



# 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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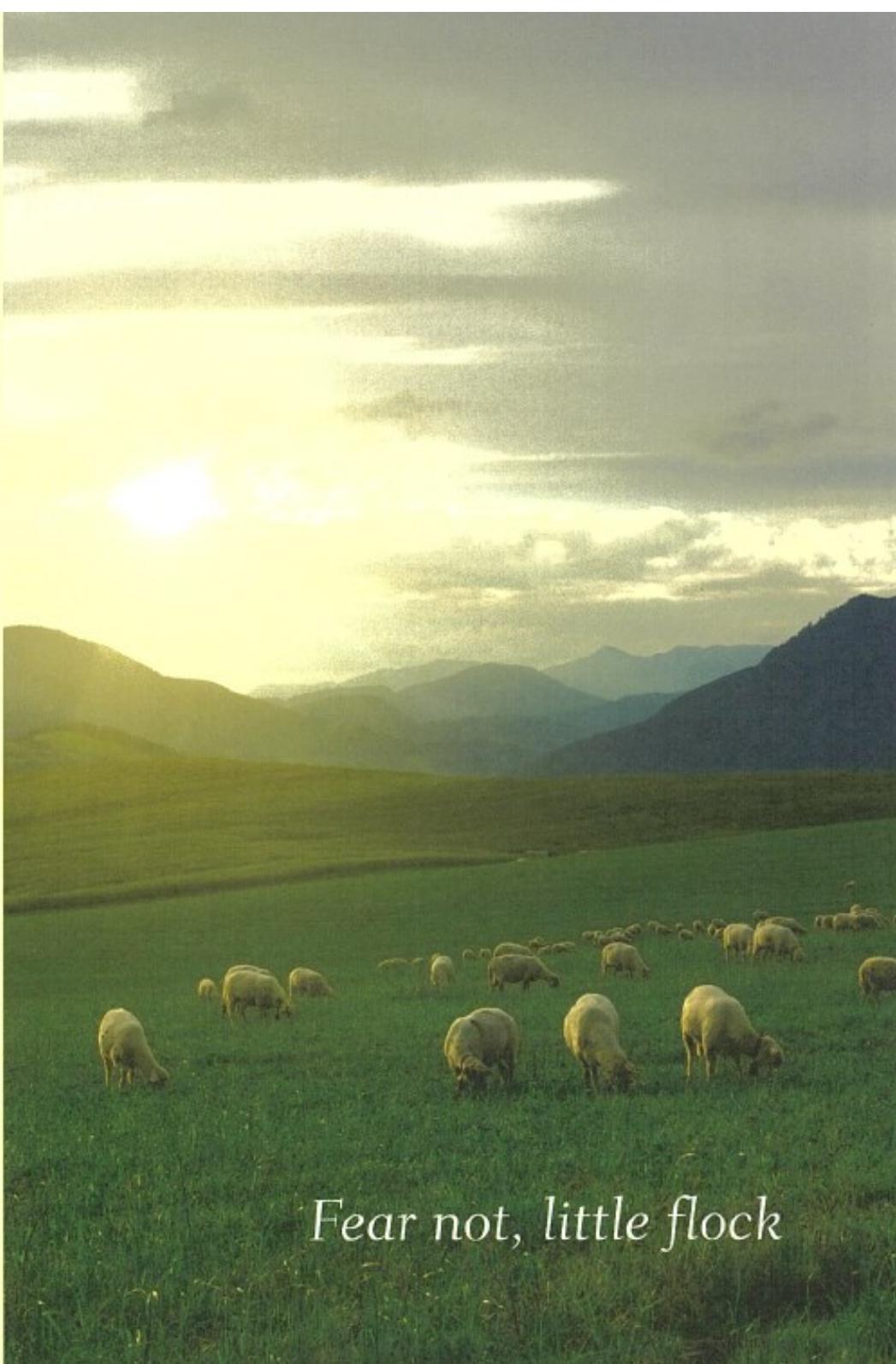
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*Fear not, little flock*

**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.

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

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# Divine Service—Setting One—LSB 151

