

Messiah Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran Academy

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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 you will hear and receive the Word of God with joy in our midst.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: During the offering we ask that you sign the friendship register located at the center aisle of each pew. Please hand the filled in sheet to the usher as you exit. Let the usher know if you don't have a pad in your pew.



OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE : In the fullness of time, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Until the end of time, His grace is still given to us as He promised it in the Lord's Supper. As we receive His gift today, we would ask *guests* who desire to commune to speak with the pastor *before* the service. In joyful obedience to the teaching of Scripture, we practice closed communion.

PRAYER FOR RIGHT RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: O Lord, our God, in the name of whose only-begotten Son we have been called to be Christians and have been blest with Baptism for the remission of sins, make us, we pray, ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins and to give thanks with grateful hearts to you, O Father, to your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FLOWERS: Altar flowers are provided by the Roemkes in honor of Lena's sixth birthday.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO BRING COOKIES & JUICE: Sign up on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Quantities needed and instructions are also listed there.

CLA OPEN HOUSE: Have you ever wondered what classical education really is? Have you ever wondered how it can be combined with Lutheran education? Have you ever wondered what a multi-grade classroom really looks like? Come learn all this and more at CLA's open house where there will be a formal presentation on classical Lutheran education **today** at 2:00 p.m. There will also be a tour of the school, hors d'oeuvres, and an opportunity to speak with school staff and parents. Come and bring your friends, family, and neighbors.

LOVE TO TRAVEL? Grace Lutheran Church is sponsoring a tour to Lutherland Sept. 15-26, 2014. The itinerary includes Luther sites in Wittenberg, Eisleben, and Torgau; other German cities as Berlin, Dresden, and Munich.; Salzburg and a lovely lake excursion at Hallstatt, Austria; and Prague. For WWII history buffs, there are excursions to Dachau Conc. Camp, Eagle's Nest on Kehlstein Mtn, and the Elbe River where U.S. and Allied forces met. The 12 day tour costs \$3279. Please contact Pastor Poppe at 633-4831 for more information and a registration form.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE Looking for information about life issues such as adoption, bioethics, creation, crisis pregnancy, end-of-life questions, or confidential post-abortion healing? Check out the vast array of *FREE resources* available at www.LutheransForLife.org .

VIDEO SERMONS: Pastor's sermons are now being videorecorded. Each week the sermon will be uploaded to the church's YouTube page. If you have a YouTube account, you can subscribe and be notified of new sermons. A link to each week's sermon will also be posted on the church's Facebook page and website. Be sure to share them with your friends! Contact Pastor or Lesa with any questions.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Thank you to all who sign up for altar flowers. Please remit your payment for them the week prior (or the week of, at the very latest). Also, when the sign-up sheet for Easter flowers comes out, we are going to ask that you pay for your flowers at the time you sign up. This will make the process of ordering and paying for our flowers much more efficient. Thank you for understanding.

SHROVE TUESDAY: Lamb of God will be holding a Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner to benefit Christ Lutheran Academy on Tuesday, March 4, at 6:00 PM at Lamb of God. Deacons will serve pancakes, potato pancakes and sausages, as well as coffee, milk and juice all for a free-will donation. Please contact Mark Bernhardt (dearmark@memorableaddress.com) if you'd like to volunteer or make any donations.

+ DIVINE SERVICE II+

THE PREPARATION

Opening Hymn.....**586**
Confession & Absolution.....167

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit.....Insert
Kyrie.....168
This is the Feast.....170
Collect.....Insert
Old Testament.....Insert
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual.....Insert
Epistle.....Insert
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse.....173
Holy Gospel..... Insert
Sermon Hymn..... **824**
Sermon
Nicene Creed.....174
Prayer of the Church.....175
Offering.....Choir
Offertory.....176

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface to the prayers..... 177
Sanctus.....178
Words of Our Lord 179
The Lord's Prayer 179
Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)..... 180
Dist.Hymns.....**579, 580, 921**
Thank the Lord.....181
Prayer.....183
Benediction.....183
Final Hymn.....**577**

