

**Messiah Lutheran Church—  
Missouri Synod**



**First Sunday after Trinity  
With First Communion  
June 7, 2015  
Divine Service I**

*Luke 16:19* “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.” Compared with most of human history, and even most of the world today, we have been abundantly blessed with riches in our time and place. The parable today indicates that God calls us to use this blessing according to His wisdom and priorities and not our own.

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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**VISITORS WELCOME!** A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service, and we pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

**ATTENDANCE REGISTER:** During the offering we ask that you sign the attendance register located at the center aisle of each pew.

**Please hand the filled in sheet to the usher as you exit at the end of the service. Let the usher know if you don't have a pad in your pew.**

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated every Sunday and on Feast Days. Visiting communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to commune today. All other visitors are asked to speak with the pastor before coming to the altar. If there is time before the service, introduce yourself to the pastor or an elder. Other visitors are invited to use this time for prayer. If you desire information about attending communion, you are encouraged to visit with the pastor after the service today.

**PRAYERS OF PREPARATION** may be found in the opening cover of the hymnals in each pew. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer.

**+SERVING TODAY+**

**Preacher/Celebrant:** Pr. Roemke

**Elder:** Brent Jiter

**Ushers:** Jerry Tobalsky & Scott Tobalsky

**Greeter:** Mary Rusch

**Organist:** Evone Hagerman

**Altar Guild:** Diana Dissen & Bonnie Griepentrog

**Altar Flowers:** Provided by Pastor and Lesa Roemke in honor of Eva's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, Pastor's 8<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary, and their 12<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

*Stand*

**Invocation**

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**+CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**+SERVICE OF THE WORD+**

**Introit**

*Ps. 13:1– 4; antiphon: Ps. 13:5–6*



[O Lord,] I have trusted in your | steadfast love;\*

my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.

I will sing | to the LORD,\*

because he has dealt bountifully | with me.

**How long, O LORD? Will you forget me for- | ever?\***

**How long will you hide your | face from me?**

How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart | all the day?\*

How long shall my enemy be exalted | over me?

**Consider and answer me, O | LORD my God;\***

**light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death,**

lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed | over him,”\*

lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

[O Lord,] I have trusted in your | steadfast love;\*

my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.

I will sing | to the LORD,\*

because he has dealt bountifully | with me.

**Kyrie**

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**Gloria in Excelsis**

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**P** O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 15:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Ps. 41:4, 1*



I said, "O LORD, be gra- | cious to me;\*  
heal me, for I have sinned a- | gainst you!"  
Blessèd is the one who consid- | ers the poor!\*  
In the day of trouble the LORD de- | livers him.

## Epistle

*1 John 4:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup>By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup>And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 16:19–31*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>19</sup>[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup>and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup>And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his

finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’  
<sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers —so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ <sup>30</sup>And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

***To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray***

*LSB 768*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

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*Congregation may be seated. First Communicants, parents, and sponsors come forward.*

**+FIRST COMMUNION PRIOR TO CONFIRMATION+**

**P** Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism these young people were born again as God’s children and received into His Church. As a further gift of His love for us, our Lord Jesus Christ has given His Church the Sacrament of the Altar and invites His children to receive this Sacrament in faith for the forgiveness of their sins. The apostle Paul reminds us, “Let a person examine himself and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup,” and “as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.” These candidates have received instruction and have been examined by the pastor regarding their sin and their understanding of the Sacrament of the Altar.

**P** You are about to be admitted to the Lord's Table. Holy Scripture describes the life of the Church and every baptized Christian with these words: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." You are invited by our Lord to come regularly to hear His Word and receive His Sacrament. You will continue to be instructed and nurtured in the Christian faith and life. You are invited to confess your sins and receive the comfort of Holy Absolution. All this will help you live as the child of God you have been made through Holy Baptism.

In testimony of this faith and confession, I now ask you:

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe that Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is your Lord?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe that you are a sinner?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for you and shed His blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper He gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and to strengthen your faith in Him and your love toward others?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you intend to continue to hear and receive the instruction of your Lord, confess your sins, and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully throughout your life?

**R** *Yes, with the help of God.*

**P** I therefore invite you to the Lord's Supper to receive Christ's precious body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Parents, sponsors, and members of the congregation, the whole Church shares with you the responsibility and

concern for the ongoing instruction and spiritual care of these young people. I now ask you, will you intercede for them in prayer and, as much as you are able, give them your counsel and aid that, in communion with the Church, they may grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ? Then answer: We will, with the help of God.

