

Messiah Lutheran Church

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Proclaiming GRACE

God's Riches At Christ's Expense

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome Friends in Christ! If you are a guest with us today, please let us know how we may serve you. In today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

+ Please stand as you are able for these parts of the service

PRESERVICE MUSIC AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

RINGING OF THE BELLS

+ AN ACT CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God is merciful. Let us open our lives to him in true repentance and confession.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy and gracious God,

All we confess that we have not led a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not acted according to your will.

We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us. Forgive us according to the riches of your grace. Make us holy and blameless before you in love, so that we might live to the praise of your glory. Amen.

P Even though we are often faithless in our calling, God is faithful. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce his grace to all of you. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus

Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P We are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ our Lord. Therefore, let us be reconciled with one another and share the peace of the Lord.

(All may greet one another saying: Peace be with you.)

+ PSALMODY AND CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 89

L I have found David my servant;
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

C ²¹**My hand will hold him fast
and my arm will make him strong.**

L ²⁴My faithfulness and steadfast love are with him,
and he shall be victorious through my name.

C ²⁵**I will set his hand on the sea,
and his right hand on the rivers.**

L ²⁶He will say to me, 'You are my father,
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

C ²⁷**I will make him my firstborn
and higher than the kings of the earth.**

L ²⁸I will keep my love for him forever,
and my covenant will stand firm for him.

C ²⁹**I will establish his line forever
and his throne as the days of heaven.**

L ³⁴I will not break my covenant,
nor change what has gone out of my lips.

C ³⁵**Once for all I have sworn by my holiness:
I will not lie to David.**

L ³⁶His line shall endure forever
and his throne as the sun before me;

C ³⁷**it shall stand fast forevermore like the moon,
the abiding witness in the sky."**

ALL **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

+ **HYMN OF PRAISE**

WOV, # 789 words & music Marty Haugen

Refrain

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy
To the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forevermore!

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
Whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God.

Refrain

2. Power and riches, wisdom and might,
All honor and glory to Christ forever. *Refrain*

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
To make us people of God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L May we pray.

L O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us.

C Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

A READING FROM FIRST SAMUEL 17

³² David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

³³ Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a boy, and he has been a fighting man from his youth."

³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷ The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

³⁸ Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. ³⁹ David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

"I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

⁴¹ Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. ⁴² He looked David over and saw that he was only a boy, ruddy and handsome, and he despised him. ⁴³ He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ "Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!"

⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know

that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

⁴⁸ As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. ⁴⁹ Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

⁵⁰ So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

⁵¹ David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the scabbard. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword.

When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran. ⁵² Then the men of Israel and Judah surged forward with a shout and pursued the Philistines to the entrance of Gath ^[a] and to the gates of Ekron. Their dead were strewn along the Shaaraim road to Gath and Ekron. ⁵³ When the Israelites returned from chasing the Philistines, they plundered their camp. ⁵⁴ David took the Philistine's head and brought it to Jerusalem, and he put the Philistine's weapons in his own tent.

⁵⁵ As Saul watched David going out to meet the Philistine, he said to Abner, commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is that young man?" Abner replied, "As surely as you live, O king, I don't know."

⁵⁶ The king said, "Find out whose son this young man is."

⁵⁷ As soon as David returned from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with David still holding the Philistine's head.

⁵⁸ "Whose son are you, young man?" Saul asked him. David said, "I am the son of your servant Jesse of Bethlehem."

L The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

+ **HALLELUJAH VERSE**

WOV # 612

Halle, halle, halle- lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle- lu-jah!
Halle, halle, halle- lu-jah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

+ **A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK 6**

Response

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus sent his disciples out to teach and heal, they ministered among large numbers of people. Their work was motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.

³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Giver and look forward in joyful anticipation to receiving the great gift of his Son in bread broken and cup shared.

MUSICAL OFFERING

+ **OFFERING PRAYER**

L Holy God, you open the doors of heaven, giving us every generous and perfect gift from above.

C Lift our eyes from the food that perishes, and nourish us now with the food that endures for eternal life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ **SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks for his glory.

C We give thanks, we rejoice in his presence.

P I will go to your altar and praise you, O God, my exceeding joy, singing a song of thanksgiving and telling of you're your wondrous deeds. Now with all the faithful who ever we sing: "*Holy, Holy, Holy*" *Tune WOV 801*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

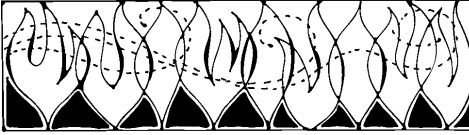
+ **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

+ **LORD'S PRAYER**

+ **THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P The gifts of God for the people of God.

C Amen.



a Shepherd's
Compassion
Sunday

THE DISTRIBUTION

What is this Bread? What is this Wine? At Messiah Lutheran Church, the Holy Supper of our Lord is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that we receive "the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and to drink." Our Lord welcomes to His table those who have faith in these words, "given for you" and "shed for you...for the forgiveness of sin." Please extend hand out to receive the bread. Wine is offered from the Chalice or from individual cups. Grape juice (center ring, lighter color) is offered for those who choose not to receive wine. After the Pastor follows with the Chalice, place your empty cup in the rack on the communion rail. Children not yet prepared for the Sacrament may come forward for a blessing "that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ."

