

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
Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 18, 2022
11:00am Service of
Holy Communion*



Our Staff

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Bonnie Stearns, Church Sexton

Announcements

Second Mile Giving is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. For **September** the **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.

Veterans Miracle Network Collection: **Now through September 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”.

Life-time Recognition Banquet: **Thursday, September 22 at 6:00pm** at **Ricardo’s Restaurant**. Come celebrate the recognition of this year’s honorees: *Shirley Damon, Gerrie & George Elias, Tammy Johnson, and Candy Sprouse*. Tickets are **\$20.00** each and will be available through **Today**.

Crop Hunger Walk: **Sunday, September 25** at the Beach 1 parking lot at **1:30pm**. There will be a signup sheet and donation envelopes available in the narthex.

Wesleyville Food Pantry **Volunteers Needed for September:**

September 19 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.

September 20 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

We welcome Pr. Allie Leitzel as our presider today

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:

	Today	September 25
Asst. Min.	Brad Bresee	Savanna Conner
Lector	Pam Bresee	Cyndi Allen
Acolyte	Kayla Bresee	Nevaeh peters
Usher	Steve Porada	Art Anderson
Sound System	Brian Rogala, Jr.	Tim Smock
Video	Gabriella Piccirilli	Brian Rogala, Jr.
Counters	Tim Smock, Karen Pistner	Candy Sprouse, Art Anderson
Altar Guild	Karen Pistner, Linda Jones	

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship

- P** We gather together to celebrate the joy in our lives.
- G** **God's love fills our hearts to overflowing with laughter.**
- P** We gather to find comfort and hope in God's presence.
- G** **God's grace wipes away our tears and knits us together as one.**
- P** We gather to worship God in faith and truth.
- G** **Amen! Amen! Alleluia!**

Praise Song

Less Like Me

1. Oh I have days I lose the fight.
Try my best but just don't get it right.
Where I talk a talk that I don't walk,
and miss the moments right before my eyes.

Pre-Refrain: Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped.
Somebody with a hand that I could have held.
When I just can't see past myself. Lord, help me be.

Refrain: A little more like mercy. A little more like grace.
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith.
A little more like patience. A little more like peace.
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.

2. Yeah there's no denying I have changed.
I've been saved from who I used to be.
But even at my best, I must confess,
I still need help to see the way you see. *(Per-R, Bridge)*

Bridge: Oh to feed the beggar on the street.
Love to be your hands and feet.
Freely give what I receive, Lord, help me be.
I want to put you first above all else.
Love my neighbor as myself.
In the moments no one sees, Lord, help me be. *(R, Ending)*

Ending: A little more I'm living, everything I preach.
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.

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Prayer of the Day

☐ Let us pray. God of covenant,

☑ **you promised Abram land, descendants, and blessing so that he might be a blessing for all. Show us how to honor the covenant, so that we might be a blessing to others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

Lesson

Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Reflection Time

Song of the Day

Who You Say I Am

1. Who am I that the highest king would welcome me.
I was lost but he brought me in. Oh, his love for me.
Oh, his love for me.

Refrain 1: Who the son sets free, oh is free indeed.

I’m a child of God, yes I am.

2. Free at last he has ransomed me, his grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me.
Yes he died for me. (*R1, R2*)

Refrain 2: In my Father's house, there's a place for me.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.

Bridge: I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who you say I am.
You are for me, not against me. I am who you say I am.
(*Repeat, Tag*)

Tag: I am who you say I am (*R1, R2 x2*)

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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 Let us prepare ourselves for God's healing as we tell of all that separates us from God and one another. Everlasting God,

G **we confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters - work, wealth, power, addictions - yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor, and close off our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us. Forgive us and heal us of our brokenness. Help us to be the hope and love others need in their lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. 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 ***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, with Christ beside us.

G Thanks be to God.

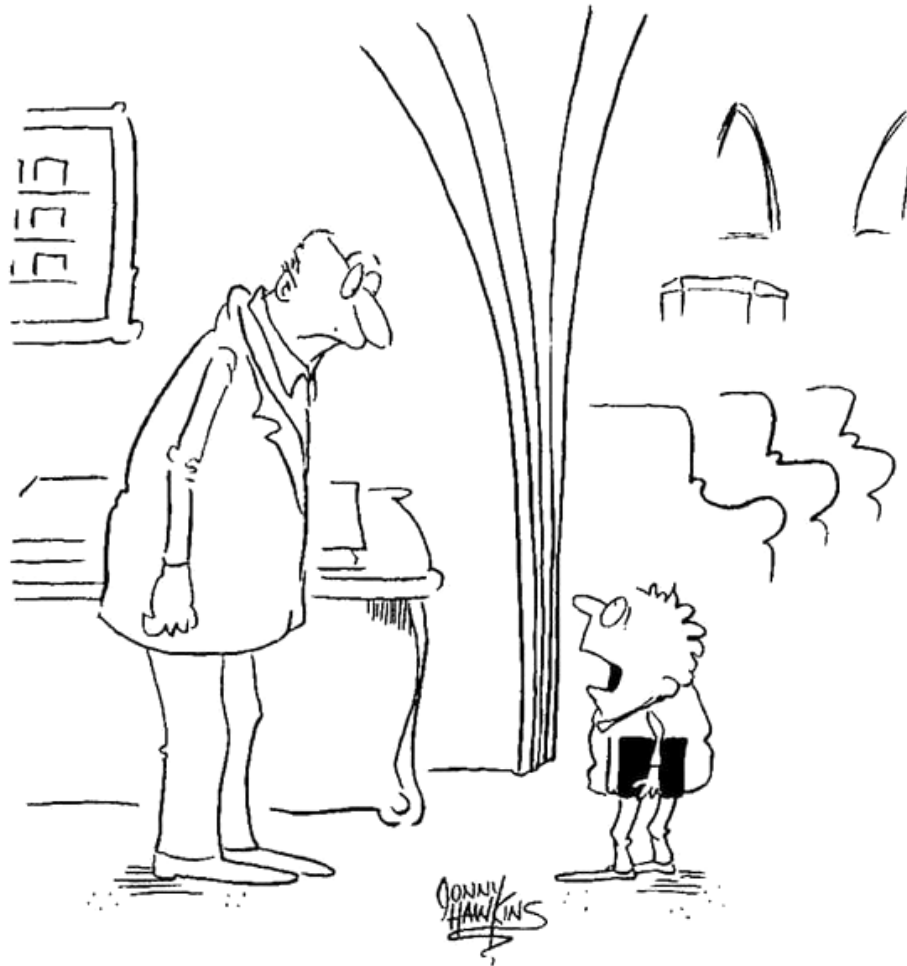


The Worship Aids are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of Becky Fahringer

One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Memory of Larry Shannon's birthday by Robin Curtis

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

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



"I slept in church because I'm striving to be more like God, and on the seventh day He rested."

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 11, 2022	\$3,033.00	\$3,486.00	\$6,519.00		\$4,095.54
YTD (36 weeks)	\$111,808.00	\$22,516.30	\$134,324.30	\$135,857.86	\$151,534.98

Our Shortfall through 36 weeks is (\$1,533.56).

Thank you for your generous contributions!

“Use your affluence for eternal influence.”

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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**

Sun. 9/18	<i>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
Mon.	6:30PM	Meditation Group
	8:30PM	NA Group
Tues.	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
	6:00PM	Church Council
Thu.	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group
	6:00PM	Lifetime Recognition Banquet-Ricardo's
Fri.	7:30PM	AA
Sun. 9/25	<i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	1:30PM	Crop Walk-Beach 1