



Family Praise & Worship
August 16, 2026
10:45 a.m.



The Canaanite
woman
Believed
and her daughter
was healed.

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WORSHIP TODAY

Call To Worship

Welcome

Worship Through Songs

Worship Through Giving

Children's Message

Leslie McFarland

Worship Through Hearing God's Word

Message

"Who Is Worthy?"

All Who Call on the Name of the Lord"

Seminarian Mike Brown

Worship Through Song

Prayers of Intercession

Prayer of Confession & Forgiveness

Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Temple Talk - Mission Trip Testimonial

Kate Richmond

Closing Song

FIRST LESSON, Romans 10:5-17 (ESV)

Reader: Molly Hoover

⁵ Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." ⁶ But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and

believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

¹⁶ But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" ¹⁷ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

SECOND LESSON, Matthew 15:21-28 (ESV)

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

²⁶ He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

²⁷ "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.



SANCTUARY CHOIR

Rehearsals will be on Thursdays from 7:15-8:45 p.m. beginning
September 10 with performances every Sunday during the
8:30 service beginning September 20.

If you'd like to join in, reach out to Herb Alexander.

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS - Save the dates!

Saturday, September 19 - Dinner Banquet at 5:30 p.m.

RSVP here:

Sunday, September 20 - Reception Celebration between services



ADULT "INSIGHT" BIBLE STUDY

Our Sunday morning Bible Study for adults is at 9:40 in Fellowship Hall. This week we kick off a new series entitled, "The Character of God."

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP TIME



Be sure to join us for coffee & good company on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall! Coffee will be available beginning at 8:30 a.m. and will continue until after the later service gets out. If you are an 8:30 attender - stay late! If Family Praise & Worship is your service - come early! Make new friends! If you'd like to help with Sunday morning coffee, please reach out to Joyce Pawlowski at 630-890-1203.

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.



FAITH & BODY - Resumes September 10!

Lace up your shoes and enjoy a walk in the Family Life Center, weekly on Thursdays (Sept-May) from 9-10 a.m. Everyone walks at their own pace and it's a great time for fellowship.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - Resumes September 3!

Please join Messiah's Grief Support Group on the **first Thursday every month** (Sept-May) at 1 p.m. in Room 101. This group offers caring and confidential space for those currently walking through loss or those who have suffered loss in the past. You are not alone - We are here to support one another. Questions may be directed to Pat Burke or Judy Fowler.

*Grief
Support
Group*

MEMORY BEARS



Messiah's Memory Bears Group normally meets the 4th Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting is **August 25**. We have jobs that do not require sewing! Reach out to Cindi Souza at regency118@icloud.com or 815-931-8478 for more info.

OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors) - Resumes September 8!

OWLS meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at noon, September-May. We enjoy a light lunch together, play trivia, and usually feature a guest speaker or entertainment!

Chili and beverages will be provided for September's luncheon as we celebrate "Tailgate & Touchdowns!" Wear your favorite team's jersey! We ask that everyone **sign up in the Narthex** so we have a headcount, and to let us know if you will bring cornbread, crackers, appetizer, salad or dessert to share.

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. Reach out to Cindi Souza at regency118@icloud.com or 815-931-8478 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, reach out to Cindi Souza at regency118@icloud.com or 815-931-8478, or 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

Messiah Quilters meet the 3rd Tuesday each month from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The next quilting day is August 18. 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.

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 18!**

RALLY SUNDAY

Sunday, **August 30**, we will celebrate Rally Sunday with a single worship service at 10:15 (in the FLC), followed by our annual Church Picnic.



STAY-N-PLAY - Resumes September 22!

Our FREE weekly open gym play group for kids five and under (along with their caretaker) meets in the Family Life Center every Tuesday morning (Sept-May) from 10-11:30. Bring the littles for play time! Adults enjoy coffee on us! Please like our Facebook page ([MLC Stay-N-Play Playgroup](#)) for additional information, and share with your friends and neighbors!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Resumes September 9!

