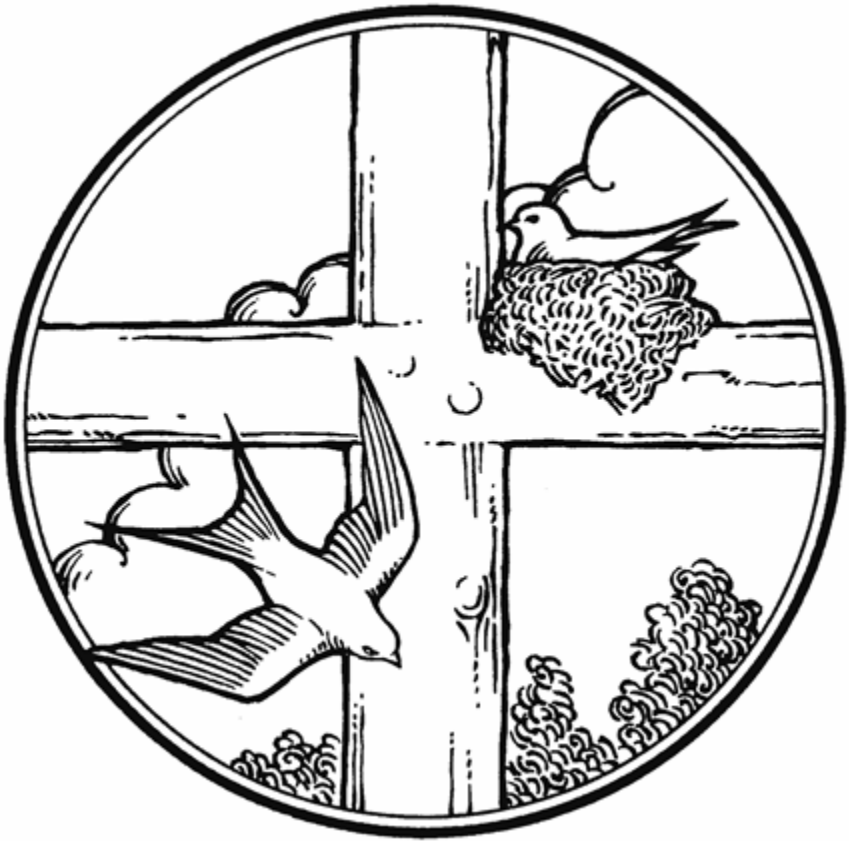


**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
**The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**



**Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**September 9, 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:** Tyler Nehls

**Greeter:** Vicky Nelson

**Organist:** Evone Hagerman

**Ushers:** Mark Mielke, Scott Tobalsky, & Matthew Grenyo

**Altar Guild:** Marilyn Dissen & Diana Dissen

**Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are provided by Barbara Miller in honor of Betty Boness's birthday.

**Cookies:** Today's cookies and juice are provided by Pat Boness.

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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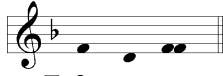
**Salutation and Collect of the Day**



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** 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.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*1 Kings 17:8–16*

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him, <sup>9</sup>“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So 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.” <sup>11</sup>And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>And 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.” <sup>13</sup>And 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. <sup>14</sup>For 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.’” <sup>15</sup>And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The 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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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*

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

<sup>6:1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup>But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup>For each will have to bear his own load.

<sup>6</sup>One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup>For 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. <sup>9</sup>And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 6:24–34*

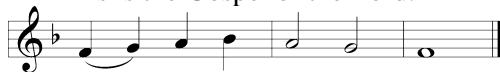
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.



<sup>24</sup>[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. <sup>25</sup>“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? <sup>26</sup>Look 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? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But 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? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

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

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



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

**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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*Sit*

**Offering**

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**Prayer of the Church**

**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

**Preface**

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<b>Distribution</b>	
<i>Seek Ye First</i>	<i>LSB 712</i>
<i>We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight</i>	<i>LSB 720</i>
<i>Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings</i>	<i>LSB 782</i>
<i>If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee</i>	<i>LSB 750</i>
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 <i>Lord of All Hopefulness</i>	 <i>LSB 738</i>

**+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), Ariana (friend of Dennis Metallo), Chuck Atwood (Lesa Roemke's uncle), and Clyde and Doris Cornelius (Lesa Roemke's grandparents).

**+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2018+**

- ✘ **ORGAN DEDICATION SERVICE:** We will have a special Vespers service in dedication to our new pipe organ on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30 pm. The service will feature guest organist Richard Ewert. Light refreshments will be served following the service.
- ✘ **FIRST COMMUNION** will be offered on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Anyone 1<sup>st</sup> grade or older who is interested, please speak to Pastor Roemke to be examined.
- ✘ **TIME & TALENT SURVEY:** Please complete the survey by next Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. It is available both online (there is a link in the weekly newsletter email) and on paper (located in the fellowship hall).

- ✘ **SUNDAY SCHOOL** and adult Bible study begin today.
- ✘ **CONFESSIONS STUDY** will meet this Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with Matins at 9:30 am.
- ✘ **YOUTH CHOIR** will begin next Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Anyone third grade and up is welcome to join in singing. We will meet Mondays from 7-7:30 pm in the choir room.
- ✘ **SAVE THE DATE!** This year's Oktoberfest will be Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. More info coming soon.
- ✘ **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 26<sup>th</sup>.

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,102
Lord's Work Received 9/2-9/8:	\$4,980
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+878
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+5,329

**ATTENDANCE**    9/2: 135                      Communed: 126

**SEPTEMBER EVENTS AT MESSIAH**

Sunday	September 9	10:30 am	Sunday School begins
Tuesday	September 11	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
Saturday	September 15	9:30 am	Confessions Study
Monday	September 17	7:00 pm	Youth Choir Practice begins
Thursday	September 20	6:00 pm	Parish Planning Meeting
		6:45 pm	Spiritual Life Council Mtg
Saturday	September 22	10:00 am	Altar Guild Meeting
Sunday	September 23	3:30 pm	Organ Dedication Service
Saturday	September 29	6:00 pm	Biergarten Meet-Up
Sunday	September 30	9:00 am	First Communion

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 9/9     Betty Boness  
        Vincent Hernandez
- 9/10   Katy Billings
- 9/12   Dennis Metallo
- 9/14   Ryan Busse

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

- 9/12   James McConville

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 9/12   Jerry & Geri Tobalsky (48 years)
- Scott & Kate Tobalsky (20 years)