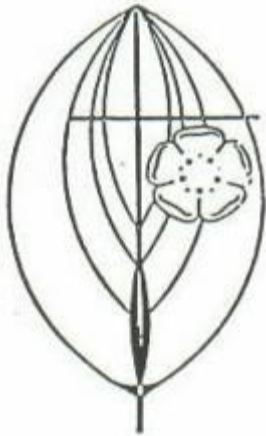


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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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### Steadfast and Adaptable

Nine Septembers ago I was installed as Messiah's pastor at a service where my friend and fellow pastor, the Rev. Paul Sauer, preached in part on this verse from the Gospel of Matthew:

“And [Jesus] said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old” (Matthew 13:52).

What a blessing Messiah has been to me since then, and I hope the feeling is mutual! I feel fortunate to have been called to a congregation that seems like such a good fit.

We read Matthew 13:52 again recently on the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (this year, it fell on July 26), and I was reminded then of how important it is for congregations and their pastors to bring from their treasure what is new and what is old. We need to be deeply rooted, steadfast, and committed to our faith, refusing to be distracted from it, and at the same time humble, adaptable, and creative in bringing our faith to bear in new situations. It's not one or the other. It's both. Which is a tall order.

But it's a good order! It stretches us and keeps us faithful without letting us get complacent. I have been impressed with Messiah as we navigate Covid together — remaining steadfast in essentials while adapting to this new situation. It hasn't been easy, but it's been good. We're continuing to worship, to learn, and to have fellowship with one another; to support one another in times of grief and discouragement, to encourage one another in patience and perseverance, and to cherish one another as precious, worthwhile sisters and brothers in Christ. Covid continues to try us, but, to quote Job, “But he knows the way that I take; when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold” (Job 23:10).

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Covid and its attendant stress try both the steadfastness and the adaptability of our faith. But by the power and the fruit of the Holy Spirit, we're making it! We're coming through, and the gold has begun to shine!

Things are going to get better, and they're already starting to. Eventually, we'll all be back together again for worship. And for the time being, we'll endure what we must and thank God for what we can. How blessed we are to be able to gather online as well as in person! That's relatively new. How blessed we are to stand on the firm foundation of God's Word, and to rest in the steadfast love and mercy He has shown his people from of old. In the words of the gospel hymn by Elisha Hoffman (which you can find on YouTube at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i18H\\_TDMnGM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i18H_TDMnGM) :

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
    leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
    leaning on the everlasting arms.

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
    leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
    leaning on the everlasting arms.

Blessed to be your pastor as we worship God and serve our neighbors in ways new and old,

Pastor Erhardt

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### **Adult Forum** **Tuesdays at 4:30 pm, September 8-29**

Next series: *Necessary Conversations: Religion and Politics*

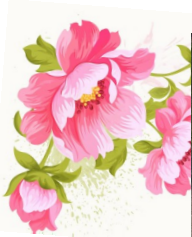
This series will be based on the August 2020 issue of The Lutheran Witness. Copies are available on the back pew August 30. Online access is available at:

<https://cloud.3dissue.com/1757/2638/5633/2020-August/index.html>

Please join us! To participate, contact Pastor for the reading schedule and online connection information.

**Visit our website to listen to audio recordings of Sunday Sermons.**  
**[princetonlutheranchurch.org/services.html](http://princetonlutheranchurch.org/services.html)**

## CHURCH CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Fun in the sun  
with Camilla and Doris!**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, September 10, 7:30 pm**

*Community Book Group*



**Saturday, September 12, 10 am**

*Outdoor Service*



**Saturday, September 12, 12 pm**

*Church Picnic*



**Tuesday, September 15, 7:00 pm**

*Executive Board*



**Sunday, September 20, 1:30 pm**

*University Campus Architecture Tour*



**Saturday, September 26, 9 am**

*Men's Forum*



**Thursday, October 1, 7:30 pm**

*Community Book Group*



**Sunday, October 4, 1:30 pm**

*Monmouth Battlefield Tour*



**Tuesday, October 6, 7:00 pm**

*Executive Board*



**Saturday, October 31, 9 am**

*Men's Forum*



**Sunday, November 1, 1:30 pm**

*University Campus Architecture Tour*





## FAREWELL FOR THE TABRIS FAMILY ON JULY 19

**Where the food is,  
there also is Barnabas.**





## TABRIS FAREWELL CONTINUED



**During Covid, the communion of saints  
gathers in person and online!**



*Photo courtesy of Beatrice Tabris*

**What does Beatrice Tabris like about her  
new home in Colorado?  
The profusion of rabbits!**





**The  
Church is  
not a  
building!  
Outdoor  
service on  
August 8**





**Congratulations to Antti and  
Vanessa, who were married on  
August 21!**





# Blast from the past



*Photos courtesy of Messiah archives*



## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST  YEAR C	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL READING
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 6, 2020	Exodus 12:1-14	Psalms 149	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 13, 2020	Exodus 14:19-31	Psalms 114	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 20, 2020	Exodus 16:2-15	Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 27, 2018	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32



## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR OCTOBER

SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST YEAR C	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL READING
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 4, 2020	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Psalms 19	Philippians 3:4-14	Matthew 21:33-46
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 11, 2020	Exodus 32:1-14	Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 18, 2020	Exodus 33:12-23	Psalms 99	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost October 25, 2020 (TBD)	Deuteronomy 34:1-12  or, if we celebrate Reformation Sunday in the morning: Revelation 14:6-7	Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17  Psalms 46	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  Romans 3:19-28	Matthew 22:34-46  Matthew 11:12-19

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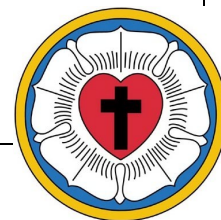


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:30am Holy Communion	7	8 4:30pm Adult Forum	9	10 7:30pm Community Book Group	11	12 10am Outdoor Worship 12pm Picnic
13 9:30am Holy Communion	14	15 4:30pm Adult Forum 7pm Executive Board	16	17	18	19
20 Pledge Sunday 9:30am Holy Communion 1:30pm Architecture Tour	21	22 4:30pm Adult Forum	23	24	25	26 9am Men's Forum
27 9:30am Holy Communion	28	29 4:30pm Adult Forum	30			

# October 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  7:30 pm Community Book Group	2	3
4 9:30am Holy Communion  1:30pm Monmouth Battlefield Tour	5	6  4:30pm Adult Forum  7pm Executive Board Meeting	7	8	9	10  10am Outdoor Worship
11  9:30am Holy Communion	12	13  4:30pm Adult Forum	14	15	16	17
18  9:30am Holy Communion	19	20  4:30pm Adult Forum	21	22	23	24
25  9:30am Holy Communion  Reformation Sunday	26	27  4:30pm Adult Forum	28	29	30	31  9am Men's Forum







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### September Birthdays

Patricia Oelrich	9/3
Hans Henkes	9/5
Janet Bamgbade	9/7
Carolyn Gishlick	9/10
Pearl Amidon	9/19
Tom Fusco	9/19
Matthew Zak	9/20
Debbie Baer	9/28
Drew von Bargaen	9/30

### October Birthdays

Vanessa Notario	10/1
Robert Coyner	10/2
Roger Tabris	10/10
Gail Sabatura	10/31

If we missed your birthday, we're sorry, but it means it's not on file. Help update our data...  
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