

**Our Mission:** To help people grow a faith in Jesus Christ that works in real life.

**Our Vision:** To forever change lives through the Gospel of Jesus by becoming an equipping, empowering, and mobilizing church in our community that displays the love of Christ and connects with people of all walks of life through worship, communion, service, fellowship, and compassion, led by the Holy Spirit and focused on the Great Commission (Mt 28.18-20).



“Forgive your  
brother or sister  
from your heart.”

**MATTHEW 18:35, NRSV**

September 17, 2023  
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

**9:00 Service**

Prelude	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	Larry Seidel
Welcome and Announcements		
Gathering Hymn	<i>Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death</i>	Hymn 452
Prayer of the Day		
Choral Prayer	<i>Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive</i>	arr. Stan Engle
First Reading		Romans 14:1-12
Kids' Talk		
Gospel		Matthew 18:15-20
Greeting		
Message		Pastor Tim Graham
Hymn of the Day	<i>O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come</i>	Hymn 610
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The Great Thanksgiving		
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Distribution	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>	Hymn 471
	<i>All Are Welcome</i>	Hymn 641
	<i>Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue</i>	Hymn 644
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Sending Hymn	<i>Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing</i>	Hymn 544
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Assisting in the service today:

**Pastor** Tim Graham

**Assisting Minister** Bill Marker

**Pianist** Stan Engle

**Lector** Cindy Riebersal

**Communion Assistants** Sharon Clark, Kristy Huffine

**Ushers** Rex & Ginny Smith

**Technical Director** Josh Gumbert

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**This Week at Messiah****Sunday, September 17**

Communion Service 9:00 AM

Praise Communion Service 10:30 AM

Journey at Messiah 10:30 AM

EDGE 10:30 AM (Rm 5)

EDGE/CIA 12:00 PM (Youth House)

PULSE 4:00 PM (Youth House)

**Monday, September 18**

Parkview Senior Exercise 1:00 PM (Satre Hall)

Pickleball 6:00 PM (Satre Hall)

Stellhorn Grief Support Group 6:30 PM (Library)

**Tuesday, September 19**

Quest Bible Study 9:00 AM (Library)

TOPS 6:00 PM (Library)

Table Tennis 6:00 PM (Satre Hall)

Messiah Worship Team 7:00 PM (Sanctuary)

**Wednesday, September 20**

Bible Study 10:00 AM (Library)

Parkview Senior Exercise 1:00 PM (Satre Hall)

Pickleball 6:00 PM (Satre Hall)

**10:30 Service**

Song	<i>Reckless Love</i>	
Song	<i>God Is in This Story</i>	
Welcome and Announcements		
Prayer		
Greeting		
Song	<i>Great Are You, Lord</i>	
Kids' Talk		
Gospel		Matthew 18:15-20
Greeting		
Message		Pastor Tim Graham
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Communion Song	<i>Blameless</i>	
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Song	<i>Beautiful One</i>	
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Assisting in the service today:

**Pastor** Tim Graham

**Communion Assistant** Deb Bruick

**Musicians** Messiah Worship Team

**Ushers** Mike & Fran Dager

**Tech Team** Josh Gumbert, Emily Blackman, Richard Hambrock, Eva Lugo, Cash Robinson-Stewart

**Thursday, September 21**

Bible Study 10:00 AM (Library)

Quilters 9:00 AM (Satre Hall)

Good News Group 6:30 PM (Library)

Sanctuary Choir 6:30 PM (Balcony)

**Friday, September 22**

Parkview Senior Exercise 1:00 PM (Narthex)

AA/Al-Anon 7:30 PM (Library)

**Saturday, September 23**

Al-Anon 8:30 AM (Library)

AA 11:00 AM (Library)

**Sunday, September 24**

Communion Service 9:00 AM

Praise Communion Service 10:30 AM

    with Rite of Confirmation

Journey at Messiah 10:30 AM

EDGE 10:30 AM (Rm 5)

Confirmation Class 12:00 PM (Youth House)

PULSE Putt-Putt 4:00 PM

Messiah Ringers 4:30 PM (Balcony)

## Announcements

**Welcome** to new members Greg Bienz and Adam Coleman.

**September Messenger** (Messiah’s newsletter) is available at the Info Center in the Narthex and online at [www.messiahlc.com](http://www.messiahlc.com).

**Pet Blessing Service** is Saturday, September 30, 10:00 AM at the Tony Hickman Memorial Chapel. Bring your furry friends as we bless them in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi.

**Mentoring Moms** is a ministry that serves women in crises. We hope to raise \$1,000 for this critical ministry. See the flyer available at the Info Center for more info.

**Sanctuary Choir and Handbell Choir** are beginning rehearsals. If you would like to try one or both of these musical experiences, please call or text Stan Engle at (260) 249-8022.

**Prayer List** will be available in the Messenger. If you would like more frequent updates, please email [karla@messiahlc.com](mailto:karla@messiahlc.com) to join the Prayer Chain.

**Announcements** can be submitted by email to [karla@messiahlc.com](mailto:karla@messiahlc.com). Announcements should include the who, what, when, and where concerning your announcement. Please send by noon Tuesday for inclusion in that Sunday’s bulletin. Announcements are subject to editing.

**Chancel flowers** have been given to the glory of God by Bob & Chris Griebel in honor of their 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Last Week’s Offering—\$ 7,083.49 Weekly Budget—\$12,192.31  Total 2023 Offering—\$ 375,207.17 2023 YTD Budget—\$ 445,367.98  Roof/Building Fund Offering—\$ 1,474,596.75
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