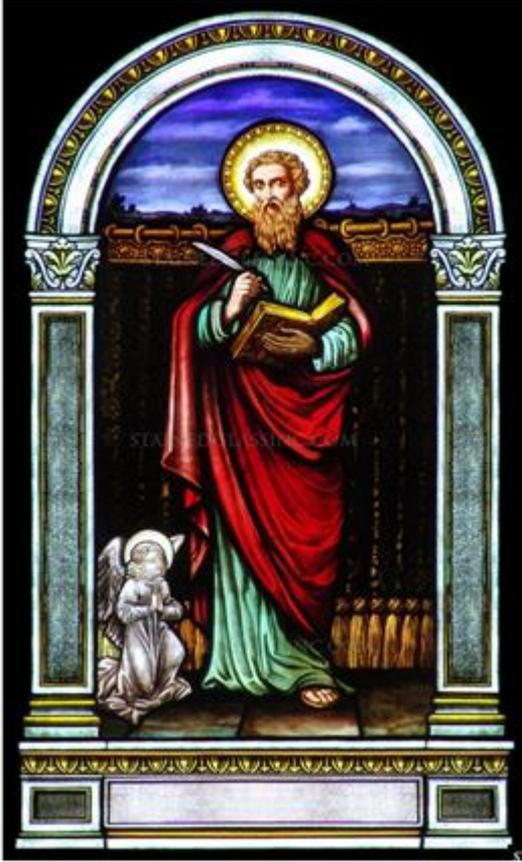


Messiah Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



**St. Matthew, Apostle and
Evangelist (observed)**

September 23, 2018

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: Todd Walther

Greeter: Liz Joslyn

Organist: Evone Hagerman

Ushers: Roger Jeschke, Mark Varvil, & Cody Weathersby

Altar Guild: Marilyn Dissen & Diana Dissen

Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Jerry & Geri Tobalsky in honor of their anniversary, Scott & Kate's anniversary, and Jacob's birthday.

Cookies: Today's cookies and juice are provided by the Capriottis.

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

LSB 940

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. 92:1-5; antiphon: Matt. 9:13b, c



I desire mercy, and not | sacrifice.*

For I came not to call the righteous, but | sinners.

It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*

to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,*

and your faithful- | ness by night,

to the music of the lute | and the harp,*

to the melody | of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad | by your work;*

at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.

How great are your works, | O LORD!*

Your thoughts are | very deep!

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.

I desire mercy, and not | sacrifice.*

For I came not to call the righteous, but | sinners.

It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*

to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O Son of God, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist. Through his faithful and inspired witness, grant that we also may follow You, leaving behind all covetous desires and love of riches; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 2:8—3:11

⁸“But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.” ⁹And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. ¹⁰And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

^{3:1}And he said to me, “Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” ²So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.” Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.

⁴And he said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. ⁵For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel— ⁶not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. ⁷But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me. Because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. ⁸Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your

forehead as hard as their foreheads. ⁹Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.” ¹⁰Moreover, he said to me, “Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. ¹¹And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD,’ whether they hear or refuse to hear.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 119:105, 103; 45:1a, c



Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light | to my path.*

**How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey | to my mouth!**

My heart overflows with a | pleasing theme;*
my tongue is like the pen of a | ready scribe.

Epistle

Ephesians 4:7–16

⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. ⁸Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men.”

⁹(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)

¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

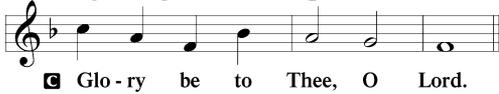
Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13

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

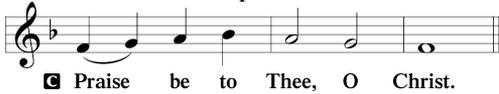


⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples.

¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

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Sit

What Is the World to Me

LSB 730

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

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Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Austin Nehls, Michael Shafer, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Kevin Boyd, Rianon Padro, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Lillian Sciortino, Richard Cleereman, and George Metallo.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Lorraine Swift, Elaine Roloff (Evone Hagerman's mother), Angela Wilz (sister of Monica Scholz), Katy Billings, Carol Hernandez, Rhoda (friend of Anita Brothers), and Ariana (friend of Dennis Metallo).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2018+

- ✘ **ORGAN DEDICATION SERVICE:** Today at 3:30 is our special service dedicating the new pipe organ. Please join us.
- ✘ **BIERGARTEN:** We will meet at the Biergarten this Saturday,

September 29th at 6:00 pm. It is Pastor Roemke's birthday, so come out and celebrate with him. Lesa will be providing birthday cake.

- ✘ **FIRST COMMUNION** will be offered on September 30th. Anyone 1st grade or older who is interested, please speak to Pastor Roemke to be examined.
- ✘ **OKTOBERFEST** This year's Oktoberfest will be Friday, October 12th. Please see the sign-up sheets in the hallway to see how you can help.
- ✘ **LWML** is collecting baby items for A Place of Refuge. Donations include newborn sleepers, white onesies, diaper cream, baby powder, pacifiers, cloth diapers or burp cloths, and wet wipes. Items can be placed in the donation basket in the narthex by September 26th.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

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| Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly: | \$4,102 |
| Lord's Work Received 9/16-9/22: | \$4,096 |
| Difference Received vs. Needed: | -6 |
| Difference Received vs. Needed YTD: | +5,236 |

ATTENDANCE 9/16: 136

Communed: 123

ORGAN FUND UPDATE

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| Amount Paid: | -30,000 |
| Donations Received: | +4,975 |
| Balance: | -25,025 |

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

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| Today | September 23 | 3:30 pm | Organ Dedication Service |
| Monday | September 24 | 7:00 pm | Youth Choir Practice |
| Tuesday | September 25 | 7:00 pm | Adult Choir Practice |
| Wednesday | September 26 | 9:00 am | Women's Bible Study |
| Saturday | September 29 | 6:00 pm | Biergarten Meet-Up |

BIRTHDAYS

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| 9/25 | Katrena Blevins |
| 9/27 | Henry Joslyn |
| 9/29 | Pastor Roemke |

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

9/27 Ruth Mallmann

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 9/29 | Bob & Evone Hagerman (45 years) |
| | DuWayne & Bonnie Griepentrog (34 years) |