

Messiah Lutheran Church

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October 07, 2018 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does

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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 wheat 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: Tina Ruffa & Katrina Martz in honor of St. Francis and all the animals.
- We will be collecting the following items for the Friendship Mission Men's Shelter: soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, hand wipes, small hand sanitizer.
- Today's Anthem:** "Beloved, God's Chosen" by Susan Palo Cherwien and Robert A. Hobby, Sung by The Adult Choir.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

*** New Information**

*Autry Talley heart procedure on 10/4/18
*Gary Davis Entered the Church Triumphant 10/01/18
Tina Ruffa Having a Mastectomy November 2nd
Hannah Chase (age 9) bone marrow transplant (friend of Kathryn Willoughby)
Adriane Duvall pending surgery in November & medical issues(Kathryn Willoughby's daughter)
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.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

5:30 pm RSVP Meal \$5 per plate (under 5, free; ages 5-12, \$3)
6:15 pm Worship
7:00 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm Catechism

The October 10th meal is sponsored by the. The SOMM & Choir The menu will be Rotisserie Chicken, Scalloped potatoes, vegetables, rolls, dessert. Please **RSVP** or cancel before Tuesday noon. You can make reservations by contacting the church office (call 277-4213, e-mail mlcoffice@messiahlutheranmgm.org) or place your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hall outside the office. You may also make reservations on the website at www.messiahlutheranmgm.org.

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 9/30/18 10:00 am **83**
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 9/30/18 \$2693.00
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 9/30/18 \$69,813.05
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal \$80,452.80
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of 9/30/18 (10,639.75)
*Fiscal Year 2019 FEP Goal \$232,419

Worship Assistant Schedule			
		October 7th	October 14th
Altar		Joyce Colburn & Jennifer Hayes	LuAnn Marz
Communion Assistant	8:00 am	Hildredge Sims	Diane Davis & Tina Ruffa
	10:45 am	Ricky Craig & Judy McCune	
Crucifer	10:45 am	Lily Strickland	TBD
Greeters	8:00 am	Phyllis Klocke	Katrina Matzer
	10:45 am	Alice McMullan	
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Steve Wright	David Hataway
	10:45 am	Josie Severance	
Lector	8:00 am	Gene Klocke	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Jamie McCune	
Ushers	8:00 am	Champ Street	Ben & Josie Severance
	10:45 am	Tina Ruffa & Katrina Matzer	

Schedule for Week of October 7th			Schedule for Week of October 14th		
SUN: 10/07	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15-10:45 10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist Sunday School Fellowship Worship w/ Eucharist	SUN: 10/14	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship w/ Eucharist Potluck
MON: 10/08	6:00 pm	Pinks & Pearls	MON: 10/15	6:00 pm	Pinks & Pearls
TUE: 10/09	9:00 am 11:30 pm	Quilters Loose Ladies Lunch at Mr. G's	TUE: 10/16	9:00 am	Quilters
WED: 10/10	9:00 am 5:30 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Quilters Supper Worship w/ Eucharist Catechism Choir Practice	WED: 10/17	9:00 am 5:30 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Quilters Supper Worship w/ Eucharist Catechism Choir Practice
THU: 10/11	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Marys & Marthas Handbell Practice	THU: 10/18	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Marys & Marthas Handbell Practice
SAT: 10/12	9:00 am 1:00 pm	Yarnover Girl Scouts	SAT: 10/19	9:00 am 1:00 pm	Yarnovers Girl Scouts