



MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Lutheran Church-
Missouri Synod*

1308 Whitley Rd.
Keller, TX 76248

**Sunday School &
Adult Bible Class**
9:30am

Sunday Worship
8:00am, 10:45am

CHURCH OFFICE
(817) 431-2345

Rev. Thomas Chryst
Pastor

CLASSICAL ACADEMY
(817) 431-5486

www.messiahkeller.org

www.mlcatexas.org



He...prepared,
and set it before them.

Genesis 18:8

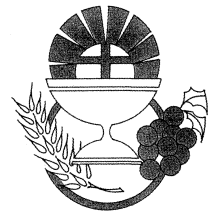
FOR OUR VISITORS....

Welcome! We encourage you to follow along with either the printed service, or with the hymnal. The page numbers for the hymnal are posted at the front of the sanctuary and on the next page. We realize it can take a while for newcomers to become familiar with our liturgy, so please feel free to ask someone near you for assistance—he or she would be happy to help.

We love children in our church! But if your little one gets fussy you may use the last classroom on **the left hand side of the pre-school** hallway behind the sanctuary. We also have **"Quiet**

Bags" available for children to use during the service. Please ask an usher or elder if you need assistance. The Quiet Bags are returned after the service.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in our services today. In this supper, our Lord Jesus Christ graciously feeds the humble sinner with His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Scripture clearly teaches that anyone who eats and drinks the body and blood of Christ without discerning that body and blood receives a judgment rather than a blessing from God (1 Cor. 11:29). Therefore, out of a Christian concern for souls, we require a thorough instruction in the teachings of the Lutheran Church before participating in this Sacrament. Participation at the altar is also a testimony of unity of faith with all others who partake (1 Cor. 10:17). Since unity at the altar presupposes unity in doctrine and confession (Acts 2:42), we kindly request that **only those who are in confessional fellowship** with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod participate. This includes active members in good standing of all sister Missouri-Synod congregations.



We recognize that **Closed Communion** is a sensitive issue for many and have a brochure to explain it more thoroughly. It is available in the narthex or from an usher. If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to speak with our pastor. However, **we welcome** both children and adults who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church to come to the altar during communion for a pastoral blessing. Please indicate the request for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.



Follow the QR code to visit our **"Virtual Guestbook"** and tell us about yourself and your visit with us.

*LARGER PRINT IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.
PLEASE SEE AN USHER FOR A COPY.*

Divine Service—Setting Three—LSB 184

Hymns:

904, 536, 728

Distribution Hymns:

731, 708

Sermon Title:

“Martha & Mary”

Scripture:

Luke 10:38-42

Prelude:

LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER (“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”) – by J. S. Bach, BWV 634

EINS IST NOT (“One Thing’s Needful”) –
settings by Kristina Langlois and Harald Rohlig

Postlude:

“Toccata in G,” by P. Giovanni Battista Martini

The Word of Christ Is the One Thing Needed

“The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre” (Gen. 18:1) and received his hospitality. But Abraham received the gracious promise of a son. Though Abraham and Sarah were very old, nothing is *“too hard for the LORD”* (Gen. 18:14). His Word appointed the time and fulfilled the promise. In the same way, the Lord Jesus *“entered a village”* and received Martha’s hospitality (Luke 10:38). *“Martha was distracted with much serving”* because she was *“anxious and troubled about many things”* (Luke 10:40–41), but her sister, Mary, *“sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching”* (Luke 10:39). The service of love is no sin, but *“one thing is necessary”* for both faith and love — the Word of Christ (Luke 10:42). Thus, the ministers of Christ are sent *“to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints”* (Col. 1:25–26).

Serving in God’s House Today

Organist:	Miguel Ruiz		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Altar Guild:	Carol Hibbs Debbie Lee Mary Davis	Head Elder:	Randy Burk	Stephen Inglehart
		Head Usher:	Chris Nietenhoefer	Paul Cigainero
		Acolytes:	Joseph Kirby	Matthias Loeffler
Counters:	Corrine Latham Laurie Ward	Crucifer/ Altar Assistant	Ethan Salgado	Cory O'Dell

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Bob Knipp in loving memory of his grandparents, Raymond & Mary Edna Knipp, and his dear friends, June & Elmer Priddy.

Introit: *Psalm 119:57-64 antiphon: v. 105*



Your word is a lamp | to my feet*
and a light | to my path.

The LORD is my | portion;*
I promise to | keep your words.

I entreat your favor with | all my heart;*
be gracious to me according to your | promise.

When I think | on my ways,*
I turn my feet to your testi- | monies;

I hasten and do | not delay*
to keep your com- | mandments.

Though the cords of the wicked en- | snare
me,*

I do not for- | get your law.

At midnight I rise to | praise you,*
because of your just and righ- | teous decrees.

I am a companion of all who | fear you,*
of those who keep your | precepts.

The earth, O LORD, is full of your | steadfast love;*
teach me your | statutes!

