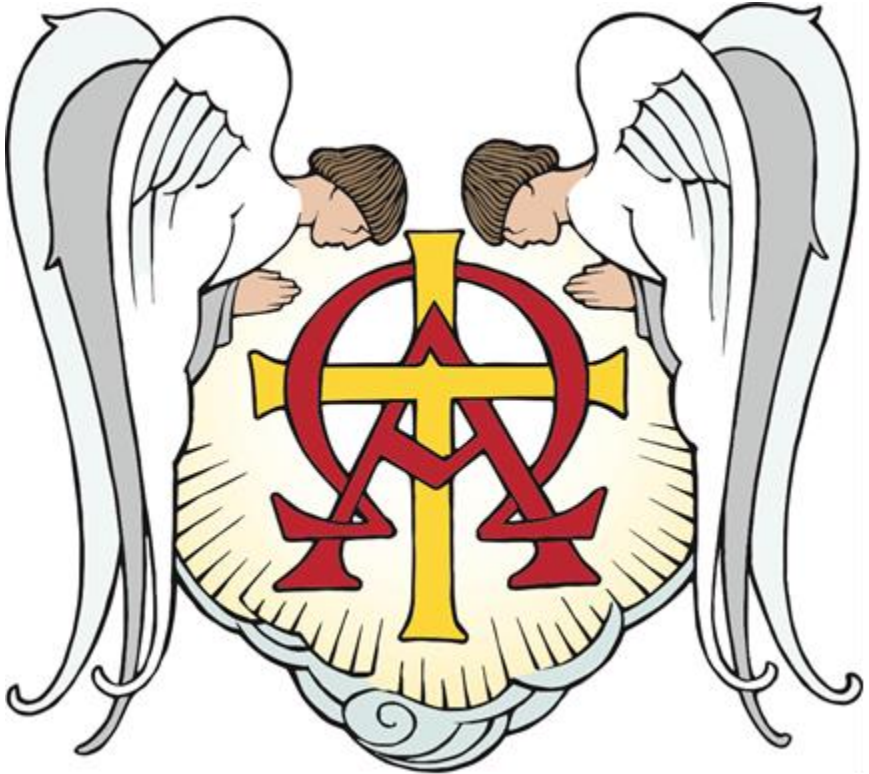


**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
**The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**



**The Feast of St. Michael and All  
Angels (observed)**

**+The Rite of First Communion+**

**September 24, 2017**

**Divine Service III**

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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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 the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

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

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated every Sunday and on Feast Days. Visiting communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to commune today. All other visitors are asked to speak with the pastor before coming to the altar. If there is time before the service, introduce yourself to the pastor or an elder. Other visitors are invited to use this time for prayer. If you desire information about attending communion, you are encouraged to visit with the pastor after the service today.

**PRAYERS OF PREPARATION** may be found in the opening cover of the hymnals in each pew. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer.

**+SERVING TODAY+**

**Preacher/Celebrant:** Pr. Roemke

**Elder:** Bob Trapp

**Ushers:** Brent Jiter & Noah Jiter

**Greeter:** Vicky Nelson

**Organist:** Monica Scholz

**Altar Guild:** Kate Tobalsky & Tamara Weathersby

**Altar Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are provided by DuWayne & Bonnie Griepentrog in celebration of their anniversary.

**Cake:** Today's First Communion cake is provided by Messiah.

*Please rise and face the procession.*  
**Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken**

LSB 521

Stand

**Invocation**

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**+CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**+SERVICE OF THE WORD+**

**Introit**

*Ps. 103:20–22; antiphon: Ps. 103:1*



Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*

and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

**Bless the LORD, O you his | angels,\***

**you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice | of his word!**

Bless the LORD, | all his hosts,\*

his ministers, who | do his will!

**Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his do- | minion.\***

**Bless the LORD, | O my soul!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*

and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

**Kyrie**

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**Gloria in Excelsis**

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**Salutation and Collect of the Day**



**☩** The Lord be with you.



**☩** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - - - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Daniel 10:10–14; 12:1–3*

<sup>10</sup>And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup>And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

<sup>12</sup>Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. <sup>13</sup>The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, <sup>14</sup>and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come. . . .”

