

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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

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**July 15, 2018 - 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

When Amos told what he saw when God held up the plumb line of justice next to Israel - that the poor were being trampled - he was a threat to the power of priests and king. John the Baptist also spoke truth to power, and Herod had him beheaded. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: that all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness justice in company with them.

**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.
- ALTAR FLOWERS** -Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Steve & Liz Wright in celebration of Liz's birthday.

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

**\* New Information**

Donny Grant ..... health issues (friend of Bob & Cheryl Harris)  
Sidney Hampton-Sneed ..... upon the passing of her father  
Cathy Eisen Family ..... upon her passing (friend of Steve & Liz Wright)  
Marge Melvin ..... undergoing chemo treatments (Kathryn Willoughby's son's mother-in-law)  
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 Aqui 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 7/8/18                      8:00 am **21**                      10:45 am **43**  
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 7/8/18 ..... \$3,199  
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 7/8/18 ..... \$29,214  
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal ..... \$26,818  
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of 7/8/18 ..... \$2,396  
\*Fiscal Year 2019 FEP Goal ..... \$232,419

Today's anthem is "Coutances" by Thierry Tisserand, performed by Abbie Strickland on guitar.

**Worship Assistant Schedule**

		<b>July 15th</b>	<b>July 22nd</b>
<b>Altar</b>		Elizabeth Strickland	Diane Davis
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	8:00 am	Doris Underwood	Kathryn Willoughby
	10:45 am	Leesa Petrey & Diane Davis	Kelly Jones & Ricky Craig
<b>Crucifer</b>	10:45 am	Lily Strickland	Grayson Hataway
<b>Greeter</b>	8:00 am	Champ Street	Patt Riggins
	10:45 am	Judy McCune	Charline Struve
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	8:00 am	Paul Morton	Gene Klocke
	10:45 am	Tara Severance	Judy McCune
<b>Lector</b>	8:00 am	Gus Dennig	Gene Klocke
	10:45 am	Beatrice Severance	Mark O'Connor
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 am	Tina Ruffa & Katrina Matzer	Jim Willoughby
	10:45 am	Ben & Josie Severance	Diane Davis & Lola Williams

<b>Schedule for Week of July 15th</b>			<b>Schedule for Week of July 22nd</b>		
<b>SUN:</b>	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist	<b>SUN:</b>	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
7/15	9:00 am	Refreshments	7/22	9:00 am	Refreshments
	9:15 am	Adult Sunday School		9:15 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist		10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
<b>MON:</b>	6:00 pm	Pinks & Pearls	<b>MON:</b>	6:00 pm	Pinks & Pearls
7/16			7/23		
<b>TUE:</b>	9:00 am	Quilters	<b>TUE:</b>	9:00 am	Quilters
7/17	6:30 pm	Council Meeting	7/24	6:00 pm	Pinks & Pearls
<b>WED:</b>	9:00 am	Quilters	<b>WED:</b>	9:00 am	Quilters
7/18			7/25	6:00 pm	Pinks & Pearls
<b>FRI:</b>	6:00 pm	Pinks & Pearls	<b>THU:</b>	6:00 pm	Pinks & Pearls
7/20			7/26		
<b>SAT:</b>	9:00 pm	Yarnovers	<b>FRI:</b>	6:00 pm	Pinks & Pearls
7/21			7/27		
			<b>SAT:</b>	9:00 pm	Yarnovers
			7/28		