Collect of the Day

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual: *adapted from Romans 10:15b, 18b, Isaiah 52:7b, alt*

Sung by the Cantor

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news, who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.
Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: July 20—August 2

- | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| 20: 1 Sam. 3:1-21
Acts 16:1-22 | 24: 1 Sam. 8:1-22
Acts 21:15-36 | 28: 1 Sam. 13:1-18
Acts 23:12-35 | 31 1 Sam. 16:1-23
Acts 25:13-27 |
| 21: 1 Sam. 4:1-22
Acts 17:1-34
Acts 16:23-40 | 25: 1 Sam. 9:1-27
Acts 21:37-22:16 | 29: 1 Sam. 14:47-15:9
Acts 24:1-23 | 1: 1 Sam. 17:1-19
Acts 26:1-23 |
| 22: 1 Sam. 5:1-6:3, 10-16
Acts 18:1-11, 23-28 | 26: 1 Sam. 10:1-27
27: 1 Sam. 12:1-25
Acts 22:30-23:11 | 30: 1 Sam. 15:10-35
Acts 24:24-25:12 | 2: 1 Sam. 17:20-47
Acts 26:24-27:8
Acts 22:17-29 |
| 23: 1 Sam. 6:19-7:17
Acts 19:23-21:14
Acts 19:1-22 | | | |

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 07/20 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE
- 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE
- 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE

MONDAY 07/21 - 9:30AM - OPEN BRAILLE WORKSHOP—MAC BUILDING ON 377
- 12:00PM - PRIVATE EVENT—FELLOWSHIP HALL (12:00-5:00)

TUESDAY 07/22 - -

WEDNESDAY 07/23 - 6:00PM - CHURCH COUNCIL—RECEPTION ROOM—(6:00-7:00)

THURSDAY 07/24 - -

FRIDAY 07/25 - -

SATURDAY 07/26 - 7:00AM - MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY—ROSA'S CAFÉ ON 377

INSTALLATION DETAILS

Rev. Brennick Christiansen has accepted the call to be our part-time assistant Pastor at Messiah. His installation service will be held at Messiah on **Sunday, August 10th at 3pm**. This will be a Divine Service, with Holy Communion. Area pastors will also be in attendance and we are encouraging all Messiah members to attend!

INSTALLATION SUNDAY SOCIAL

We invite you to join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the Installation to welcome Pastor Christiansen and his family with an old fashioned *Ice Cream Sundae Social*. Enjoy your choice of banana sundaes and root beer floats, complete with a variety of toppings.

CHRISTIANSSEN TRANSITION FUND AND PANTRY DONATION

If you would like to help support the Christiansen's move, Messiah has set up a special fund. Please mark your online and/or check/cash donations with "Christiansen Transition Fund". We are also collecting pantry staples such as toiletries, paper goods, condiments, snacks and other misc. items. These pantry items can be placed in the wood crates in the narthex in lieu of our usual storehouse donations. We will continue to accept these items until the family arrives. These items and pantry supplies will be presented to the family as a welcome gift from the congregation when they arrive. Please keep the Christiansens in your prayers during this stressful but exciting time!



MESSIAH LUTHERAN
CLASSICAL ACADEMY

Now Enrolling
2 yr - 8th Grade

Schedule a Tour!

817-431-5486

www.mlcateexas.org

Please keep in your prayers...

We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer: Denny Knutson, Joan Beach, Linda Pancake, Rick Swender, Wayne Kirkland, Ken Blume, Carolyn Blume, Gaelina Strader, Sarah Jarrett, Mike Vandergriff, Rev. Ernie Bernet, Janie Peter.

...also those with other illnesses and trials:
Chelsea Lage Grant Smith, MaryAnn Kondratick, Hannah Leeb, William Johnstone, Marlene Eaton, Jim Williams, Kris Carter, Taylor Carlson, Travis Thowe, Wes Liles, Grover Downing, Mary Lowry, Patsy Smith, Shelby Renfro, Connie Worley Ramsey, Chelsea Lage, Brooke Lage, The Lowry Family, Sandy McDougal, Bruce Lage, Priscilla Lindwedel, Jacob Brewer.

...and those who are unable to worship with us regularly: Carolyn Blume, Susan Copen, Don & Marilyn Curry, Rudi Milbitz, LaVina Goedecke, Janet Hazelhurst, Dusty Ford, Ron and Barbara Busse, and Ron Klingbeil.

.....all of our college students in and out of state: Christian Boniek, Ashley Brewer, Jacob Brewer, Colby Carter, Seminarian David Christensen, Maranda Crutchfield, Dorian Crutchfield, Paul Hedman, Ethan Johnson, Cole O'Dell, Ryan O'Dell, Clara O'Neil, Camilea O'Neil, Daniella Osorio, Helena Phillips, Aidan Richmond, Davis Richmond, Mia Salgado, Max Tonniges, Charlie Umayam, Audrey Weber, Emily Weber.