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Join in singing the following selections from various resources:

LBW # 460

I am trusting you, Lord Jesus, Trusting only you;
Trusting you for full salvation, Free and true.

I am trusting you for pardon; At your feet I bow,
For your grace and tender mercy Trusting now.

I am trusting you for cleansing In the crimson flood;
Trusting you to make me holy By your blood.

I am trusting you to guide me, You alone shall lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.

I am trusting you for power; You can never fail.
Words which you yourself shall give me Must prevail.

I am trusting you, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
I am trusting you forever And for all.

LBW # 481

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are yours.

We are yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;
Keep your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor, Early let us do your will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

+ **RESPONSE AFTER COMMUNION**

L Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C And his steadfast love lasts forever.

L My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.

C My soul, give thanks to the Lord, and never forget all his blessings.

L It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion, who fills your life with good things, renewing your youth like an eagle's.

C My soul, give thanks to the Lord! Amen.

+ **BLESSING**

P May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with every spiritual blessing.

C Amen.

P May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

P May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in Believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Romans 15

+ **SENDING SONG**

LBW # 509

Onward Christian soldiers, Marching as to war
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, See, his banners go!
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

Onward, then, you faithful, Join our happy throng;
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph-song.
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ the king.
We through countless ages With the angels sing.
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ **DISMISSAL**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



MESSIAH MESSENGER

Messiah Lutheran Church, 500 Baytree Road, Valdosta, GA.

Announcements and news for the week of July 19 - July 26, 2009

EVENTS THIS WEEK

TODAY	Sunday Classes on break until Aug. 9		
	7 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30	am
	THRIVENT CHAPTER		
	Meets at Western Sizzlin in Adel	5:00	pm
THURSDAY	Thursday Craft & Lunch Group	9:00	am
	Baytree AA Group	7:00	pm
FRIDAY	Olsen/Roberts Wedding Rehearsal	6:00	pm
SATURDAY	Olsen/Roberts Marriage Service & Reception	3:00	pm
	Baytree AA Group	7:00	pm
NEXT SUNDAY	Sunday Classes on break until Aug 9		
	8 th Sunday after Pentecost	10:30	am

WE ARE DEVOTED TO OFFERING ... "God's Love, Our Response"

2009 Budget Goal	\$ 134,486.00
Goal per week	\$ 2,586.00
2009 Goal to Date	\$ 72,416.00

Offerings for 2009 Budget – as of 07/12	\$ 76,663.00
Offering on 07/12	\$ 2,891.00
Weekly average for 28 week	\$

Designated Offerings:

Building Fund	\$ 100.00
Organ Fund	\$ 0.00
Pine Tree House Fund	\$ 0.00

"Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" Matthew 5: 16

Pinetree House Property

Non-designated contributions for Pinetree House are used toward monthly payment of interest and principle. Thank you for your gifts.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are a gift and a warm reminder of God's love to bloom where you are planted. *Thanks for the gift of flowers to enhance our worship, and to glorify the Lord our God and Savior. To order flowers, please use the registry located on the stand in the hallway toward the fellowship hall.*

WE ARE DEVOTED TO PRAYER **Acts 2: 42**

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Duane Hauge (7/19); Stephanie Adams, Ann Johnson, Micaela Mitchell (7/20); Gee Gee Clarkston (7/22). Missed *on this list?* **Please leave a note in the church office with name and birth date.**

ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES deployed: Ryan McLean on deployment from MAFB; Brian Sparks (Navy, VA) Cheston Morgan, Verla George's grandson in the Army. Tim Tweeter on deployment from MAFB, Keith Missildine, basic training Great Lakes Naval Station.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING PATIENTS/SHUT-INS

Mike Laigoia, Fellowship Home
Charles Kluball, Fellowship Home
Steve Keller, chronic kidney stones
Vi & Clarence Heidemann, homebound
Mildred Evans undergoing rehab at home

NEW JOYS & ON-GOING CONCERNS:

Sean Roberts and Katie Olsen who will join together in Holy Marriage next Saturday, 3:pm, at Messiah Lutheran.

