

# Messiah Lutheran Church

## Christ Lutheran Academy

The Rev. Thomas C. Spahn, Vacancy Pastor

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**VISITORS WELCOME!** – A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service, and we pray that you will hear and receive the Word of God with joy in our midst.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:** During the offering we ask that you sign the friendship register located at the center aisle of each pew. Please hand the filled in sheet to the usher as you exit. Let the usher know if you don't have a pad in your pew.



**OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE :** In the fullness of time, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Until the end of time, His grace is still given to us as He promised it in the Lord's Supper. As we receive His gift today, we would ask *guests* who desire to commune to speak with the pastor *before* the service. In joyful obedience to the teaching of Scripture, we practice closed communion.

**PRAYER FOR RIGHT RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:** O Lord, our God, in the name of whose only-begotten Son we have been called to be Christians and have been blest with Baptism for the remission of sins, make us, we pray, ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins and to give thanks with grateful hearts to you, O Father, to your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**FLOWERS:** The flowers on the altar are provided by Jerry & Geri Tobalsky in honor of Julie, Tom, and Jacob's birthdays.

**VACANCY:** Pastor Spahn is our new vacancy pastor. Welcome Pastor Spahn! He will have office hours on most Thursdays. If that is not possible, or it changes, it will be noted in the bulletin. For an emergency please contact an elder or call directly to Pastor's cell phone: 847-224-9524.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Today's Sunday School lesson "The Bronze Serpent" is one of the more challenging stories in the Old Testament. Just as the bronze serpent was lifted up to heal and save the Israelites, Christ was lifted up on the cross to heal and save us from sin, death, and the devil. *Ask students, "How did God rescue people bitten by the serpent? How does God rescue you?"*

**CHURCH RECORDS:** Please take a look at the church records that are in the fellowship hall and feel free to add and/or revise as needed. Thank you!

**DINNER, GOLF, SILENT AUCTION:** The fundraiser will be held October 6. Golf and/or Dinner with a silent auction at Bristol Oaks Golf Course. My favorite item on the silent auction list is bread from Panera Bread for a year! More are listed in the School Notes. A golf ticket for 18 holes and a cart can be purchased for \$50. A ticket for the dinner (choices are listed in the School Notes) can be purchased for \$25. If you'd like to play golf and have dinner then you may purchase the discounted ticket for \$70. Whichever you purchase don't forget to come to or stay for the 5:00 silent auction and cash bar. You may purchase tickets from Kris Grenyo or Debi Tauschek. If you have any questions please contact [fundraising@christlutheranacademy.com](mailto:fundraising@christlutheranacademy.com). Baby-sitting will be available at Messiah for member families and a small fee. Again, see the School Notes for more information.

**HOLE SPONSORSHIP and DONATIONS:** We are still looking for hole sponsors & donations for our Golf Outing & Dinner Gala (with Silent Auction) to be held on Saturday 10/6/12. Please contact Lynn Gerlach at (262) 496-4600 if you are interested in either sponsoring a hole (a sign with your business or name will be placed at one of the holes on the golf course) or donating an item or items for the silent auction.

**PASTOR SPAHN:** Pastor Tom lives with his wife, Louise, in the Carillon at Heatherstone in Beach Park, IL. They have been there for 8 years, when he retired from a congregation in Lancaster County, PA. Louise is a graduate of Concordia (River Forest) and was a parochial and public school teacher.

After leaving Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Pastor Tom served parishes in North Dakota, Iowa, New York, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania. He has been a district vice-president, member of a district board of directors, chairman of Lutheran Service Society of New York and is always interested in worship and music in the church.

The Spahns have a daughter, Sarah (Dan) Accettura, in Gurnee with Abby in Christ College-Valparaiso and Becky, a junior in high school; a son, Philip (Heike) in Chicago with Rachel; and a son, Peter (Trisha) in Charlottesville, VA with Pierce and Cameron.

May God bless our days together and in His good time bring a new pastor to Messiah.

+ DIVINE SERVICE III+

### THE PREPARATION

Opening Hymn.....**869**  
Confession & Absolution.....184

### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit.....Insert  
Kyrie (*Lord, have mercy*).....186  
Gloria in Excelsis.....187  
Collect.....Insert  
Old Testament..... Insert  
*This is the Word of the Lord.*

#### Thanks be to God.

Gradual.....Insert  
Holy Epistle.....Insert  
*This is the Word of the Lord.*

#### Thanks be to God.

Alleluia.....190  
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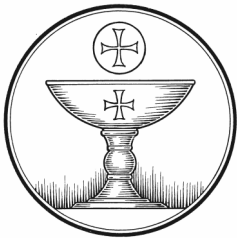
*Please Remain Standing for Final Hymn  
Announcements*

In Our Prayers

- For all the children and Christ Lutheran Academy Staff: Debi Tauschek (Headmaster), Karen Moe, Ruth Mallman, Stephanie Zuehls, Kris Grenyo, & Christa Hegland.
- Exor Padro, Joshua Jacobs, Ted & Katie Hart, Allen Weber, and Lynn Christensen, our members and family members who serve in the armed forces.
- Shut-Ins: Elsie Rintamaki, Arby Tobalsky, Marlene Jeschke, Lillian Sciortino, and Crystal Stoll.
- For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including Dennis Metallo, Joe Kayon, Mary Louise Trapp (mother of Bob Trapp), Richard Cleereman, John Hrupka, George Metallo, Peter Campagna, Barbara, Fred Dissen (Bill Dissen’s brother), Alison Daughtery (granddaughter of George & Lois Metallo), Parker & Camden Blair, Kathy Shafer, and Richard Lowe (friend of Debi Tauschek).
- For Messiah as we call a new pastor.

Christ’s Servants Today

Elder:  
Ushers: Mike Snodgrass & Dale Miller  
Greeter: Mary Rusch  
Altar Guild: Lois Metallo & Carol Hernandez  
Organist: Evone Hagerman  
Cookies:



INCOME

Average Budget Income needed in a week	\$3,255
Budget Income received 9/9	\$
Budget Income received to needed	-\$
Received to Budget YTD 2012 (Deficit)	\$

Attendance 9/9: 105                      Communed: 78

This Week’s Events for Messiah

Sept. 19th	CLA Divine Service	8:15 a.m.
	Women’s Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
Sept. 20th	CLA Vespers	2:30 p.m.
	Spiritual Life Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Future Events for Messiah

Sept. 26th	CLA Divine Service	8:15 a.m.
	Women’s Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
Sept. 27th	CLA Vespers	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 6th	CLA Golf Outing	

Wedding Anniversaries

9/20     Jason & Allison Stephans

Baptism Anniversaries

9/18     Diana Dissen  
9/19     Michelle Carpenter  
           Grant Noble  
9/22     John Hernandez

Pray for our members

9/16     Robert Zuehls  
9/17     Rebecca Brothers  
9/18     George Metallo  
9/19     Noah Pederson  
9/20     Becky Noble  
9/21     Paul Swift  
9/22     Joshua Jacobs

Birthdays

9/16     Kathy Capriotti  
           Monica Scholz  
9/17     George Rabey  
9/19     Kevin Brothers  
9/20     Jacob Tobalsky  
9/21     Cheryl Piel

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity  
September 16, 2012



Anxious Bondage vs. Confident Trust

“You cannot serve God and money” (Matt. 6:24–34), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father who will care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God— that is, she believed the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry (1 Kings 17:8–16). He who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ’s righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith (Gal. 5:25–6:10).