

MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Vision: "Messiah seeks to grow as a congregation of the ELCA called by Christ, gathered by the gospel, and sent by the Holy Spirit into our communities to share and celebrate God's compassion and love."

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2022
LECTIONARY 24 - 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Pastor, Vicky Blough
Pianist, Sheryl Virgil

Secretary & Office Hours:
Thursday, 5p.m.-7p.m.

We welcome all friends and visitors in the name of Jesus Christ. Each Sunday we celebrate Holy Communion. We believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament, and that all baptized Christians are welcome at God's table. Please come forward to the altar to receive the sacrament. Non-communicating children receive a blessing from the pastor. White grape juice is available in an individual tray.

Infants and small children are welcome at worship, or the nursery is available for children kindergarten age and under. If you need the nursery for your child, please speak with an usher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ELW #595 “Jesus Loves Me”**

***GREETING:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

⁷The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” ⁹The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

¹¹But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” ¹⁴And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The word of The Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-10

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your ¹steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out ¹my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through ¹from my wickedness,
and cleanse me ¹from my sin.**

³For I know | my offenses,
 and my sin is ev- | er before me.
⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
 so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**
⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
 a sinner from my | mother's womb.
⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
 and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**
⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
 wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.
⁸**Let me hear | joy and gladness;
 that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**
⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
 and blot out | all my wickedness.
¹⁰**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
 and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

Amen.

The word of The Lord,
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “ He Is Lord”

He is Lord, he is Lord
 He is Risen from the dead and He is Lord.
 Every knee shall bow
 Every tongue confess
 That Jesus Christ is Lord

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

The Good News according to Luke, the 15th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: Luke 15:1-10**

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: “Are you lost or found?”

***HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #677 “This Little Light of Mine”**

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Each petition ends with: God, in your mercy,
prayer.

The congregation responds with: **hear our**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

BACKPACK BLESSING

THANK YOU TO ALL FOR PROVIDING A BACKPACK. THEY WILL BE BLESSED ON THIS SUNDAY.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of abundance:
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION:

The Lord Be With You.
And Also With You.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE:**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

***HOLY, HOLY:**

Holy, holy
Holy, holy
Holy Holy Lord God Almighty
And we lift our hearts before You
as a token of our love
Holy, Holy, Holy Holy

***COMMUNION PRAYER**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

LET US BREAK BREAD ELW #471 VS. 1-3

Let us break bread together on our knees
Let us break bread together on our knees
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
o Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us Drink wine together on our knees
Let us drink wine together on our knees
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
o Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees
Let us praise God together on our knees
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

***BENEDICTION:**

God, the Author of of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, bless you now and forever.

Three-Fold Amen.

***SENDING HYMN:** ELW #866 “We Are Marching in the Light”

SENDING

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.