes of my heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you. I want to see you. (2x)

1. To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy. (R)

Bridge: Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy,
holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

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Opening Prayer

Song ***Great Are You Lord***

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.
And great are you, Lord.

Refrain: It's your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise,
we pour out our praise. It's your breath in our lungs,
so we pour out our praise to you only. (V, R)

Bridge: And all the earth will shout your praise.
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
great are you, Lord! (x3, Rx2)

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Lesson

Ezekiel 33:7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

A The Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson ***Matthew 18:15-20***

“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

A The Gospel of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Song ***Raise A Hallelujah***

- 1. I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies.
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief.
I raise a hallelujah; my weapon is a melody.
I raise a hallelujah; heaven comes to fight for me.

Refrain: I’m gonna sing in the middle of the storm.
Louder and louder, you’re gonna hear my praises roar.
Up from the ashes hope will arise.
Death is defeated; the king is alive.

2. I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me.
I raise a hallelujah; I will watch the darkness flee.
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery.
I raise a hallelujah; fear, you lost your hold on me. (R)

Bridge 1: (L) Sing a little louder. (C) Sing a little louder.
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(L) Sing a little louder. (C) Sing a little louder.
(L) Sing a little louder. (C) Sing a little louder.

Bridge 2: (L) Sing a little louder, (C) in the presence of my enemies.
(L) Sing a little louder, (C) louder than the unbelief.
(L) Sing a little louder, (C) my weapon is a melody.
(L) Sing a little louder, (C) Heaven comes to fight for me.
(Repeat B2, R)

Ending: I raise a hallelujah. I raise a hallelujah.
I raise a hallelujah. I raise a hallelujah.

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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.

Distribution Song

Revelation Song

1. Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain; holy, holy is he.
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

Refrain: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing, praise to the King of kings.
You are my ev'rything, and I will adore you.

2. Clothed in rainbows of living color,
flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
blessing and honor, strength and glory, and power be
to you, the only wise King. (*R*)
3. Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
at the mention of your name;
Jesus your name is power, breath and living water,
such a marv'lous mystery, yeah. (*R 2x*)

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 ***My Lighthouse***

1. In my wrestling, and in my doubts,
in my failures, you won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through;
you are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,
you are the peace in my troubled sea.

2. In the silence, you won't let go.
In the questions, your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through;
you are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,
you are the peace in my troubled sea.

Refrain: My lighthouse, my lighthouse, shining in the darkness,
I will follow you! Oh, my lighthouse, my lighthouse,
I will trust the promise: you will carry me safe to shore,
safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

3. I won't fear what tomorrow brings.
With each morning, I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through;
you are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,
you are the peace in my troubled sea.

Bridge: Fire before us, you're the brightest.

You will lead us through the storms. (hey)(3X) (Rx2)

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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 daughter-in-law, Katie Rush's birthday on September 2 by Mary Rush

One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for my Messiah Church family of over 50 years! I appreciate all of you by Sallie Barnes

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.

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 at the Cove afterwards on to St. Peter’s Church, 230 W 10th St. for a tour, 1:30 pm. (time change from newsletter)

Heart 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, 9:45 am. 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, 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 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.

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 9/6	<i>15th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
Monday	6:30PM	Guided Meditation
Tuesday	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
	10:00AM	OWLs-Tour of St. Peter’s and St. Patrick's Church
Wednesday	11:00AM	Worship Committee
Thursday	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	5:00PM	Heart Walk
	7:30PM	NA Group
Friday	7:30PM	AA
Sunday 9/13	<i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Rally Day-All members
	12:00PM	Special Congregational Meeting

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