

# Messiah Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod



## Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity September 20, 2015 Divine Service III

*Ephesians 3:14-15* “For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.” We don’t call our heavenly Father by that name by analogy to our earthly fathers – it’s the other way around. God sets the pattern and image for earthly fathers to follow. He is the real and true Father: kind, loving, strong, faithful, generous, righteous, and self-sacrificing. Knowing this Father is the basis for growing into His image, which is the goal of our sanctification.

# 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:** Scott Tobalsky

**Ushers:** Tyler Nehls & Austin Nehls

**Greeter:** Marge Harmon

**Organist:** Monica Scholz

**Altar Guild:** Carol Hernandez & Cara Russo-Bichsel

**Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are provided by Scott & Kate Tobalsky in honor of Jacob's birthday.

**Cookies:** Today's cookies and juice are provided by the Grenyo Family.

*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. 86:1, 7, 12–13; antiphon: Ps. 86:3, 5*



Be gracious to me, | O Lord,\*  
for to you do I cry | all the day.  
For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,\*  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.

**Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,\***  
**for I am poor and | needy.**

In the day of my trouble I call up- | on you,\*  
for you | answer me.

**I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with | my whole**  
**heart,\***

**and I will glorify your name for- | ever.**

For great is your steadfast | love toward me;\*  
you have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.

**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.**

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for to you do I cry | all the day.

For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,\*  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.

**Kyrie**

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**Gloria in Excelsis**

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**Salutation and Collect of the Day**



**P** The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.



☐ Let us pray.

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



☐ A - men.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*1 Kings 17:17–24*

<sup>17</sup>After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. <sup>18</sup>And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” <sup>19</sup>And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. <sup>20</sup>And he cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” <sup>21</sup>Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” <sup>22</sup>And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. <sup>23</sup>And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.” <sup>24</sup>And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

☐ This is the Word of the Lord.

☐ Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

*Ps. 102:15–16*



Nations will fear the name | of the LORD,\*  
and all the kings of the earth will fear your | glory.  
For the LORD builds up | Zion;\*  
he appears in his | glory.

## Epistle

*Ephesians 3:13–21*

<sup>13</sup>So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



## Holy Gospel

*Luke 7:11–17*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.



<sup>11</sup>Soon afterward [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. <sup>12</sup>As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. <sup>13</sup>And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” <sup>14</sup>Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” <sup>15</sup>And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup>Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” <sup>17</sup>And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea



## +PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Andy Warren, Exor Padro, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Elsie Rintamaki, Lillian Sciortino, Myrtle Meier, & Ernie Kapellusch.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Richard Cleereman, Diane Gundlach, Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Terri Nichols, Carol Wagner (friend of the Brothers), Amy, Ron Hulke, Al Bradmon (cousin of Steve Billings), Loretta Hulke, Kyle Darling (friend of the Zuehls), Cindy (friend of Geri Tobalsky), Grace Scholz (Ted's mother), Richard Schneider (Kathleen Judson's father), Maurissa Murakami (Bev Murakami's daughter-in-law), Marge Harmon (recovering from surgery), and Alex Gerlach (recovering from surgery).

## +ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 20+

- ✘ **SHIELDS:** We have five shields available for commission for the Small Catechism Chief Parts. They are being offered for a special price of \$200. If you are interested in purchasing one, please speak to Pastor. If you have already commissioned a shield, please make your payment as soon as possible. You may put it in the offering plate labeled "shield".
- ✘ **LWML MITES** will be collected next Sunday in the fellowship hall.
- ✘ **THE ALTAR GUILD** has been doing great things! In addition to their faithful and dedicated work in preparing the Altar for Holy Communion each week, they have also raised funds to purchase new altar linens and banners. See how you can be a part of this great work at their next Altar Guild meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.
- ✘ **GREETING CARD FUNDRAISER:** Need a greeting card? There are now binders containing homemade birthday, sympathy, thinking of you, and anniversary cards for sale in the fellowship hall! The price is \$2.00 per card and envelope. Proceeds will go towards keeping the kitchen stocked and ready to go! Thanks for your support. Any questions, see Joan Chianelli, Jennifer Bertz, or Mary Rusch.

- ✘ **CONFIRMATION CLASS** will begin today. The class will meet with Pastor every other Sunday immediately following Sunday school. Please make every effort to ensure your child attends the classes.
- ✘ **FIRST COMMUNION** will be offered on September 27<sup>th</sup>. If you believe your child, first grade or older, is ready to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak to Pastor Roemke to arrange a time for him/her to be examined.
- ✘ **OKTOBERFEST:** Please "Save the Date!" We are continuing CLA's annual Oktoberfest fundraiser, now benefitting mission projects. Mark Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> on your calendar. Brats, schnitzel (cooked by Pastor), and German potato salad will be served and we will hold a costume contest with prizes for the kids.
- ✘ **EARN MONEY FOR MESSIAH!** Do you shop at Meijer or Amazon.com? Both of these companies will give Messiah .5% of all of your purchases. Signing up is easy; see the bulletin board in the hallway and ask Lesa if you have any questions. This is a great way to donate to Messiah without spending anything extra.

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,268
Lord's Work Received 9/13:	\$4,014
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+\$746
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+\$279

**ATTENDANCE** 9/13: 184

Communed: 138

**+UPCOMING EVENTS AT MESSIAH+**

Tuesday	9/22	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday	9/26	10:00 am	Altar Guild Meeting
Friday	10/23	5:00 pm	Oktoberfest

**BIRTHDAYS**

9/20 Jacob Tobalsky  
 9/21 Peter Mallmann  
 9/23 Miles Cleereman  
 9/25 Tristan Garcia  
 9/26 Kyli Lanhardt  
 Aaron Ratzburg

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

9/22 John Hernandez

**ANNIVERSARIES**

9/20 Jason & Allison Stephans (12)