

Messiah Lutheran Church

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**St. Matthew, Apostle and
Evangelist**

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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 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: Jeff Vallis

Ushers: Mark Mielke & Kelvin Nelson

Greeters: Vernon & Lynda Koch

Organist: Henry Buehrens

Altar Guild: Kris Kochman & Amy Vallis

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Steve & Marilyn Wikner in honor of Marilyn's retirement.

Fellowship: Steve & Marilyn Wikner

C And also with you.

P O Lord of hosts, we thank and praise You, for You have stretched forth Your almighty arm to strengthen and protect Lena, who has successfully completed basic training for service in the armed forces of our country. You have blessed her training, and, with Your aid, she has applied herself with all diligence. We thank You for preserving her in the faith and bringing her back to her family of faith here at Messiah. Support her, and all who serve in our nations armed forces, in times of war, and in times of peace keep them from all evil, giving courage and loyalty and granting that in all things she may serve honestly and without reproach; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even \dagger forevermore.

Confession and Absolution

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 92:1–5; antiphon: Matt. 9:13b, c



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

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

and your faithful- | ness by night,

to the melody | of the lyre.

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

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

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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

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.”

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.

Stand and face Processional Cross

Alleluia and Verse

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Alleluia. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Alleluia.

Matthew 28:19a, 20b

Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9–13

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."

Nicene Creed

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Alleluia

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+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✠ Those who serve in our armed forces: Lena Roemke, Rianon Asbury, Exavier Padro, & veterans.
- ✠ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Rylie Snodgrass, John Funk (friend of Steve and Sarah Billings), Michelle Knull, Roger & Sara Lyngen, Linda Polcin, Jane Gundlach, Kathy Knutell, Michelle Wert, Anita Brothers, the Nevius Family, Nicole Padro (daughter of the Brayas), Tim Watson, Jan Sandberg (mother of Jim Sandberg) and Sarah Hagerman.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21st+

- ✠ **BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Today we continue our tradition of going through the theology of the sacred art in the sanctuary. There will be no class next Sunday because of the church picnic. Starting October 5th and going forward, we will have an all-ages Bible study in the fellowship hall.

- ✧ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES** resume this week, September 24th. Wednesday Morning Bible Study at 9:30 am will discuss the topic of angels. Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 6:30 pm will discuss the Book of Concord and close with Compline.
- ✧ **KLEENEXES NEEDED:** Sniffle season is quickly approaching. The church is in need of Kleenex. The next time you pick some up for yourself, please grab an extra box and put it above the coat rack to the right of the sanctuary. Thank you!
- ✧ **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Regular church office hours have resumed. Lesa is in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8 am to noon. Feel free to stop by during those times. Please talk to Pastor or Lesa to arrange a time outside of those hours if necessary.
- ✧ **OKTOBERFEST CHURCH PICNIC:** Our Oktoberfest-themed church picnic will be next Sunday, September 28th. We will have games and kids activities immediately following the Divine Service, and will plan to eat our meal around 11:30. Pastor Roemke will make his famous pork schnitzel and the church is also providing brats and buns. Please see the sheet in the hallway to sign up for a side dish, dessert, or drinks. The recipes we use for Oktoberfest are provided, but you are welcome to use any recipe; we just ask that you keep it German-themed. Please consider how you can help with this event. We need a crew to set up the tent on Saturday and will need help setting up tables and chairs on Sunday. We need one or two volunteers to help with the kid crafts, and of course, we will need help getting the food ready. Please let Lesa know how you can help.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Lord’s Work contributions budget YTD as of 9/19:	\$194,228
Lord’s Work contributions received YTD as of 9/19:	\$152,011
Difference:	-\$42,217
Restricted contributions YTD as of 9/19:	\$15,155

ATTENDANCE 9/14: 72

BIRTHDAYS		BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS	
9/21	Cheryl Piel	9/22	John Hernandez
9/24	Gavin Sommer	9/24	Gavin Sommer
9/27	Henry Joslyn		

ANNIVERSARIES

9/21	Tim & Kathy Watson (46 years)
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