**Hymns:**  
743, 666, 656

**Baptismal Hymn:**  
616

**Hymns During Distribution:**  
636, 651

**Sermon Title:**  
"Anxious"

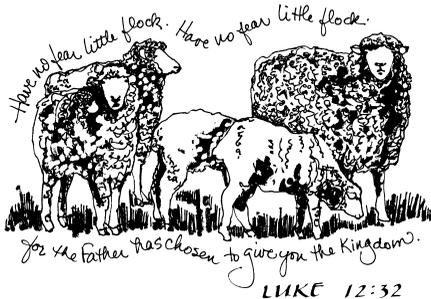
**Scripture:**  
Luke 12:22-34

## Prelude:

"Prelude on 'Kyrie,'" by François Couperin, le Grand; KOMMT HERR ZU MIR ("O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe") -settings by Kenneth T. Kosche, Johann Pachelbel

## Postlude:

"Präludium et Fuga in C,"  
by Gottlieb Nitauff



**We welcome** all who worship with us this morning in the name Jesus Christ, our loving Shepherd. "Fear not" is a phrase that bookends our readings this morning. And in the center can be found the reason we can and should not fear: faith in Jesus. The God of the universe has promised us life and salvation in Jesus Christ, and a home in heaven. He has promised to care for us in this life and to take us to be with Him in the next. These promises are claimed only through faith in Christ Jesus, for our own works avail us nothing. No matter how good we are or how hard we toil or how much we worry, we cannot save ourselves. Thanks be to God for sending

us His Holy Spirit, and granting us the gift of faith. May we live in that faith without fear, confident in the love of our God in Christ, and with courage to face a worrisome world. Fear not!

## Serving in God's House Today

<b>Organist:</b> Miguel Ruiz		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
<b>Altar</b> Debbie Goedecke <b>Guild:</b> Carol McGrath Sydelle Numsen Carol Hibbs Karen Shrum	<b>Head Elder:</b>	Mark Boyd	Luis Munoz
	<b>Head Usher:</b>	Mark Boyd	Durand Crutchfield
<b>Counters:</b> Amy Hedman Veronica Hobson	<b>Acolytes:</b>	Madoc Allen	Evan Munoz
	<b>Crucifer:</b>	Layton Allen	Paul Hedman

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Luis and Jinel Munoz in celebration of Luis' birthday and their wedding anniversary.

**Introit:** *Psalm 147:8-11 antiphon: v. 7*



Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving; \*  
make melody to our God | on the lyre!  
**He covers the heavens with clouds; he  
prepares rain | for the earth; \*  
he makes grass grow | on the hills.**  
He gives to the | beasts their food, \*  
and to the young ravens | that cry.  
**His delight is not in the strength | of the  
horse, \***

**nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,**  
but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear  
him, \*  
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.  
**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.**  
Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving; \*  
make melody to our God | on the lyre!

### Collect of the Day

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures  
You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may  
never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for  
the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your  
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Gradual

adapt. From Romans 10:15b, 18b, Isaiah 52:7b, alt.

(sung by the Kantor)

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: August 07—August 20

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| 7: 1 Sam. 20:24-42<br>1 Sam. 21:1-23:29<br>1 Cor. 1:1-25 | 11: 1 Sam. 26:1-25<br>1 Sam. 27:1-28:2<br>1 Cor. 5:1-13  | 14: 2 Sam. 1:1-27<br>1 Cor. 7:25-40    | 18: 2 Sam. 7:18-29<br>1 Cor. 10:23-11:16                  |
| 8: 1 Sam. 24:1-22<br>1 Cor. 1:26-2:16                    | 12: 1 Sam. 28:3-25<br>1 Sam. 29:1-30:31<br>1 Cor. 6:1-20 | 15: 2 Sam. 5:1-25<br>1 Cor. 8:1-13     | 19: 2 Sam. 11:1-27<br>1 Cor. 11:17-34                     |
| 9: 1 Sam. 25:1-22<br>1 Cor. 3:1-23                       | 13: 1 Sam 31:1-13<br>1 Cor. 7:1-24                       | 16: 2 Sam 6:1-19<br>1 Cor. 9:1-23      | 20: 2 Sam. 12:1-25<br>2 Sam. 13:1-19:43<br>1 Cor. 12:1-13 |
| 10: 1 Sam. 25:23-44<br>1 Cor. 4:1-21                     |  | 17: 2 Sam. 7:1-17<br>1 Cor. 9:24-10:22 |   |

