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***Messiah's Mission Statement***

"We, the members of Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church, desire to praise our Lord, nurture the church and reach out to the unchurched in and around the Bellevue area, so that all may believe in Christ and receive the gift of eternal life."

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**Our Order of Worship**

Page 54 (Thurs) & 45 (Sunday) in *Christian Worship*

**Hymns:** 355 - 332

**Psalm:** 71, pg. 92

**Today's message:** based on Joshua 24:1,2a, 14-18

**"EVERY DAY IS CONFIRMATION DAY"**

- I. Remember what God gave to us
- II. God moves us to serve Him

## First Lesson: Ephesians 5:21-31

<sup>21</sup> Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup> In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church— <sup>30</sup> for we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”

## Gospel Lesson: John 6:60-69

<sup>60</sup> On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

<sup>61</sup> Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup> What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! <sup>63</sup> The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. <sup>64</sup> Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. <sup>65</sup> He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him.”

<sup>66</sup> From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

<sup>67</sup> “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

<sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

## Sermon Text: Joshua 24:1,2a, 14-18

**24** Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

<sup>2</sup> Joshua said to all the people, <sup>14</sup> “Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup> But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! <sup>17</sup> It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. <sup>18</sup> And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God.”

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER:

Dear Lord, we come to You today with relieved hearts, knowing You have redeemed us from our sin. **You have done everything necessary to keep us from eternal death.** Even more, You have always walked with us on our life’s journey, encouraging and strengthening us. **All praise and thanks to You, our almighty God.**

Dear Savior, You have shown us that there are many “gods” that try and take Your place in our hearts. **Give us eyes of wisdom to see their deceitful ways.** Remind us that money, things and earthly pleasures are not the things we are to serve. **They do nothing for us in the life to come.** Continue to send the Holy Spirit through Your Word to refresh our faith. **Grow in us the faith that You planted in our hearts.**

O Holy Spirit, You are the One who moves us to serve the Lord with all that we are and have. **You move us to live for You; to declare Your praise and to love our neighbors as ourselves.** Any God-pleasing thing that we do is truly a result of Your power, not ours. **May we give God the glory He truly deserves.**

We now bring to You our most heartfelt requests.  
*Silent prayer*

Watch over our loved ones. Heal our neighbors' sicknesses. Keep our nation safe. Give peace to the world so that Your Word might be spread and Your kingdom come. Together we now pray as Jesus taught us - **“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.”**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are placed today by the Voigt family in loving memory of Sherry Voigt. May God comfort us with knowing we will be reunited in heaven at the Last Day.

**MEMORIAL** A gift of \$250 has been donated to our Technology Fund in memory of Ron Patron, father of Jeff Patron. We thank you for your loving gift.

**BEAN BAG TOSS TOURNAMENT** is TODAY starting at 11 am. We need help passing out water/soda and greeting guests.

**FATHER-SON CAMP OUT** was a success! We will look at planning our annual camp out for late August 2022.

**USHER OPPORTUNITY** We are looking to add to our usher teams for all three services. Any confirmed member (man or woman) can serve our Lord in this way, and you would be up for ushering about once every 5 weeks. Please contact Pastor Sauer or Mark Rukamp if interested. Thanks!

**BOWLING PARTNERS NEEDED** One of our connect groups is getting started right away in September. Are you interested in bowling on Wednesday or Friday? Check out the bulletin board for more information.

**CONNECT GROUPS** Do you have a hobby or interest that you'd like to share with others? Looking to study a book of the Bible or a topic? Consider leading a connect group, the small group ministry of Messiah. Groups allow for the opportunity for people to connect and grow in faith. Fill out a form to let others know what you'll be doing and when and where you'll meet. Forms are available in the narthex.

**WELCOME BACK SUNDAY** is September 12<sup>th</sup>, and we're looking for veggie and chicken cutters, table arrangers, cooking and clean up help. We'll have booyah and hot dogs for the main course. No need to sign up if you are attending, but we do ask that you sign up if you can help. Thanks!

## Our Response to God's Love

Thursday - 27

Sun. early - 62

Sun. late - 85

Total: 174

Offerings: \$6,713.63

Technology upgrade budget: \$37,880

Given to date: \$15,121

Amount still needed: \$22,759

### **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK:**

Thursday 6:30: Worship service with **Communion**

Sunday 7:45: Worship service with **Communion**

9:30: Worship service with **Communion**

### **Serving Sunday in the Lord's house**

Usher team 7:45: Team #7 Dave Maccoux's team

9:30: Team #10 Jeff Rindfleisch's team

Cleaning Hetrick, Holmes, F. Fischer, Nett, Janssen

### **Serving next week in the Lord's house**

Usher team 7:45: Team #9 Chris Dolch's team

9:30: Team #2 Doug Voigt's team

Cleaning Jindra, S. Mueller, Grosskreutz, Jarman