LIST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Name	Concern/joy	Requested by	Relationship
June Orrison	cancer	Gloria Cook	cousin
Belinda Judy	brain tumor	Dorothy Hauge	friend
Virginia Anderson	Alzheimer's	Betty Zipperer	sister
Mary Bennett	kidney removed	Susan Keller	friend
Roy McDanielle	lung disease	Duane Hauge	friend
Ricky Harrell	needs kidney transplant	Erin Jansen	uncle
Elizabeth Rabon	cancer	Erin Jansen	grandmother
Linda Brightwell	cancer	Tina Wright	friend/co-worker
Diane McNamara	breast cancer	Pat Simpson	niece
Maebeth Gerisch	nursing home care	Ed Gerisch	wife
Melanie McDonald	brain seizures	Mary Kichen	cousin
Vickie Johnson	health issues	Dana Black	mother
Bobby Joe Johnson	health issues	Dana Black	step-father
Alyssia Ventura	problems with MS	Silke/PatrickDeeley	daughter
Jake Tillman's grandson (12)	leukemia	Don Sullins	friend
John Harris	multiple health concerns	Jan Bristow	friend
Christopher Stone	pt recovery	Pat Simpson	grandson
Richard Mikolajczyk	heart problems	Susan Keller	brother
Sally Carson	tests	Jack/Joanne Hostetler	daughter
Ella Derr		John Mitchell	friend

Mike Ellis diagnosed with leukemia
 Joan Adams post surgery complications
 Wally stage 4 cancer
 C J Smith lung cancer
 Steven Bridges leukemia
 Joan near death

Bo Miller friend
 Ellen/John Mitchell friend
 Linda/Gary Klement friend
 Norene Olsen uncle
 Lisa Tinney/Dana Black friend
 Linda/Gary Klement friend

WE ARE DEVOTED TO WORSHIP Acts 2: 42

Organ/Piano
 Choir Director
 Worship Assistant
 Reader/Communion Assistants
 Children's Message
 Acolyte
 Greeters
 Nursery
 Ushers

Marjorie Fix
 Marjorie Fix
 John Mitchell
 Dick & Dena Rocky
 Cindy Sweeney & others
 volunteer
 Cindy Sweeney, Marion Mitchell
 Valerie Behnke
 Volunteers

Altar preparation/Chancel care
 Sound tech
 Custodians
 Altar linen
 Flower service
 Flower beds
 Grass cutting
 Floor Maintenance Smith's Janitorials

Lou Grall
 Volunteer
 Bob & Valerie Behnke
 Fran Sparks
 Helen Whitten
 Whitten family
 Fred Daniels 245-0483
 Laverne Smith 229 387-6060

Church Council.....
 Kay Vincent, president
 Gary Klement,co- financial secretary
 Kathy Lane, treasurer
 Cindy Mitchell, Christian E
 Jolleen Christians, evangelism

Sandy Adams, v- pres/secretary
 Lisa Tinney, co-financial secretary
 Jeff Moxley, stewardship
 Bo Miller, property
 John Mitchell, worship
 Dana Black, youth

WE ARE DEVOTED TO SERVICE

	July 26	Aug 2	Aug 9
Reader:	B Miller	N Olsen	C Sweeney
Com Assist:	C Miller	K Lane	M Mitchell
Acolyte:	volunteer	Z Moxley	C Christians
Chancel:	L Tinney	E Mitchell	K Sheeley
Nursery:	C Pieplow	K Boles	J Christians

Greeters:	G Klement V Benavides	M Rupp C Pieplow	D Willis J Willis
Ushers:	G Vincent L Vincent N Williamson C Christians	D Kluball B Kluball C Sweeney M Mitchell	D Rockey J Willis B Boles K Boles

GRACE & PEACE FROM PASTOR RICHARD

A “thank you” to the choir and adult Bible Class... “We cannot thank you all enough for your wonderful wedding gift to us! It is greatly appreciated!” Byran & Monica Emel (Marjorie Fix’s daughter). + + + Janet & Dave Dierstein wedding photo and details were in last Sunday’s paper... lots of fun and good memories. + + + Congratulations to all who attended and helped with VBS this week. I think we had a great time in GADGET’S Garage and learning from Gizmo how GOD is ALWAYS DOING GREAT EXCITING THINGS for you and me! Good job everyone! See you back in Sunday Classes coming soon!

SOUTH CENTRAL GA CHAPTER THRIVENT FINANCIAL

All chapter members and folk interested in community service and care are invited to meet and eat at Western Sizzlin in Adel today at 5:pm. The cost of the meal is covered by the chapter. Please let Sandy Adams or Pr. Richard know if you will be coming or need transportation. Thanks.

**LWML & THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS
LAMP SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

Please donate generously to the annual school supply drive for children in the area through Lowndes Association of Ministries for People and our Thrivent Members. A list of suggested items is available by the collection box in the Narthex. Thanks for your support!

THANK YOU! From Kay Vincent, Council president

Thank you to all who contributed items, time, or money to furnish the Pinetree House. Church Council is planning a “house blessing/dedication” in conjunction with Rally Day, Sept. 13.

LWML CHRISTMAS STOCKING COLLECTION

This is a reminder that we are half way through the year! Still time to save your dimes!

WEDDING INVITATION

Katie Olsen (Norene's daughter) and Sean Roberts request the honor of your presence at their service of Holy Marriage at Messiah Lutheran Church, 3 pm, on Saturday, July 25, 2009. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

The regular lectionary readings for this Sunday are Jeremiah 23:1–6 or 2 Samuel 7:1–14a Psalm 23 *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)* Ephesians 2:11–22 Mark 6:30–34, 53–56.