Messiah Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod



St. Matthew, Apostle and Qvangelist September 21, 2014 Divine Service III

Ephesians 4:7 "But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift." Each of us have different gifts, different "graces," from God. Each of these gifts – whether in material wealth, or intelligence, or beauty, or family, etc. – is not only a gift but a duty. God gives us these gifts for a purpose – to serve our neighbor in Home, Church, and Society. How is God calling you to use your gifts?

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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. <u>Please</u> <u>hand the filled in sheet to the usher as you exit at the end of the</u> <u>service. Let the usher know if you don't have a pad in your pew.</u>

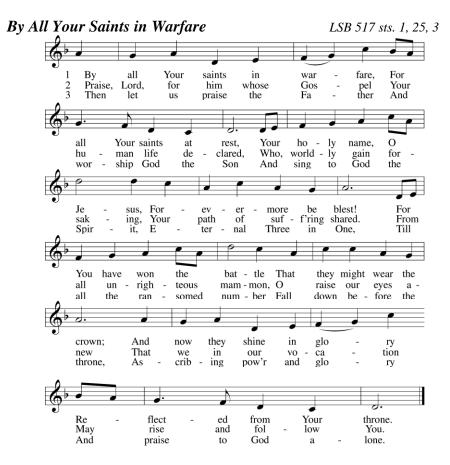
HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated every Sunday and on Feast Days. Visiting communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to commune today. All other visitors are asked to speak with the pastor before coming to the altar. If there is time before the service, introduce yourself to the 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: Tyler NehlsUshers: Keith Kentala & Jacob KentalaGreeter: Marge HarmonOrganist: Evone HagermanAltar Guild: Diana Dissen & Marilyn DissenCookies: Today's cookies are provided by Chuck and Anita Brothers.



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! Clary ha to the Father and | to the San*

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.





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.



Sit



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.

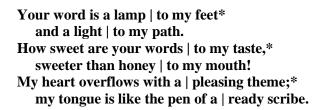
⁴And he said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. ⁵For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel— ⁶not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I 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."

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Gradual

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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



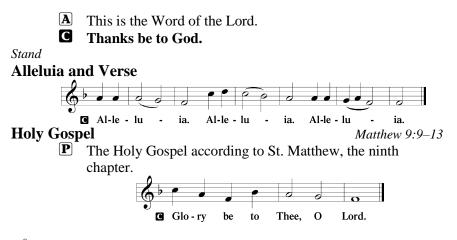
Epistle

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.



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."



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+PRAYER LIST+

✤ For all the children and Christ Lutheran Academy Staff: Karen Moe, Ruth Mallmann, Stephanie Zuehls, Liesl Christensen, & Christa Hegland.

✤ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Exor Padro, Ted & Katie Hart, and for veterans.

♥ Shut-ins: Elsie Rintamaki, Lillian Sciortino, & Bill Dissen.

- ✤ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Dennis Metallo, Joe Kayon, Richard Cleereman, Alison Daughtery (George Metallo's granddaughter), John Mills, Diane Gundlach, Faith Peyron, Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Allen Scheffer (friend of the Zuehls), Terri Nichols (diagnosed with cancer), Brian Roemke (Pastor's father recovering from double knee replacement), Carol Wagner (friend of the Brothers), and Amy.
- ✤ Thanksgiving for the successful birth of Eleanor Rose Snodgrass to Mark and Amy Snodgrass.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2014+

FIRST COMMUNION will be celebrated on September 28th. If you have a child first grade or older who is interested in receiving the Lord's Supper, please speak to Pastor so he/she can be examined.

CHURCH KEYS: If you have been given a key to the church in the past, but no longer need it, please return it to the church office. Thank you! **CHOIR PRACTICE:** There will be no choir practice this week or the next. **ALTAR GUILD:** October's meeting date has been changed. We will now meet on Saturday, October 11 at 10:00 am.

INCOME

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,717
Lord's Work Received 9/14:	\$4,661
Difference Received vs. Needed:	\$944
Difference Received vs. Needed Year to Date:	-\$18,964

ATTENDANCE Sunday 9/14: 116 Communed: 97

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MESSIAH

9/24	Wed	Women's Bible Study	9:00 am
9/28	Sun	First Communion	9:00 am
10/11	Sat	Altar Guild Meeting	10:00 am
10/17	Fri	CLA Sausage Dinner	5:30 pm

BIRTHDAYS

- 9/23 Timothy Capriotti
- Miles Cleereman
- 9/24 Matthew Knull
- 9/25 Tristan Garcia
- 9/26 Kyli Lanhardt Amy Loberger Aaron Ratzburg

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

- 9/22 John Hernandez
- 9/25 Michael Griepentrog