



**Messiah**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL  
*Church of the Lutheran Confession*

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Pentecost 14

*Good morning! We appreciate your joining our worship family, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you are looking for an altar at which to commune, please speak to the pastor beforehand. He will be happy to provide you with the information you would want and need.*

**Sunday family worship: 8:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M.**

### Today's Worship

*"See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation" (Is. 28:16).*

### Greeting and prayer:

#### Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the Third Person of the Holy Trinity.



## Giving Opportunities

*Below is a list of the various funds and their purposes to which we can contribute and help support the proclamation of the gospel both locally and around the world.*

### CLC funds

**General fund:** Offerings to missions support the day-to-day operations of both the CLC mission program and Immanuel Lutheran College. Messiah has made missions contributions a part of our regular budget.

**Mission Development Fund (MDF):** This fund supports mission projects which are normally limited-term, such as buying Bibles and Catechisms, roofing foreign churches, and purchasing motorcycles and bicycles for pastors.

**Immanuel Improvement Fund (IIF):** Money in this fund is used for major campus maintenance projects, as well as other needs which are not part of the regular operating budget.

**ILC Student Aid:** This fund provides loans and grants to students in both the high school and college departments. The fund is available to all ILC students synod-wide, not just those from Messiah.

**ILC Building Fund:** The fund was established for the construction of an academic center. There is a continuing need for contributions to pay the mortgage.

**Kinship:** This fund supports orphans and seminary students in both Africa and India. It has also supplied disaster relief.

### Messiah funds

**General offerings:** Offerings to the general fund support the majority of our programs, as well as maintain our buildings and property. Our CLC missions contributions also come from the general fund.

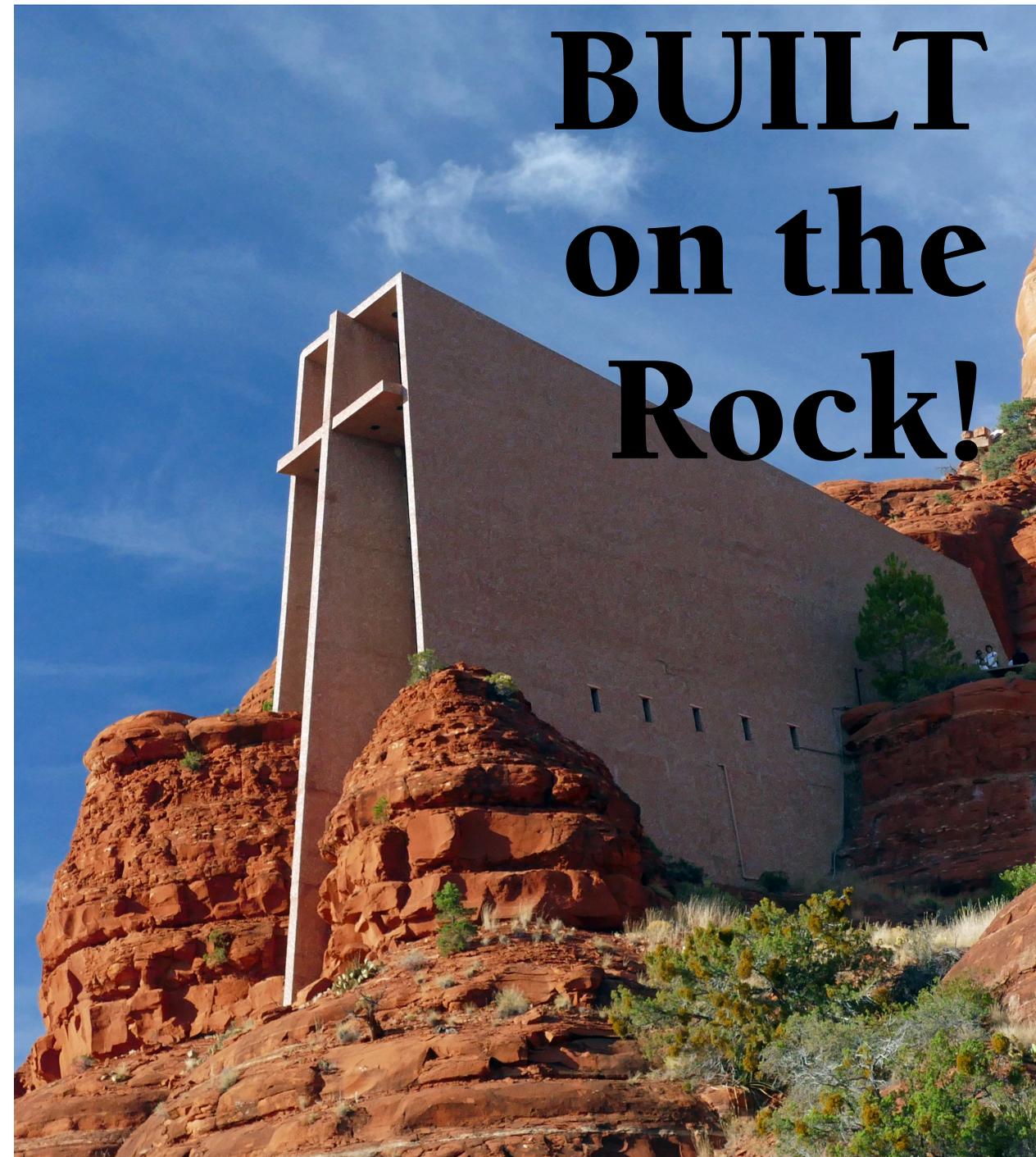
**Messiah Student Aid Fund (MSAF):** This fund directly assists families who are members of Messiah by offering tuition aid for children attending Immanuel Lutheran High School or College. Once a year the available funds are applied to the accounts of Messiah members at ILC.

