



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

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Jesus...
manifested His glory

FOR OUR VISITORS....

Welcome! *When the service begins with the procession of the crucifix, you may rise and turn to face the entrance of the sanctuary at the start of the first hymn, turning back to face the altar as the cross processes past you. This gesture of respect is repeated in reverse during the singing of the final hymn.*

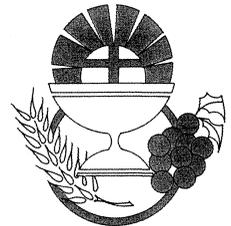
We encourage you to follow along with either the printed service, or with the hymnal. The page numbers for the hymnal are posted at the front of the sanctuary and on the next page. We realize it can take a while for newcomers to become familiar with our liturgy, so please feel free to ask someone near 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 cry room that is located at the north end of the hallway behind the sanctuary on your right. You are able to see and hear the worship service from there.



Follow the QR code to visit our **"Virtual Guestbook"** and tell us about yourself and your visit with us today. We also have a physical guestbook in the narthex.

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.

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.

This morning's liturgy, hymns and bulletin are available in larger print. Please see an usher for a copy.

Divine Service—Setting Three—LSB 184

The Hymns:

408, 402, 394

During Distribution:

636, 409

Sermon Title:

"The Sign"

Scripture:

John 2:1-11

Prelude:

"Andantino" – Adolph Friedrich Hesse; "Herr Christ, Der Einig Gotts Sohn"
(The Only Son from Heaven) -settings by Stephen Rosebrock and Johann Gottfried Walther

Postlude:

"Toccata in F" – Johann Pachelbel



We welcome all who worship with us this morning in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, through whom we have been re-deemed and made new. In Christ, God delights in us and rejoices as a bridegroom over his bride, no longer outcasts, but crowns of beauty wearing the righteousness of Christ through faith. The same Holy Spirit who calls us and keeps us in that faith also empowers us with gifts, like jewels in our crowns. Although we are all equally lovely in the eyes of our Lord, we have each been given a separate, unique set of gifts, for "the common good." May God continue to bless us with His gifts, and may we willingly and joyfully employ them for the benefit of His kingdom as He intends. Thanks be to God for providing all we need.

Serving in God's House Today

Organist: Miguel Ruiz		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Altar Guild: Laurie Ward Angie Richmond Joan Burk Cathy Latham	Head Elder:	Randy Burk	Neil Gessling
	Head Usher:	Randy Burk	Marty Hobson
	Acolytes:	Caleb Liddle	Sam Rivera
Counters: Amy Hedman Becky Hooper	Crucifer:	Colby Carter	Paul Hedman

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Wendell and Peggy Wahlstedt in celebration of Peggy's birthday.

Introit *Psalm 36:5-9; antiphon: Song of Solomon 2:4*



[The Lord] brought me to the ban- | queting house,*
and his banner over | me was love.

**Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the |
heavens,***

your faithfulness | to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the moun- | tains of
God;*

your judgments are like the great deep; man and
beast you save, | O LORD.

How precious is your steadfast love, | O God!*

**The children of mankind take refuge in the
shadow | of your wings.**

They feast on the abundance | of your house,*
and you give them drink from the river of | your
delights.

For with you is the four- | tain of life;*
in your light do | we see light.

G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things
in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of
Your people and grant us Your peace through all our
days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

Gradual *Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8*
(sung by the Kantor)

Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Catechesis for the week of January 16

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we
confess our sins, and second that we
receive absolution, that is, forgiveness,
from the pastor as from God Himself, not
doubting, but firmly believing that by it our
sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

Scripture:

**But seek first the kingdom of God and his
righteousness, and all these things will be
added to you.**

Matthew 6:33

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 01/16 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE
 - 9:30AM - ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE
 - 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE
 - 4:00PM - MESSIAH VOLLEYBALL

MONDAY 01/17 - - MLCA—CLOSED, STAFF DEVELOPMENT

TUESDAY 01/18 - 8:30AM - DAILY CHAPEL [TUESDAY-FRIDAY-ALL ARE WELCOME]
 - 9:30AM - JOY GROUP—FELLOWSHIP HALL
 - 6:30PM - WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY—CHURCH PARLOR
 - 7:00PM - CONFIRMATION 2—SCHOOL LIBRARY AND
 - - CONFIRMATION 3—FELLOWSHIP HALL

