

MESSIAH
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

July 27, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Family Praise and Worship

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



*Lord,
teach us to
Pray*

Luke 11

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WORSHIP TODAY

Call To Worship

Welcome

Worship Through Songs

Children's Message

Leslie McFarland

Worship Through Giving

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Message

"When You Forget to Pray"

Pastor Kurt Hoover

Worship Through Song

Prayers of Intercession

Worship Through The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Confession & Forgiveness

Worship Through Proclaiming Our Faith

Announcements

Temple Talk, Faith Guides

Ben Feehan

Closing Song

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON, Genesis 19:12-17 (ESV)

Reader: needed

¹² Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? Sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone you have in the city, bring them out of the place. ¹³ For we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it." ¹⁴ So Lot went out and said to his

sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, "Up! Get out of this place, for the LORD is about to destroy the city." But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be jesting.

¹⁵ As morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city." ¹⁶ But he lingered. So the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. ¹⁷ And as they brought them out, one said, "Escape for your life. Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley. Escape to the hills, lest you be swept away."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON, James 5:13-20 (ESV)

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

¹⁹ My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

GOSPEL LESSON, Luke 11:1-13 (ESV)

¹ Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² And he said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴ and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'"

⁵ And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷ and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday, August 17th
for combined worship
at 10 a.m.
followed by our
annual Church Picnic!



After the service, head upstairs for a dessert reception
and open house of our newly renovated Kidz Club!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL AGES
RESUMES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 24th!**

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP TIME

Be sure to join us for coffee & good company on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall! Coffee will be available beginning at 9:30 a.m. and will continue until after the 10:00 service gets out. If you are an 8:30 attender - stay late! If 10:00 is your service - come early! Make new friends!

CONNECT WITH MESSIAH

You can use this QR code to let us know you're new, tell us that you're interested in next steps at MLC, submit prayer requests, fill out a Connect Card, and give online.

Scan here to connect with MLC:



Online Giving - There are two convenient ways to do it:

- 1) On our website at <https://www.mlcjoliet.org/give>.
- 2) Through the Church Center app on your phone or tablet, or scan the QR code above.

DAYBREAK SHELTER

Volunteers are needed to serve dinner to those less fortunate at Daybreak Homeless Shelter in Joliet. The commitment is from 5:30-7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Food donations are also needed. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Messiah members will be serving at Daybreak on Monday, August 11th.

MEMORY BEARS

Messiah's Memory Bears Group meets the 4th Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We have jobs that do not require sewing! Come check us out on **August 26th**. Text Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 or email regency118@comcast.net for more info.

MESSIAH MEN'S MINISTRY (3M)

3M is on break for the remainder of the summer. Email Mike Brown at gonzopal2017@cheerful.com for more info.

PRAYER CHAIN

Messiah uses an email-based Prayer Chain made up of people willing to pray for our members, community, and nation in times of crisis. Prayers are shared amongst the group via email and are kept confidential as much as possible. Text Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 or email regency118@comcast.net for more info.

PRAYER TEAM

Our in-person Prayer Team meets Thursday mornings in the Fireside Room from 10:15-11:15 to pray together over our prayer request list. For more info text Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 or by email regency118@comcast.net, or reach out to Beth Hohisel at bhohisel@hotmail.com.

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Items for the bulletin are due by the end of the day each Tuesday, and newsletter material is due the 20th of each month.

QUILTERS

The next Messiaq Quilting Day (3rd Tuesday each month) will be on **August 19th** from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. We have a lot of quilts ready to complete and if you can tie a knot, you can help us out! We even have jobs you can do sitting down. Think about stopping in and see what we do. If you are unable to join us and would like to sew at home, we have kits available and can show you how easy it is to sew a quilt top together.

We are in need of clean sheets of any size, flat or fitted (no stains or holes) to be used as the backs of our quilts. You can drop them off in the basket provided in the Narthex. Thank you, in advance!

Contact Kathy Mueller at (815) 953-6601 or scpbklane@aol.com for more information or any questions you may have. Hope to see you on **August 19th**!



WORSHIP NIGHT

Messiah Student Ministries and our Worship Team are hosting a whole church Worship Night on Wednesday, **July 30th**, at 6 p.m. in the FLC. Please join us!



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Summer **Women's Bible Study** is on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. We'll walk through "My Personal Petitions Prayer Journal" by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth. *Prayer is personal to God. Shouldn't it be personal to you?*

MESSIAH KIDS (pre-K to 5th grades)

BIBLE BEE

We had a great time at the National Bible Bee! Our session has ended for this summer. Join us next year!

J-CHURCH

Due to conflicting events, J-Church will resume the third Sunday in September.

MESSIAH KIDS WEDNESDAYS (MKW)

Our summer program has ended. Stay tuned for our start up date for the fall season.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL is at 10 a.m. upstairs in the Kidz Club and will continue through August 3rd. 6th-8th graders are invited to join in!

For more info on ministries for kids pre-K through 5th grade, email Leslie McFarland, Children's Min. Director, at childrensmin@mlcjoliet.org or Megan Kuhn, Christian Ed. Director, at christianed@mlcjoliet.org.

MESSIAH STUDENT MINISTRIES (6th to 12th grades)

MSM SUMMER SPECIAL EVENTS

Mark your calendar! Worship Night July 30th; Pool Party August 6th; Bonfire August 30th.

BIBLE STUDY (SUNDAY MORNINGS)

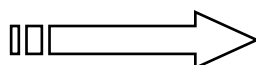
High schoolers continue to meet - *year around* - in classroom #101 at 9 a.m.

HEAD 2 HEART

Our H2H (Confirmation) program for 6th-8th graders begins soon!

- ♦ Orientation Night, August 20th
- ♦ Program kickoff, September 3rd
- ♦ Parents' Night, September 10th

FLC doors open at 5:30 p.m.



6TH-8TH GRADERS

Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m.
September - April

Orientation Night - Mile Markers
August 20th

First Night of Class September 3rd

First Parents' Night Sept. 10th

SUMMER S.A.L.T. (combined for all FAM & H2H students)
Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. in the FLC through August 6th.



For more info on ministries for students 6th through 12th grade,
email Kersten Stier, Youth Director, at stumin@mlcjoliet.org.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor Altar flowers, please sign up in the Narthex or call the office at 815-741-4488. Arrangements are \$25 each.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

SUNDAY (July 27)

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (streamed)
9 a.m. Bible Study for 9th-12th
10 a.m. Family Praise & Worship,
Summer Sunday School for pre-K to 8th
1 p.m. Cristo Rey Worship

MONDAY (July 28)

n/a

TUESDAY (July 29)

n/a

WEDNESDAY (July 30)

6 p.m. Worship Night
6:30 p.m. Women's Summer Bible Study

THURSDAY (July 31)

10:15 a.m. Prayer Team
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

FRIDAY (August 1)

n/a

SATURDAY (August 2)

9:30 a.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

SUNDAY (August 3)

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (streamed)
9 a.m. Bible Study for 9th-12th
10 a.m. Family Praise & Worship,
end date of Summer Sunday School
for pre-K to 8th
1 p.m. Cristo Rey Worship

ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

8:30 a.m.: 77
10:00 a.m.: 60
Online: 147
Messiah Kids: 7
MSM: 0

2025 GIVING

Operating Budget: \$680,068
YTD Operating Budget: \$379,269
YTD Giving Received: \$329,672
Average Weekly Need: \$13,078
Received Last Week: \$6,510

STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK

Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the Lord never
ceases, his mercies never come to an
end; they are new every morning;
great is Your faithfulness

Messiah office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
otherwise by appointment. Please call (815) 741-4488.