<sup>12:14</sup>“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**God’s Angels**

*MLC Mixed Choirs*

**Epistle**

*Revelation 12:7–12*

<sup>7</sup>Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup>but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup>And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. <sup>10</sup>And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. <sup>11</sup>And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand and face the Gospel procession.*

**Alleluia and Verse**

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**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 18:1–11*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup>“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup>“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!

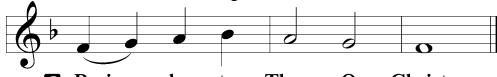
<sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it

away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

<sup>10</sup>“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save the lost.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**P** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## **Nicene Creed**

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*Sit*

## ***Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise***

*LSB 522*

## **Sermon**

*Stand*

## **Offertory**

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*Sit*

## **Offering**

### **+RITE OF FIRST COMMUNION+**

*At this time, the candidates for First Communion, who have been examined, shall come forward.*

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

## **Preface**

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## **Sanctus**

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## **Lord's Prayer**

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## **The Words of Our Lord**

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## **Pax Domini**

## **Agnus Dei**

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*Sit*

## **Distribution**

***Stars of the Morning, So Gloriously Bright***

*LSB 520*

***Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs***

*LSB 812*

***Lord of Our Life***

*LSB 659*

***Beautiful Savior***

*LSB 537*

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

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**Thanksgiving**

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**Salutation and Benedicamus**

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**Benediction**

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***Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones***

*LSB 670*

**+PRAYER LIST+**

- ✘ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: Austin Nehls, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Michael Shafer, Kevin Boyd, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Lillian Sciortino, Richard Cleereman, Wally & Gloria Pipkorn, and Jack & Pat Mills.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Gerald (Sandra Babel's brother), Lorraine Swift, Bob Hogan (Ash Noble's uncle), Katy Billings, Elaine Roloff (Evone Hagerman's mother), Eleanor Hogan (Ash Noble's grandmother), Katrena Blevins (Kathy Judson's daughter), Arlo Kristopeit (Linda Polcin's grandnephew), Alberta Helmke, Linda McDonough (Terry Sommer's sister), and Terry Sommer.

**+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2017+**

- ✘ **HURRICANE RELIEF DOOR OFFERING:** As a congregation, we collected \$1,428 to aid relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Thank you for your generosity.
- ✘ **OKTOBERFEST:** This year's Oktoberfest (aka Sausage Dinner) will be Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets have been posted in the hallway for donations of food and drink and for volunteers to help. We are also accepting cash donations. See Lesa with any questions.
- ✘ **MUSICIANS NEEDED:** Our polka band needs a clarinetist and a tuba player. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in joining us, please contact Sarah Billings at [andrewkatysmom@yahoo.com](mailto:andrewkatysmom@yahoo.com) or (262) 914-7669. We have two commitments for this fall: the Oktoberfest dinner at Messiah on Friday, October 13 and a celebration 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reformation at Grace Lutheran in Racine on Sat., November 4.
- ✘ **LWML** will be collecting donations for the fall rally. Items are: granola bars, bar soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, and toothpaste for individuals at the House of Corrections in Franklin. Please place donations in the LWML basket in the narthex by Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Mites are collected the last Sunday of each month. Look for the large box on the counter in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday.
- ✘ **MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS GAME:** We are putting together a group outing to the Milwaukee Admirals hockey game on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

It's "Lutheran Night" and each attendee will receive a Martin Luther bobblehead. To attend as part of our group and to be seated together, tickets must be purchased online through this link: <https://fevo.me/2eNYZN1>  
 Ticket cost is \$22.25 each. Please see Lesa with any questions.

- ✧ **CARDS:** There are a handful of new cards on the table in the back. Birthday, anniversary, sympathy and more! Cards are \$2.00 which includes an envelope. All proceeds stay at Messiah to fund coffee and kitchen items for fellowship.

**THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

Monday	Sept. 25	7:00 pm	Youth Choir Practice
Tuesday	Sept. 26	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday	Sept. 27	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,949
Lord's Work Received 9/17-9/23:	\$3,506
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-443
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+881

**ATTENDANCE** 9/17: 141

Communed: 135

**BIRTHDAYS**

9/29 Pastor Roemke  
 9/30 Tyler Nehls

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

9/27 Ruth Mallmann

**ANNIVERSARIES**

9/29 Bob & Evone Hagerman (44 years)  
 DuWayne & Bonnie Griepentrog (33 years)