

Messiah Lutheran Church

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September 9, 2018 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings her or his need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

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 by Tina Ruffa & Katrina Matzer in memory of their parents and departed loved ones.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

* New Information

*Annie Milner heart cath and stint replacement on 9/20/18
*Tina Ruffa stereotactic needle biopsy on 9/11/18 & neck, back, and shoulder pain
*Steve Graham blood clots in legs (Chuck Wray's friend)
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.

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 September 12th meal is sponsored by the SOMM & Choir. The menu will be chicken casserole, seven layer salad, a vegetable, rolls, and 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 9/2/18 8:00 am **24** 10:45 am **48**
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 9/2/18 \$3,568
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 9/2/18 \$54,567
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal \$62,574
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of 9/2/18 **(\$8,007)**
*Fiscal Year 2019 FEP Goal \$232,419

Choir Notes

Today's anthem is "This is the Day" by Natalie Sleeth. Sung by the Adult Choir.

Worship Assistant Schedule

		September 8th	September 16th
Altar		Peg Walker	LuAnn Marz
Communion Assistant	8:00 am	Jeff Bohman	Hildredge Sims
	10:45 am	Melissa Hataway & Ricky Craig	Dave & LuAnn Marz
Crucifer	10:45 am	Abbie Strickland	Melody Jackson
Greeter	8:00 am	Phyllis Klocke	Patt Riggins
	10:45 am	Judy McCune	Keri Broughton
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Gene Klocke
	10:45 am	Kay Owens	Duane Brookhart
Lector	8:00 am	Doris Underwood	Paul Morton
	10:45 am	Jamie McCune	Mark O'Connor
Ushers	8:00 am	Champ Street	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Elizabeth & Lily Strickland	Katrina Matzer & Tina Ruffa

Schedule for Week of September 9th

SUN: 8:00 am Worship w/ Eucharist
9/9 9:00 am Refreshments
9:15 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship w/ Eucharist

TUE: 9:00 am Quilters
9/11

WED: 9:00 am Quilters
9/12 5:30 pm Supper
6:15 pm Worship w/ Eucharist
7:00 pm Catechism
7:00 pm Choir Practice

FRI: 6:00 pm Pinks & Pearls
9/14

SAT: 9:00 am Yarnovers
9/15 1:00 pm Girl Scouts

Schedule for Week of September 16th

SUN: 8:00 am Worship w/ Eucharist
9/16 9:00 am Refreshments
9:15 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship w/ Eucharist

TUE: 9:00 am Quilters
9/18 6:30 pm Council Meeting

WED: 9:00 am Quilters
9/19 5:30 pm Supper
6:15 pm Worship w/ Eucharist
7:00 pm Catechism
7:00 pm Choir Practice

SAT: 9:00 am Yarnovers
9/22