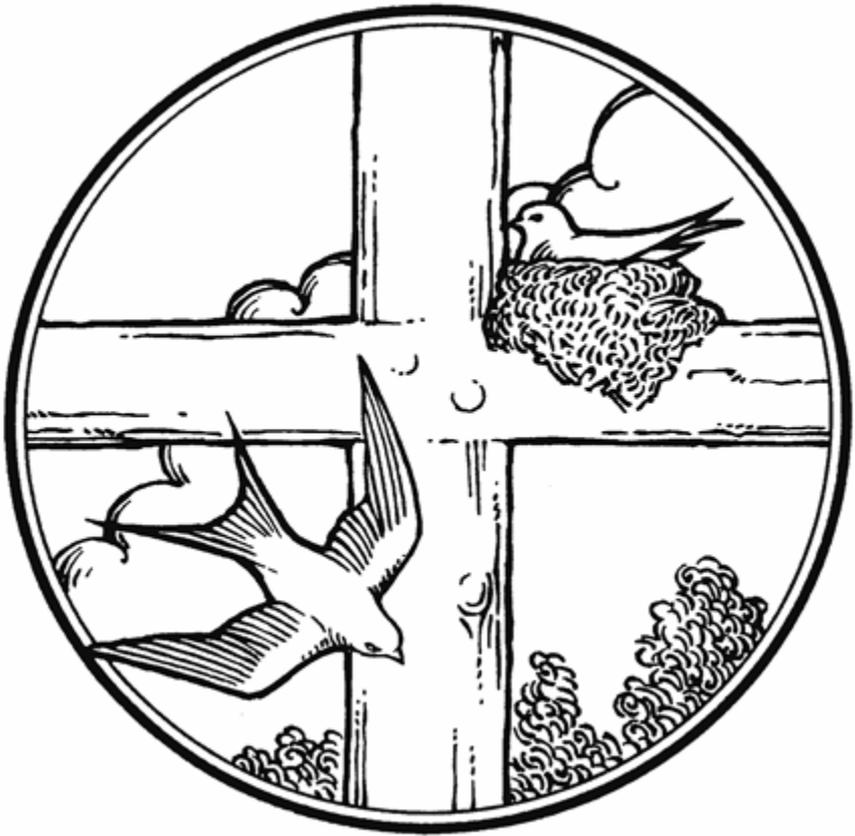


Messiah Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Divine Service III

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VISITORS WELCOME! A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please sign the guestbook near the front door and introduce yourself to the pastor after the service. We pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

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 are found in the cover of the hymnals. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer. **Please turn off and put away all electronic devices during the service.**

+SERVING TODAY+

Elder: Mike Henning

Ushers: Scott Tobalsky & Kelvin Nelson

Greeter: Deleen Nehls

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: LeAnn Varvil & Cara Zietz

Fellowship: Scott & Kate Tobalsky

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Jim & Kathy Vescova in honor of their wedding anniversary.

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. 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: Ps. 86:1a, 2b, 3



Incline Your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,*
save Your servant, who trusts in You—You | are my God.

Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to You do I cry | all the day.

Gladden the soul of Your | servant,*
for to You, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul.

Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;*
listen to my | plea for grace.

But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious;*
turn to me and be gra- | cious to me;
give Your strength to Your | servant,*
and save the son of Your maid- | servant.

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.

Incline Your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,*
save Your servant, who trusts in You—You | are my God.
Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to You do I cry | all the day.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:8–16

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him, ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Gradual

Ps. 118:8–9



It is better to take refuge | in the LORD*
than to | trust in man.

It is better to take refuge | in the LORD*
than to trust in | princes.

Epistle

Galatians 5:25–6:10

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

^{6:1}Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will

from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Psalm 65:1



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Alle- | luia.**

Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;

*let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!**

Alle- | luia..



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:24-34

²⁴[Jesus said:] “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. ²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

Nicene Creed

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Sit

What God Ordains Is Always Good

LSB 760

Sermon

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Offertory

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Prayer of the Church

Please be seated as the altar is prepared for the Service of the Sacrament.

Come to Me

Choir

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

Stand

Preface

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Lord's Prayer

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The Words of Our Lord

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Distribution

Seek Ye First

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Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

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Benediction

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Have No Fear, Little Flock

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+VDMA+

**Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum
The Word of the Lord endures forever**

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Austin Nehls, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Rianon Padro, Rick Zuehls, and for veterans.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Sean Esser (relative of John Winter), David Kristopeit (brother-in-law of Linda Polcin), Toni Marshman, Henry Handschke (brother-in-law of Mary Jo Jiter), Beth (friend of Donna Boyd), Dave and Mary (friends of Sandra Babel), Herb Knautz (relative of Angela Pynaker), Donna Primuth, Marilyn Thornburgh, John Mueller (relative of Dennis Helmke), James Von Dissen (nephew of Marilyn Dissen), and Jerry Nigro.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12+

- ✘ **SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE STUDY** begin today. For the first week, all ages will meet in the sanctuary for a review of our church artwork.
- ✘ **OKTOBERFEST:** Please purchase your tickets asap as the ticket sale will be closing soon. See Lesa after church or stop by the church office Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday 8:30 am – Noon. Be sure to invite your friends and family as it will be a fun evening. In addition to the delicious food, Messiah's own polka band will be performing and there will be a treasure hunt for the kids.
- ✘ **FIRE NIGHT** at the church parsonage backyard will be this Friday, September 17th at 6:00 pm. Pizza and beer will be provided by Cara Zietz in honor of her birthday.
- ✘ **MORTGAGE BALANCE:** Our current mortgage balance is \$68,819, down from \$95,000. Thank you for your contributions to this debt reduction initiative. Please continue to consider this with your weekly giving; even small amounts are helpful.
- ✘ **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will begin this Wednesday, September 15th at 9 am. We will study the book of Amos. You can prepare by reading the book ahead of time and study questions will be available at the first session.
- ✘ **LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS STUDY** will resume this Saturday, September 18th. We will begin with Matins at 9:30 am.
- ✘ **MOBILE GIVING:** Vanco, the company that facilitates our electronic giving, has changed the app that members use to make donations. Please see Thursday's email newsletter for details on downloading and using the new app. The current app will no longer work after September 30th.
- ✘ **FOOD PANTRY:** We donated 69 lbs. of food to the Shalom Center in August. Thank you for your continued support.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,648
Lord's Work Received 9/5-9/11:	5,488
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+840
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+4,845
Mortgage Balance as of 9/8/2021:	68,819

ATTENDANCE 9/5: 99

BIRTHDAYS

9/14	Ryan Busse
9/15	Irene Bashinsky
9/16	Kathy Capriotti
	Monica Scholz

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

9/12	James McConville
9/16	Peggy Holtz
9/17	Kathy Capriotti
9/18	Diana Dissen

ANNIVERSARIES

9/12	Scott & Kate Tobalsky (23 years)
	Jim & Kathy Vescova (1 year)
9/16	Kelvin & Vicky Nelson (15 years)

+SEPTEMBER EVENTS AT MESSIAH+

Sunday	Sept. 12	10:30 am	Sunday School begins
Wednesday	Sept. 15	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study begins
Friday	Sept. 17	6:00 pm	Fire Night
Saturday	Sept. 18	9:30 am	Lutheran Confessions Study
Tuesday	Sept. 21	6:00 pm	Parish Planning Meeting
		7:00 pm	Spiritual Life Council Mtg
Friday	Sept. 24	5:30 pm	Oktoberfest