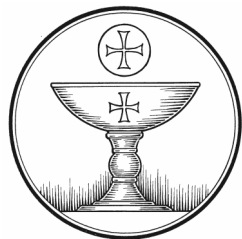
Please Remain Standing for Final Hymn Announcements

In Our Prayers

- For all the children and Christ Lutheran Academy Staff: Debi Tauschek (Headmaster), Karen Moe, Ruth Mallman, Stephanie Zuehls, Liesl Christensen, & Christa Hegland.
- For Exor Padro, Ted & Katie Hart, and Allen Weber, our members and family members who serve in the armed forces.
- For Bryan and Melissa Brieman at the birth of their son, Samuel.
- For Shut-Ins: Elsie Rintamaki, Arby Tobalsky, and Lillian Sciortino.
- For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including Dennis Metallo, Joe Kayon, Richard Cleereman, Fred Dissen (Bill Dissen's brother), Alison Daughtery (granddaughter of George & Lois Metallo), John Mills, Carla Kreuger (cousin of Becky & Ashley Noble), Pastor Keuch, Lois Metallo, Dale Nichols (Karen's husband), Diane Gundlach (Sarah Billings' sister), Faith Peyron (friend of member), Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Diane Horschak (Debi Tauschek's mother), Tyler Nehls, and the family of Roger Ehle.

Christ's Servants Today

Elder: Don Moe
 Ushers: Tyler Nehls & Austin Nehls
 Greeter: Mary Rusch
 Altar Guild: Gail Kulbacki & Carol Hernandez
 Organist: Monica Scholz
 Cookies: None



INCOME

Average Budgeted Lord's Work needed in a week \$3,717
 Budgeted Lord's Work Received 2/16 \$2,570
 Budgeted Lord's Work Received to Needed -\$1,147
 Received to Budget YTD 2014 -\$4,442

Attendance 2/16: 136 Communed: 100

This Week's Events for Messiah

Sun. Feb 23rd CLA Open House 2:00 p.m.
 Tues. Feb 25th KALEA at Messiah 6:30 p.m.
 Wed. Feb. 26th CLA Divine Service 8:30 a.m.
 Women's Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Future Events for Messiah

Wed. March 5 Imposition of Ashes 7:00—8:00 am
 Div. Svc w/Imposition of Ashes 8:15 am
 Div. Svc w/Imposition of Ashes 6:30 pm

Wedding Anniversaries

None this week.

Baptism Anniversaries

2/26 Hayley Weathersby
 Payton Weathersby
 Ally Pederson
 3/1 Diane Eisenbraun

Birthdays

Pray for our members	
2/23	Thomas Green
2/24	Tamara Weathersby
2/25	Monica Scholz
2/26	Matthew Brothers
2/27	Samuel Brieman
2/28	Emma Jiter
3/1	Tyler Nehls
2/23	Billy Weathersby
2/24	Tatum Nehls
2/25	Scott Tobalsky
2/27	Staci Braya-Szela
	Jacob Kueker
	Artyom Varvil
	Sergei Varvil
2/28	Carolena Roemke
3/1	Stacy Cleereman

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Scripture Alone

The Sower sows the seed of His Word (Luke 8:4–15). This Word is living and powerful (Heb. 4:9–13) to conceive new life in those who hear it. But the planting of Christ is attacked by the devil, the world, and the flesh. Satan snatches the Word away from hard hearts. The riches and pleasures of this life choke off faith. Shallow and emotional belief withers in time of temptation and trouble. But see how Christ bears this attack for us! Christ's cross was planted in the hard and rocky soil of Golgotha. A crown of thorns was placed upon His head. Satan and His demons hellishly hounded and devoured Him. Yet, through His dying and rising again, He destroyed these enemies of ours. Jesus is Himself the Seed which fell to the ground and died in order that it might sprout forth to new life and produce much grain. In Him, the weak are strong (2 Cor. 11:19–12:9). He is the Word of the Father which does not return void (Is. 55:10–13) but yields a harvest hundredfold.