

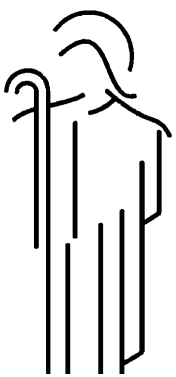
**15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2026**

We welcome you to The Traditional 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	Savanna Conner
Lector	Laurie Hecht
Video	Savanna Conner
Counter	Laurie Hecht, Linda Jones
Altar Guild	Sandy Hough, Candy Sprouse, Mary Rush, Bonnie Magee

Worship Leaders September 13

Assisting Minister:	
Lector/Reader:	Laurie Hecht
Video:	
Counter:	Laurie Hecht
Altar Guild:	Robin Curtis, Jean Parker, Karen Pistner

P If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

C have mercy on us.

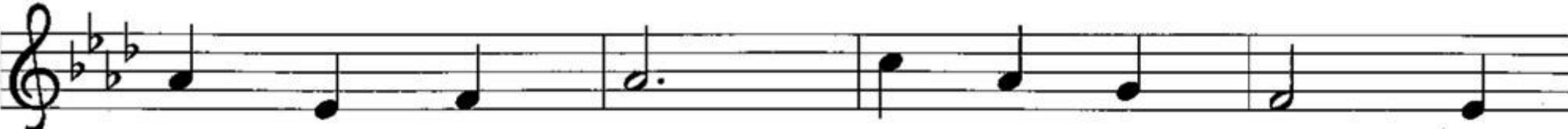
C We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved on another in deed and truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

P With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

Gathering Hymn

Earth and All Stars



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!
5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!

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Refrain
God has done mar - vel - ous things.

I too sing prais - es with a new song!

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Kyrie

Assistant:
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:
Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -

Assistant:

For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the
For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you

cy.

⊕ Coda

Help, save, and de - fend us, 0

cy.

* Ending for Kyrie

God. A - men.

Now the Feast

If Kyrie was sung

A - men.

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Congregation or Congregation 1:

Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great
peo - ple of God.

To refrain

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ

To refrain

for ev - er.

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us peo - ple of God; to make

To refrain

all things new.

Salutation

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

P Let us Pray: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Please be seated.

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 Acclamation

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:15-20
Glory to you, O Lord

“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** Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by
righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
you shall find; knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the
add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Apostles’ Creed

A Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles’ Creed:

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the

communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

- A** Reminded of God’s gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.....Hear us, O God.
- C** Your mercy is great.
- P** Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus’ name.
- C** Amen.

Peace

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us offer one another a sign of Christ’s peace.

Instrumental music while the Altar is being prepared

Offertory Hymn Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful [stand]



Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,

thanks and praise to you, O God, through Je - sus Christ...

(Insert proper preface here)

...and so with the church on earth, all creation and the

host of heaven we praise your name and join their un - end - ing

in rhythm *To Holy, Holy*

hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

Congregation: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the

One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Eucharistic Prayer

P ...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

C *Congregation:*

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.

Christ will come, come a - gain.

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

C *Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

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P We ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

C *Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

P To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen.

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!

Lamb of God

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
* you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

world:
fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
peace:
love:

Final time Cong. or assistant:

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution of Communion [sit]

Communion Music Instrumental

Post Communion Blessing

A The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

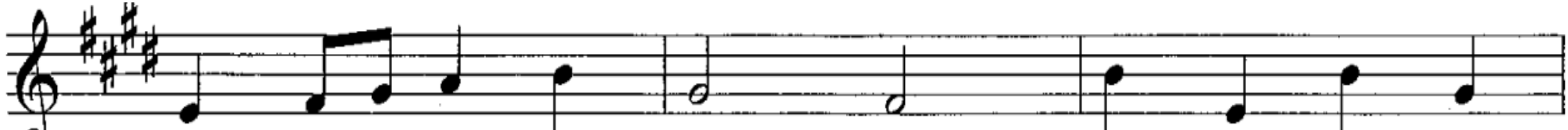
C Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle

Congregation:



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:



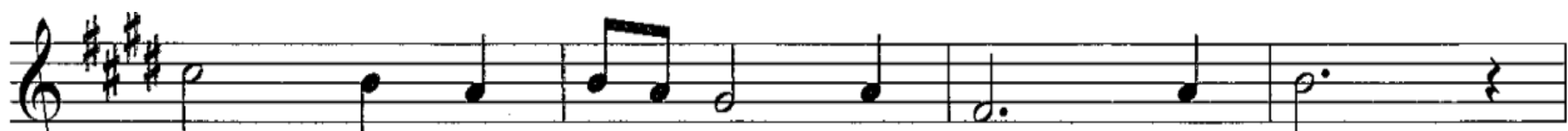
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:

Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Post Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. *(brief pause)* Compassionate God, we give you thanks, O God, for the blessings of this table. May our lives be made new by these gifts of grace and my your love be made known through us.

C Amen

Aaronic Benediction

Presider:

May God bless us and keep us.
 May God's face shine on us and be gracious to us.
 May God look on us with favor and + give us peace.

Congregation:

A - - - men.

Sending Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Dismissal

A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*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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