**Christian Day School Improvement Fund (CDSIF):** Money received into this fund is used to purchase items useful to the school which are not covered by the regular budget.

**Benevolence Fund:** Funds are used to help with the material needs of others, and are distributed at the discretion of the pastor and elders.

September Ushers		
1st Service:	N. Mackensen, B. Naumann	
2nd Service:	J. Marita, A. Marita	
Cleaning Teams 9/12-9/18		
Church:	M. Mueller, Quade	
School:	Barthels, Santori	
Finances:	Last Week	To Date
Budgetary Offerings:	\$23,669.00	\$96,434.00
Budgetary Needs:	\$6,502.00	\$58,518.00
Over(Under) Budget:	\$17,167.00	\$37,916.00
Sunday School:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Missions:	\$0.00	\$1,400.00
ILCSAF:	\$60.00	\$160.00
Kinship: (\$25 A. Bernthal Mem.)	\$240.00	\$955.00
Benevolence Fund:	\$240.00	
MSAF:	\$150.00	
Attendance Last Sunday: 39, 37		

Bible Readings:	
9/6	2 Chron 24,25,26 2 Cor 11:1-15
9/7	Is 1,2 2 Cor 11:16-33
9/8	Is 3,4 2 Cor 12
9/9	Is 5,6 2 Cor 13
9/10	2 Chron 27,28 Acts 19:1-20
9/11	2 Chron 29,30 Acts 19:21-41
9/12	2 Chron 31,32 Acts 20:1-16



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## Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing hymn: *Beautiful Savior*

## Announcements

### More dangerous than we think

How bad can it be? I'll be fine. Remember saying that before heading out on the road during a blizzard? Sometimes we underestimate the danger of a situation. In our Wednesday online Bible study we will hear the Apostle Paul warn that temptation is more dangerous than we think, and we need to constantly be on guard against it.

### New issue of *Daily Rest*

The next quarter's issue of *Daily Rest* is available on the table outside the sanctuary. Take one home today.

### Pictures next week

The ladies group is in the continual process of updating the church photo board. If you haven't had your photo taken within the last year, or would like an updated photo, please plan for next Sunday, September 13. No sign up is needed – just find the photographer, who will be set up following both first and second services. Given the current mask requirements, photos will be taken outside.

### Holy Communion opportunities

We continue to celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of the month. You may also contact Pastor and schedule private Communion. If you would like to receive the Sacrament at home in connection with our online services, contact Pastor for the earthly elements of bread and wine.

### Mowing help needed

There are still a few empty slots in the mowing schedule for this summer. The list is posted on the cupboard doors.

## Looking Ahead...

### ♣Tuesday:

7:00 A.M: School staff.

5:30 P.M: Bd. of Property.

6:30 P.M: Bd. of Education.

### ♣Wednesday:

7:00 P.M: Bible class.

### ♣Thursday:

6:30 P.M: Bd. of Elders.

### ♣September 17th:

6:30 P.M: Church Council.



C: I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the last day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

Hymn: *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

### Confession and Absolution:

P: Let us now confess our sins to God, our merciful Father.

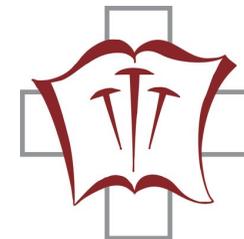
C: Gracious God, with contrition and repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have done things we ought not to have done and we have not done that which we are to be doing as Your children. We indeed deserve nothing but punishment. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all of our sins and lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.

P: God is gracious and merciful and hears our prayers. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

**Salutation:**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

**Prayer:**

P: Almighty God, You inspired Peter to confess Jesus as the Christ, Your Son. Keep Your Church firm on the rock of this faith, that in unity and peace, the Savior will be proclaimed throughout the world until the end of time as the Holy Spirit works in the lives of Your people. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer:**

**Communion hymn: *Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord***



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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**The Distribution**

**Nunc Dimittis:**

*O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
 For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
 A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
 The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.*

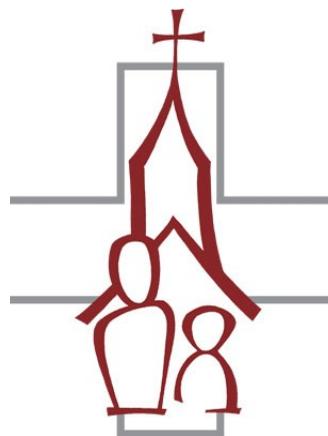
*All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
 All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;  
 For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
 God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.*



P: It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho-san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### Words of Institution:



### Old Testament lesson:

**Exodus 6:2-8....God emphasizes that He is the LORD, that is, the God of faithful love and saving purpose.**

And God spoke to Moses and said to him: "I am the LORD. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name LORD, I was not known to them. I have also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, in which they were strangers. And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant.

"Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am the LORD; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. And I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you as a heritage: I am the LORD.'"

### Epistle lesson:

**Romans 11:33-36....Only the Lord Himself can convey to us the wonders of His wisdom and ways.**

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! *"For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?" "Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him?"* For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

### The Nicene Creed:

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Hymn:** *If Thy Beloved Son, O God*

**Sermon: Matthew 16:13-20**

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

**Be Rock-Solid-Sure in Jesus!**

- I. Be sure of who He is.
- II. Be sure of Your place in His Church.
- III. Be sure of Your spiritual calling.



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me  
 not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
 Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
 Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

**Prayer of the Church**

**Hymn:** *The Church's One Foundation*

**The Service of the Sacrament**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**