WEDNESDAY 01/19 - -

THURSDAY 01/20 - - MLCA PRESCHOOL CLOSED—STAFF DEVELOPMENT

FRIDAY 01/21 - - MLCA PRESCHOOL CLOSED—STAFF DEVELOPMENT

SATURDAY 01/22 - -



THE 2022 ALTAR FLOWER CHART is up in the preschool hallway outside the copy room. As you may already know, the flowers that adorn the altar each Sunday are donated by congregation members. To choose the date to contribute flowers—simply write your name next to the Sunday date that you desire. An occasion may be designated such as a birthday, baptism, or wedding anniversary, or in memory of a family member or friend....or to the glory of God! The donor and occasion are noted each week in the bulletin. Each Sunday's flowers (2 vases) cost \$50. You may write a check to Messiah and designate "flowers" on the memo line and put it in the Collection plate on Sunday morning. If you choose to pay in cash, please be sure it is in a sealed envelope with your name and "flowers" marked on the outside. Donors may take the flowers home following the second service on Sunday. If you choose to not take them, they may be delivered to members who are hospitalized, ill, or our shut-in members.

We appreciate and thank all those who have so generously contributed to the beautification of the altar with flowers throughout the years past, and hope and encourage everyone to consider participating in this means of sharing God's wonderful creations in our worship services.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: January 16—January 29

16: Ezek. 38:1-23 Rom. 7:1-20	19: Ezek. 44:1-16, 23-29	22: Joel 2:1-17 Rom. 11:1-24	26: Zech. 2:1-3:10 Rom. 15:1-13
17: Ezek. 39:1-10, 17-29 Rom. 7:21-8:17	20: Ezek. 47:1-14, 21-23	23: Joel 2:18-32 Rom. 11:25-12:13	27: Zech. 4:1-5:11 Rom. 15:14-33
18: Ezek. 40:1-4; 43:1-12 Ezek. 40:5-42:20; 43:13-27 Rom. 8:18-39	21: Joel 1:1-20 Rom. 10:1-21	24: Joel 3:1-21 Rom. 12:14-13:14	28: Zech. 6:1-7:14 Rom. 16:17-27
		25: Zech. 1:1-21 Rom. 14:1-23	29: Zech 8:1-23 2 Tim. 1:1-18

Please keep in your prayers...

We rejoice with Randy and Joan Burk at the birth of their grandson, **Payton Jon Burk**, January 12th. God bless parents **Tyler and Jenna** as they welcome this little one!

Continuing prayers for **Jacob Brewer** who is still struggling with Covid.

We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer: Harold Karner, Robert Wunsch, Trey Holtzclaw, Hannah Weems, Mike Mislán, Elliot Harvey, Don Hortberg, Arielle Bates, Glenn Young, Ilene Wright, Kevin Scott, Phyllis Adams, Greg Whitman, Dale McGinnis, Larry Hyden, Jon Currie, Kathy Hip, Piper Spear.

...those with other illnesses and trials: Jenna Burk, Ruth Strauch, Sharon Currie, John Sweet, Mary Lowry, Melanie Wesley, Renee Whiteside, Katie Friend, Michael Hooper, Ron and Barbara Busse, Shelly Wittman, Harold and Jane Ruppert, Maureen Haag, Lisa Preston, Chrissie Billet, Jacob Brewer, Dawn Holden, Dr Laverne Fitch, Evelyn Favre, Cody Joplin, Bruce Lage, Larry Thompson, Bob Lemmon, Bruce King, Ashley Hutto, Billie Jean Rainge, Emory Bates, Lauren Lewis, Jim Rydman, Beatriz Bailey, Allen Baker, Cathy Weddle, Patty Clark, John Guyer, Eugene Kroeger.

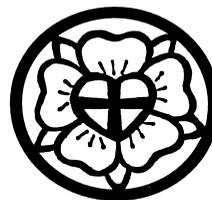
...and those who are unable to worship with us regularly: Walter Cornelius, Ellois Fick, LaVina Goedecke, Janet Hazlehurst, Roger & Joanna Isringhaus, Bettye Kohrs, Joe Scroggins, Annie Mae Stone, Ron Klingbeil, Rudi Milbitz.

We remember all those serving our country, particularly our members and loved ones in the military: Hannah Pinkston, Hannah Kajer, Nicolas Towers, Tony Bourassa, Tyler Burk, David Cantrell, Cassie Gessling, T. J. Greer, Austin Howell, Joseph Kajer, Seth Kirch,

Andrew Latham, Matthew Latham, Stephen Simmons, Collin Snyder, Brandon Towers, Carly Towers, Chaplain Paul Weber, Frank Wilde.

