

Messiah Lutheran Church

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The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today, in the assembly, we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses." In the word and in the holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

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 Chuck Wray
in celebration of Chris Sellers' birthday.

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

* New Information

*Walter Matzer..... (Brother of Katrina Matzer & Tina) Serious Heart Issues, New York
Pastor Bob GraetzJackson 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 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
Johnny Nelson Bill Nichols Veterans State Retirement Home
1784 Elkahatchee Rd. Alexander City, AL 35010

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Worship Attendance on 8/11/19 8:00 am 30 10:45 am 36
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 8/11/193,706
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 8/11/19.....\$46,701
Fiscal Y-T-D Financial Expense Plan Goal\$148,401
*Fiscal Year 2020 FEP Goal\$176,561

*We welcome
Bishop-Elect Strickland
as our preacher today.
He will also lead an
adult forum between our services.*

Worship Assistant Schedule

		August 18	August 25
Altar		Diane Davis	Peg Walker
Communion Assistant/Presenter	8:00 am	Steve & Liz Wright	Volunteer Needed
	10:45 am	Diane Davis & Tina Ruffa	Tina Ruffa
Crucifer		Jaehee Ashley	Volunteer Needed
Greeters	8:00 am	Volunteer Needed	Chris Sellers & Chuck Wray
	10:45 am	Alice McMullan	Charline Struve
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Paul Morton	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Tara Severance	Paul Morton
Lector	8:00 am	Doris Underwood	Chris Sellers
	10:45 am	Melissa Hataway	Paul Morton
Ushers	8:00 am	Jim Willoughby	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Ben & Josie Severance	Diane Davis

Schedule for Week of August 18

SUN: 8/18	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
	9:15 am	Sunday School; Adult Forum with Bishop-Elect Kevin Strickland
	10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
	1:00 pm	Korean Worship
	3:30 pm	WORG
MON: 8/19	6:00 pm	Pink & Pearls
TUE: 8/20	9:00 am	Quilters
WED: 8/21	9:00 am	Quilters
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
FRI: 8/23	6:00 pm	Pink & Pearls
SAT 8/24	9:30 am-2:00 pm	WORG

Schedule for Week of August 25

SUN: 8/25	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
	1:00 pm	Korean Worship
	2:00 pm	WORG
MON: 8/26	6:00 pm	Pink & Pearls
TUE: 8/27	9:00 am	Quilters
WED: 8/28	9:00 am	Quilters
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
FRI: 8/30	9:00 am	Art Club
	6:00 pm	Pink & Pearls