

# Messiah Lutheran Church

in the Southeastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

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**September 2, 2018 - 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- VISITORS-** Please introduce yourself and sign our Guest Book in the hallway. We hope you will return to worship with us. If you would like information about membership, please call the office at 277-4213.
- WELCOME TO OUR LORD'S TABLE** all who are baptized children of God. As Lutherans we teach and believe that Christ is truly physically and spiritually present under the forms of bread and wine; they are his body and blood. Small children and infants are welcome to commune if they have received "first communion instruction," and should be assisted by their parents. Children who are not yet communing and those who are not baptized are invited to come forward for a blessing. When we are using trays with individual glasses, for those who do not prefer wine, the glasses in the center circle of the trays are filled with grape juice; or you may choose the chalice. Those unable to partake of wine or wheaten bread are assured that the fullness of our Lord is received in either of the elements. After communing, please return to your seat for silent prayer.
- ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP CHART** is hanging on the narthex bulletin board. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, place your name on the date(s) of your choice, and a brief note for what commemoration the flowers are given. We can have up to three sponsors each Sunday. Sponsors will be billed from Ricky Craig at a cost of \$45 per arrangement. You may also provide your own flowers, however they should be on par with the quality of arrangements normally used. Remember to take them home following the 10:45 service to enjoy or share with a friend (or drop by church during the week between 9am-1pm to pick them up). Please return the container to the church.
- The altar flowers for today are given by Paul and Sarah Brehm in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

**LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS**

**\* New Information**

\*Gary Davis . . . . . fluid around heart and lungs  
Arlene Stuckey Family . . . . . upon her passing (Leesa Petrey's mom)  
Adriane Duvall . . . possible pending surgery & medical issues(Kathryn Willoughby's daughter)  
Adler King . . . . . recovery from concussion  
Pastor Jill Henning . . . . . aggressive breast cancer (friend of Pastor and Doris Underwood)

Please include the names listed in your prayers at home during the following weeks. To add or update someone to the prayer chain, call the church office. We will routinely remove your prayer request from this list after 2-3 weeks, depending on the circumstances. If the need arises, please call the church office to have them returned to the list.

**Remember Our Senior Friends in Retirement Homes, Assisted Living, Nursing Homes, or Semi-Shut-ins at Home**

Jim Lincoln . . . . . 1555 Taylor Rd B8, Montgomery, AL 36117  
Pastor Robert Graetz . . . . . 1558 Dunbar St., Montgomery, AL 36106  
Judy Forks . . . . . 390 Aquil Lane, Pike Road, AL 36064-5002  
Signe Nelson . . . . . 5801 Eastdale Dr., #106, Montgomery, AL 36117  
Jane Stambaugh . . . . . 9819 Mid Pines Court, Montgomery, AL 36117  
Katherine Yaworski . . . . . Pine Needle Place, 600 Glendale Ave., Greenville, AL 36037

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Worship Attendance on 8/26/18                      8:00 am **36**                      10:45 am **49**  
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 8/26/18 . . . . . \$2,501  
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 8/26/18 . . . . . \$53,500  
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal . . . . . \$58,105  
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of 8/26/18 . . . . . **(\$4,605)**  
\*Fiscal Year 2019 FEP Goal . . . . . \$232,419

Today's anthem is "Sonatina No. 3, Op 36" by Clementi.  
Performed by Richard Chen.

**Worship Assistant Schedule**

		<b>September 2nd</b>	<b>September 8th</b>
<b>Altar</b>		Diane Davis	Peg Walker
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	8:00 am	Rhonda Morton	Jeff Bohman
	10:45 am	Judy McCune & Leesa Petrey	Melissa Hataway & Ricky Craig
<b>Crucifer</b>	10:45 am	Jamie McCune	Abbie Strickland
<b>Greeter</b>	8:00 am	Felton Bivins	Phyllis Klocke
	10:45 am	Alice McMullan	Judy McCune
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	8:00 am	Paul Morton	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Josie Severance	Kay Owens
<b>Lector</b>	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Doris Underwood
	10:45 am	Josie Severance	Jamie McCune
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 am	Jim Willoughby	Champ Street
	10:45 am	Diane Davis & Iola Williams	Elizabeth & Lily Strickland

<b>Schedule for Week of September 2nd</b>			<b>Schedule for Week of September 9th</b>		
<b>SUN:</b>	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist	<b>SUN:</b>	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
9/2	9:00 am	Refreshments	9/9	9:00 am	Refreshments
	9:15 am	Adult Sunday School		9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist		10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
<b>MON:</b>	Church Office Closed for Labor Day		<b>TUE:</b>	9:00 am	Quilters
9/3	6:00 pm	Pinks & Pearls	9/11		
<b>TUE:</b>	9:00 am	Quilters	<b>WED:</b>	9:00 am	Quilters
9/4	11:30 pm	Loose Ladies Lunch at Sinclairs	9/12	5:30 pm	Supper
				6:15 pm	Worship w/ Eucharist
				7:00 pm	Catechism
				7:00 pm	Choir Practice
<b>WED:</b>	9:00 am	Quilters	<b>FRI:</b>	6:00 pm	Pinks & Pearls
9/5	7:00 pm	Choir Practice	9/14		
<b>THU:</b>	9:30 am	Marys & Marthas	<b>SAT:</b>	9:00 am	Yarnovers
9/6			9/15	1:00 pm	Girl Scouts
<b>SAT:</b>	9:00 am	Art Club			
9/8					