Please join us for our new series of Women's Bible Study that kicks off on **September 9** at 1 p.m. in the Fireside Room!

"God Won't Leave You There: Joseph's Story," an incredible testimony of jaw-dropping faith and patient perseverance in the face of devastating trials, will leave you in awe at what God can do in and through one person. It's a powerful reminder that wherever you find yourself, God is at work putting the pieces of your life together to bring about His sovereign plan.

MESSIAH KIDS (pre-K to 5th grades)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our Children's Choir will have it's debut performance for this season during both services on **September 20** in honor of Messiah's 125th anniversary. Moving forward, they will perform on the fourth Sunday of most months during the late service. For more info please reach out to Season Lawler.

MESSIAH KIDS WEDNESDAYS (MKW)

MKW kickoff is **September 9!** We'll meet Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. in the upper level Kidz Club! Join us for family dinner beforehand, starting at 5 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We meet upstairs in the Kidz Club during Education Hour at 9:40 a.m. Our summer session wraps up this morning. **Our 2026-2027 program year beings on September 13!**

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)

BIBLE STUDY (SUNDAY MORNINGS)

Bible Study for high schoolers is in the Fireside Room continues year-round.

FRIENDS & MENTORS (FAM) FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS - Kicks off September 9!

Join us for mid-week Bible Study, connect with peers, play games, sing praise and more! FAM meets on Wednesday evenings (Sept-April) from 6-8, beginning September 9. Join us for family dinner beforehand, starting at 5 p.m.

HEAD 2 HEART (H2H) - Orientation Night August 19!

Our H2H Confirmation Program for 6th-8th graders runs on Wednesdays evenings (Sept-April) from 6-8. Family dinners begin on September 9, starting at 5 p.m. Be sure to make note of these important dates:

August 19, Orientation Night
September 9, First Night of Class
September 16, Parents' Night

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

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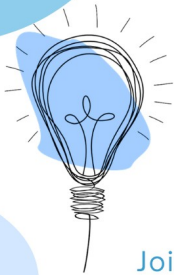
MESSIAH
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CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

Digging DEEPER

September 11th 6:00-8:30pm

September 12th 9:00am-2:00pm

Fellowship Hall - food provided!



Join us for this dynamic, two-day event led by Pastor Kurt and Kersten Stier where we'll discuss your questions about the Bible, Scripture, Lutheran Doctrine and Christianity.

All ages event! Scan this code to submit questions:



PRAY JOLIET

Sunday, September 6, 6-8 p.m.

Doors open at 5:30

St. Paul MB Church
1404 S. Briggs St. in Joliet

ALTAR FLOWERS

Our Altar flowers are provided by Andi French
in celebration of Andy & Sandy Anderson's 68th anniversary.

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, August 16

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:40 a.m. Education Hour for all ages
10:45 a.m. Family Praise & Worship
1 p.m. Cristo Rey Worship

MONDAY, August 17

n/a

TUESDAY, August 18

9 a.m. Quilters
6:30 p.m. PPC Meeting

WEDNESDAY, August 19

6 p.m. H2H Orientation Night

THURSDAY, August 20

10:15 a.m. Prayer Group
12 p.m. Staff Meeting

FRIDAY, August 21

n/a

SATURDAY, August 22

9 a.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

SUNDAY, August 23

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:40 a.m. Insight, High School Bible Study
10:45 a.m. Family Praise & Worship
1 p.m. Cristo Rey Worship

ATTENDANCE

LAST WEEK:

8:30: 75
10:45: 44
Online: 24
Kids:
MSM:
HS: 3
Insight: 25

2026 GIVING

Operating Budget: \$694,359
YTD Operating Budget: \$427,298
YTD Giving Received: \$321,063
Needed Each Week: \$13,353
Received Last Week: \$10,045
Received 08/02: \$11,914

STEWARDSHIP VERSE **OF THE WEEK**

Matthew 11:28

Come to me, all who labor
and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.

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