We remember all those serving our country, particularly our members and loved ones in the military: Carly Schwarzenburg, Jesus Aranda, Hannah Kajer, Nicolas Towers, Tony Bourassa, Tyler Burk, David Cantrell, Cassie Gessling, Joseph Kajer, Seth Kirch, Andrew Latham, Andrew Lowry, Hannah Pinkston, Brandon Towers, Frank Wilde, Chaplain Peter J. Williams.

We also pray for...

- Our Braille ministry, that the Word will continue to reach the blind or visually impaired around the world.
- Our educational ministry, especially our Academy, Sunday School, and Catechumens.
- Fellow Messiah members, married couples and children, young couples, singles, and Pastor Chryst.
- The voters, church council, and leaders of Messiah Church and School as they deliberate on the work the Lord has given His people to do.
- Our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world being persecuted for their faith.
- The spread of the Gospel around our nation and world and the work of our missionaries and relief workers.
- Rev. Solomon Yadessa and his work with the Multi-Ethnic Ministry of North Texas.
- Rev. Dr. Michael Paul and his work in Taiwan.
- The Swaddling Clothes ministry and those who come seeking assistance.
- Those studying at seminary, including David Christensen, and Vicar Tanner Sawall as they prepare to serve in the Holy Ministry.
- Prayers for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.
- Prayers for Pastor Christiansen, his family, and the move to Texas while he prepares for his service to Messiah Lutheran.

Pastor Chryst: pastor.chryst@messiahkeller.org
Director of Parish Music: miguel.ruiz@messiahkeller.org
MLCA Office: schooloffice@mlcatexas.org
MLCA Preschool: schooloffice@mlcatexas.org
School Board Chair: schoolboardchairman@mlcatexas.org
Board of Trustees: trustees@messiahkeller.org

Financial Director: jinel.munoz@messiahkeller.org
Financial Secretary: financial.secretary@messiahkeller.org
Church Office: churchoffice@messiahkeller.org
Church Office Administrator: linda.pinkston@messiahkeller.org
MLCA Summer Hours: July: Tue-Thurs, 9am-3pm.
MLC Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm



CHURCH OFFICE IS HIRING! We have found someone to take on a part-time role in the church office. We are seeking a second part-time (paid) staff member to complete the church office needs. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Martin Littmann or Pastor Chryst.



VOTERS' MEETING: The Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held July 27th immediately following the late service, in the Fellowship Hall at 12pm. All voting members and members of Messiah are encouraged to attend. For questions, or to verify your voting status, please contact Chris Goodwin at cjgood123@gmail.com for questions.



ELDERLY CARE SEMINAR: Mark your Calendars for the Upcoming Elderly Care Seminar that will be held over two different evenings, one week apart, on Thursday, September 4th and Thursday, September 11th, from 6-8pm in the Fellowship Hall. Messiah member Dr. Miguel Hernandez will be lecturing on many different topics related to Elder Care, with more details to follow. This seminar will last approximately one hour. There will be a time for questions and answers afterward. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please join us for one or both sessions.

ACOLYTES, CRUCIFERS, AND USHERS NEEDED: We are looking for volunteers to assist with our 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM worship services in the following roles: Acolytes (ages 7+): Light candles and support worship. Crucifers (confirmed youth): Carry the processional cross and assist with communion. Ushers (confirmed youth through seniors): Welcome members, distribute bulletins, and assist with seating and offerings. Training will be provided. If you or your child would like to volunteer, please contact Luis Muñoz at lmunoz.mlc@gmail.com or put your name on the signup sheet on the copy room door.



STEWARDS UNDER THE CROSS for July 20 – Proper 11- Luke 10:40b – “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?” Martha is doing the right thing but in the wrong order.

Her service to the Lord is good, but she has let it get ahead of hearing His Word. Mary has placed the Word first, which is good. Is there any doubt that she will rise once she has heard the Word and get to serving as well? Isn't that what hearing the Word always leads us to do? We listen, then respond. We believe, and thus we act!



WHERE CHRISTIANITY MEETS CULTURE... Issues, Etc. EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast

produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent subjects include: Young Women Rejecting Feminism; The Movies “Conclave” and “Sinner;” The Lord’s Supper; The Hymn “O Christ, Our True and Only Light” and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.



A LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR for July 20—Pentecost VI (Proper 11C): Affirming the sanctity of every life means more than just ending abortion or opposing physician-assisted suicide. Sometimes it includes Gospel hospitality that sits and listens to neighbors about the crosses they carry (Luke 10:39). Bringing about death to dismiss and silence suffering may feel like a human right, but sharing one another’s sorrows represents the better portion (Luke 10:42).



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: **106** 10:45am: **100** (**206** Total)
Sunday School: **98** **OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$16,827** (Including online giving to Gen. Fund)

WEEKLY OFFERINGS NEEDED TO FUND THE CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: **\$19,549**

You may use this QR code for your convenience if you would like to give to Messiah. It will direct you to our Vanco System for electronic giving.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 18:1–14

The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

Epistle: Colossians 1:21–29

You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and

above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:38–42

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."