

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## August 11, 2019 – Pentecost 9

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning – to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

### 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 need to call Capitol's Rosemont Gardens (834-7731) before that Sunday and pay for the arrangement with a credit/debit card. The cost is \$45 per arrangement. If you would like to have a special arrangement, you may pay more for the 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 flowers today are given by the children of Bob & Karen Brow in honor of their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.

## LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

### \* New Information


\*Pastor Bob Graetz ..... Jackson Hospital Rehab  
Kathryn Willoughby ..... Recovering at home from back surgery on 6/25/19  
Pastor Jill Henning ..... aggressive breast cancer (friend of 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 ..... Angels for the Elderly, #A6, 52 Angels Court, 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  
Johnny Nelson ..... Bill Nichols Veterans State Retirement Home  
1784 Elkahatchee Rd. Alexander City, AL 35010

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Worship Attendance on 8/4/19 8:00 am 28 10:45 am 45  
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 8/4/19 ..... 4,568  
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 8/4/19 ..... \$42,995  
Fiscal Y-T-D Financial Expense Plan Goal ..... \$148,401  
\*Fiscal Year 2020 FEP Goal ..... \$176,561



**Attention Adult Choir!**  
Adult Choir Practice  
will resume  
Wednesday, August 14th  
at 7:00 pm.

### Worship Assistant Schedule

		August 11	August 18
Altar		Linda Jones	Diane Davis
Communion Assistant/Presenter	8:00 am	Jeff Bohman	Steve & Liz Wright
	10:45 am	Diane Davis	Diane Davis & Tina Ruffa
Crucifer		Jamie McCune	
Greeters	8:00 am		Chris Sellers & Chuck Wray
	10:45 am	Tina Ruffa	Charline Struve
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Steve Wright	
	10:45 am	Judy McCune	
Lector	8:00 am	Jeff Bohman	Chris Sellers
	10:45 am	Judy McCune	Paul Morton
Ushers	8:00 am	Paul Morton	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Tina Ruffa & Katrina Matzer	Diane Davis

### Schedule for Week of August 11

**SUN:** 8:00 am Worship w/ Eucharist  
8/11 9:15 am Sunday School;  
Worship Servant Training  
10:45 am Worship w/ Eucharist  
1:00 pm Korean Worship  
3:30 pm LOCOP

**MON:** 6:00 pm Pink & Pearls  
8/12

**TUE:** 9:00 am Quilters  
8/13

**WED:** 9:00 am Quilters  
8/14 7:00 pm Adult Choir

**THURS:** 6:30 pm Church Council  
8/15

**FRI:** 6:00 pm Pink & Pearls  
8/16

**SAT** 9:00 am Yarnovers  
8/17 1:00 pm Girl Scouts

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**SUN:** 8:00 am Worship w/ Eucharist  
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Adult Forum with Bishop-Elect  
Kevin Strickland  
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8/19

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8/20

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8/21 7:00 pm Adult Choir

**THURS:** 6:30 pm Church Council  
8/22

**FRI:** 6:00 pm Pink & Pearls  
8/23

**SAT** 9:30 am-2:00 pm WORG  
8/24