## **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

TODAY 08/07 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE STREAMING LIVE  
- 9:30AM - ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE  
- 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE

MONDAY 08/08 - 9:00AM - MLCA OFFICE HOURS— MON-FRIDAY 9AM-3PM

TUESDAY 08/09 - -

WEDNESDAY 08/10 - -

THURSDAY 08/11 - -

FRIDAY 08/12 - -

SATURDAY 08/13 - 8:30AM - SWADDLING CLOTHES—8AM-12PM BY APT ONLY

### **FAREWELL SEND OFF**

**Deaconess Buhler is moving!** With heavy hearts we send Deaconess and her family off to Indiana. She has served our congregation with great love and humility officially as our deaconess these last few years and before that as an intern.

Join us in thanking her for her service and her friendship with a cake reception during the **Sunday School hour** on **Sunday, August 28th**. We will have a basket for cards of thanks and Godspeed for their family. For questions, contact Deaconess Randolph at [grace.randolph@ctsfw.edu](mailto:grace.randolph@ctsfw.edu).

### **MESSIAH YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS**

**The Youth Group** will meet weekly with Vicar Randolph and Deaconess Randolph on **Fridays from 6-8 pm** beginning **August 19th** in the Mac building. Youth group is for students who **have completed** confirmation through graduating high school. The evening **will begin** with a **joint Vespers** service **with the young adults**.

**Young Adults of Messiah** are invited to meet weekly with Vicar Randolph and Deaconess Randolph on Fridays from **5-7pm** beginning **August 19th** in the Mac building. Lap babies and young children are welcome to join if you need to bring them along. **The evening will conclude** with a **joint Vespers** service **with the youth group**. For questions, contact Vicar Randolph at [patrick.randolph@ctsfw.edu](mailto:patrick.randolph@ctsfw.edu) or Deaconess Randolph at [grace.randolph@ctsfw.edu](mailto:grace.randolph@ctsfw.edu).

### **CONFIRMATION 1, 2, & 3**

**Confirmation 1, 2, & 3** begins on **September 13th** at 7pm. All youth, grades 6th—8th are encouraged to attend. **Parent orientation** for Confirmation will be held on the same evening. We ask that at least one parent attends. Be on the look out for a letter coming your way with more information. For questions contact Pastor Chryst at [pastor.chryst@messiahkeller.org](mailto:pastor.chryst@messiahkeller.org).

# Please keep in your prayers...

## In our special prayers this day:

Nikki O'Dell's father, **Skip Barns**, passed away Monday, August 1st and Barry O'Dell's uncle, **Roy Barth**, passed away Sunday, July 31st. We pray for comfort and peace for the entire O'Dell family.

**We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer:** Harold Karner, Larry Hyden, Janie Peter.

**...also those with other illnesses and trials:** Janae McClaran, Skip Barns, Joanna Isringhaus, Cindy Perkins, Sharon Loeffler, Sandy McDougall, Mary Inglehardt, Lynette Williams, Kelly Handcock, Bill Brandt, Amy Hedmann, Jackie Morton, Jeffrey Blankenship, Belkis Gonzales, Susan Copen, Rev. Ernie Bernet, Robert Slattery, Jaana Phillips, Mildred McLaughlin, Melanie Wesley, Ron and Barbara Busse, Jacob Brewer, Dawn Holden, Dr. Laverne Fitch, Bob Lemmon, Bruce Lage, Ada Towers

**...and those who are unable to worship with us regularly:** Ron Klingbeil, Ellois Fick, LaVina Goedecke, Janet Hazlehurst, Roger & Joanna Isringhaus, Bettye Kohrs.

**.....all of our college students in and out of state:** Caleb Barnes, Hannah Blaschke, Olivia Bolton, Jared Brewer, Zachery Brooke, James & Joseph Buhler, Erin Burk, Chase & Colby Carter, Katie Cashion, David Christensen, Bailey Chryst, Duran Crutchfield, Barrett Gardner, Max Hedman, Bailey Heitmann, Landon Howell, Braeden Kennedy, David Lee, Carrie & Ryan O'Dell, Berndt & Zane Parker, Aidan Richmond, Ethan Schultz, Madeline Stephens, Max & Sarah Tonniges, Emily Torkelson, Jack Ward.