We also pray for...

- our educational ministry, especially our Academy and Sunday School,
- fellow Messiah members, Pastor Chryst, Deaconess Buhler and Messiah's Vicar, Pastor McDonald.
- 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.
- Mr. Phillip Magness and his work in Africa through the LCMS.
- our Braille ministry, that the Word will continue to reach blind or visually impaired people around the world, and for more volunteers to make it possible.
- the Swaddling Clothes ministry and those who come seeking assistance,
- the men in our seminaries, as they prepare to serve in the Holy Ministry.



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Messiah is in search of a VBS Director for this 2022 summer's program. If you are interested or would like to know more, **please contact** Pastor Chryst, Matthew Latham or Vera Sweet.



Quarterly Voters Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, **January 30th** immediately following the second service. This meeting will include the **election of officers for the 2022 year**. If you have questions concerning your member status or are interested in serving on a board, please contact Bill Brandt at wpsbd77@yahoo.com.

"LIFE MAGNIFIED" CONFERENCE will be held **January 20-23, 2022** at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Austin. **Pastor Wolfmuller** is hosting a weekend of activities with the Texas Rally for Life. This event is for all ages and commemorates the Supreme Court's tragic Roe v. Wade decision that imposed legal abortion on Texas and the entire nation and includes a **Pro Life March to the Texas capitol**. For questions, email LCMS.U.TX@gmail.com, or contact John or Vera Sweet at vsweet328@gmail.com. You can also check their Facebook page for more information: <https://tinyurl.com/p39n6hd4>.

The Open Braille Workshop has resumed and is meeting on Friday, **January 28th** from 6pm—8pm. Deaconess Elizabeth from Holy Shepherd-Haslet will be there to assist. Contact Barbara Pinero with any questions at bpinero1scom@gmail.com or call 682.552.3622.



Pastor McDonald is leading a weekly study on *The Book of Concord*, during the Sunday School Hour in the Parlor Room. It's not too late to join! For questions, email Pastor McDonald at Jeremy.McDonald@ctsfw.edu.

Special request for the prayer section in the bulletin ~ Messiah is happy to keep members and **loved ones** in our prayers, and we want to maintain an **accurate list**. If you have requested someone to be on the prayer list, **please update us** from time to time on their status. If the individual **no longer needs** special prayers, please let us know so we can remove his or her name. *Thank you!*



STEWARDS UNDER THE CROSS [January 16 – Second Sunday after Epiphany] **John 2:3 – "When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.'**" Behold the faith of Mary. She sees a problem and simply lays it before her Son and Lord, saying, "They have no wine." She does not offer a proposed solution, and she does not demand. She simply states her need and waits for the Lord's response. She trusts that the Lord is a giver, and she knows that He always provides. May such a faith be ours!



YOUR DAILY LUTHERAN BIBLE CLASS... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: A Biblical View of Marriage, The Book of James, The Confession of Peter, Old Testament Matriarch Sarah, Jesus Blessing the Children and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.



Life Thought in the Church Year for January 16 – Epiphany II: God chose humankind in Christ Jesus. God chose you with the celebration of a wedding (John 2:11). God chose you with the love a husband has for his bride (Isaiah 62:4-5). God chose you and all offspring of Adam and Eve (Psalm 128:3). God chose you and every variety of human being, chose us into existence, chose us with forgiveness, chose us for making a difference (1 Corinthians 12:4-6).

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE—Last Sunday 8:00am: 108 10:45: 90 Sunday School: 53
Weekly OFFERINGS: \$16,348.64 (including online giving to Gen. Fund & Special Services)



About the Cover

At first glance, Jesus changing water into wine at a wedding hardly seems as important as healing, casting out demons, and raising the dead. However, John tells us that in this first recorded miracle, "Jesus . . . manifested His glory." It is the signal that the celebration of the Lord's salvation can begin. This is a sign of the great feast of the Lord's victory foretold throughout Scripture. We get a foretaste of that victorious and celebratory meal every time we receive Christ's very body and blood, given and shed for our sins and for the strengthening of our faith. The Lord's glory has been manifested to us!

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 62:1–5

- 1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as
brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.
- 2 The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- 3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the
hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of
your God.
- 4 You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be
termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in
Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
- 5 For as a young man marries a young
woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the
bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:1–11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of ser-

vice, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Holy Gospel: John 2:1–11

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.