**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, 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.
- Vicar Randolph and Deaconess Intern Grace Randolph and son William as they serve the members of Messiah and community.
- 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, and Rev. Charles Ferry in Asia, 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, including Pastor McDonald, as they prepare to serve in the Holy Ministry.

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**Holy Baptism** ~ This morning in the 8am and 10:45am service, we welcome into God's Kingdom through Holy Baptism, **Evelyn Latham**, Daughter of Matthew and Emelia Latham, born on July 20, 2022. Her sponsors are Erich and Sylvia Gessling. **We also welcome** into God's Kingdom through Adult Baptism and Confirmation, **Ryan Vandever**. His sponsor is his grandmother, Tera Brinkley.



Braille

**Olivia Bolton is leading Youth Braille August 14th**, immediately following the late service. Bring \$5 for pizza and drinks and please bring your saved egg cartons!

For questions, email Barbara Pinera at [bpinero1scom@gmail.com](mailto:bpinero1scom@gmail.com).



**Swaddling Clothes is still working hard** to serve families of infants and toddlers with gently used clothing and nursery items. They are open on the **2nd Saturday** of each month from

**8am—12pm**, by appointment only. They are always looking for **volunteers** to help with sorting and washing the donated items or on the day of the open event. Contact Karen Dana to donate items, or to volunteer at [kdanacowtown@yahoo.com](mailto:kdanacowtown@yahoo.com). For the month of May we served **35 families!!**

**Community Storehouse of Keller** is collecting canned and boxed food items for the month of August. Donations can be dropped off in the narthex. Thank you!



**LIFE THOUGHT IN THE CHURCH YEAR FOR A Life Thought in the Church Year for August 7 – Pentecost IX (Proper 14):**

Surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis can inflict real anxiety about material necessities. But abortion and assisted suicide will only leave its victims lacking even more. Our Heavenly Father, on the other hand, gets giddy to furnish sufferers with not just what we need but all the assets, land, and families He has (Luke 12:31-32). Death, even when we wield it, leaves us empty, but faith never fails to fill hands and hearts.



**LUTHERAN TALK AND MUSIC MOBILE APP...**

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**Children's Sunday School** is right around the corner and **we are in need of Teachers!** If you would like to teach Sunday School, please contact Meredith Sifford, our Sunday school

superintendent, at [meredithrae@me.com](mailto:meredithrae@me.com) or 512-656-9514. If you are not available every Sunday, that's ok! We can use your help when you are able!



**Vicar Randolph** is starting a small-group study on the Beatitudes today, Sunday, **August 7th**. It will be on **Sunday mornings** during the Sunday

School hour in the Parlor room. We will go through one of Christ's statements every week, drawing in other Bible stories and hymns. **Please join us!** For more information contact Vicar Randolph at [patrick.randolph@ctsfw.edu](mailto:patrick.randolph@ctsfw.edu).

**Faith Lutheran Church of Plano** is hosting a presentation on **Wednesday, August 10th**, at **7:00pm** with Benjamin Kolodziej and his new book "Joyful Singing: A Story of Lutheran Sacred Music in Texas." **This book explores** the history of LCMS music in Texas from the arrival of the Wends, to the development of important congregations, their music programs and the first pipe organs in the state. Faith Lutheran is located at **1701 E. Park Blvd.** If you have questions, contact Benjamin at [bkolodzi@mail.smu.edu](mailto:bkolodzi@mail.smu.edu).

**DO YOU LOVE TO TEACH? MLCA** is seeking a third grade teacher for the **2022-2023** school year. Send resume to [school.office@mlcatexas](mailto:school.office@mlcatexas) or call 817-431-5486 for more information.



**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:**

Last Sunday: 8:00am: **99** 10:45: **75** (**174Total**) **Sunday School: 50**  
Weekly **OFFERINGS: \$13,932.92** (including online giving to Gen. Fund)

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.



### About the Cover

Life as the shepherd's sheep is a life that is guarded and protected. Even though the path that Jesus leads us on may appear perilous, our lives are in His hands.

The shepherd always goes before us and does not ask us to go anywhere that He Himself has not trod. Through the laying down and taking up of His life, we have promises forevermore. Thus, we know that we have reason not to fear, but only trust.

## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1–6

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O LORD God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

### Epistle: Hebrews 11:1–16

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received

power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

### Holy Gospel: Luke 12:22–34

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup>"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."