**C** **We will, with the help of God.**

*Stand*

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus Christ loved the young and called them to Himself, we ask You to bless these young people. Strengthen them in the faith through the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood so that they may grow spiritually and bring forth the fruits of faith in a life of love toward others to the praise and honor of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** We rejoice with thankful hearts in your confession of faith. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His holy Supper, He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Peace ✠ be with you.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

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**Offering**

**Offertory**

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**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

**Preface**

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**Sanctus**

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Lord's Prayer**

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**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini**

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**Agnus Dei**

*Sit*

**Distribution**

***Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service***

*LSB 848*

***Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us***

*LSB 851*

***What Wondrous Love Is This***

*LSB 543*

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

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**Post-Communion Collect**

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**Benediction**

***I'm But a Stranger Here***

*LSB 748, v 3 from TLH 660*

- 1      *I'm but a stranger here,  
          Heav'n is my home;  
Earth is a desert drear,  
          Heav'n is my home.  
Danger and sorrow stand  
Round me on ev'ry hand;  
Heav'n is my fatherland,  
          Heav'n is my home.*
  
- 2      *What though the tempest rage,  
          Heav'n is my home;  
Short is my pilgrimage,  
          Heav'n is my home;  
And time's wild wintry blast  
Soon shall be overpast;  
I shall reach home at last,  
          Heav'n is my home.*
  
- 3      *There at my Savior's side  
          Heav'n is my home;  
I shall be glorified,  
          Heav'n is my home;  
There are the good and blest,  
Those I love most and best;  
And there I too shall rest,  
          Heav'n is my home;*
  
- 4      *Therefore I murmur not,  
          Heav'n is my home;  
Whate'er my earthly lot,  
          Heav'n is my home;  
And I shall surely stand  
There at my Lord's right hand;  
Heav'n is my fatherland,  
          Heav'n is my home.*

## +PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Andy Warren, Exor Padro, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Elsie Rintamaki, Lillian Sciortino, & Myrtle Meier.
- ✘ The Zietz Family, mourning the loss of Melissa (Cara Zies's mother).
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Richard Cleereman, Diane Gundlach, Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Terri Nichols, Carol Wagner (friend of the Brothers), Amy, Ron Hulke, Mike Gundlach (cousin of Sarah Billings), Al Bradmon (cousin of Steve Billings), Loretta Hulke, Kyle Darling (friend of the Zuehls), Kellie Ratzburg, Marilyn Dissen, David Knuth, Clyde Cornelius (Lesa Roemke's grandfather), Shirley Froemming, and Paul Engelhardt (Amy Vallis's grandfather).

## +ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 7, 2015+

- ✘ **FATHER'S DAY BARBECUE** will be Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship. Tickets are \$7, or \$20 per family. Please sign-up on the sheet in the fellowship hall if you plan to attend. See Bonnie Griepentrog with any questions.
- ✘ **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will meet the third Wednesday of the month during June, July, and August. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.
- ✘ **CONFESSIONS STUDY** will resume on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.
- ✘ **DIRECTORY:** Lesa will be printing an updated member directory later this summer. If you have any changes in your contact info (address, phone number, or email), please let her know. Also, email addresses will be included on this directory. If you do not want your email address included, please let Lesa know. Email Lesa with any updates at [secretary@messiahkenosha.org](mailto:secretary@messiahkenosha.org) or leave a note in the secretary's mailbox.
- ✘ **ISSUES, ETC.** is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Movie "Jurassic World," Science vs. Scientism, The Council of Nicaea, God Creates the Angels, The Prophet Elisha and more. You can listen at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org).

### +CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,268
Lord's Work Received 5/31:	\$3,079
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-\$189
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	-\$3,784

**ATTENDANCE** 5/31: 138                      Communed: 91

### +THIS MONTH'S EVENTS AT MESSIAH+

Wed	June 17	9:00am	Women's Bible Study
Thurs	June 18	TBD	PPC & SLC Meetings
Sat	June 20	9:30am	Lutheran Confessions Study
		4:00pm	Father's Day Barbecue

### BIRTHDAYS

6/7	Megan Kueker
	Joel Schmeiser
6/10	Naomi Jiter
	Krista Vinanskie
6/12	Jami Ross
6/13	Andrew Billings

### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

6/7	Jacob Kueker
	Amelia Noble
6/8	Jerome Knull
6/9	Brandon Cleereman
	Dominique Garcia
	Camden Blair
	Parker Blair
6/10	Jeremy Gerlach
	Debra Snodgrass
6/11	Brooke Ratzburg

### ANNIVERSARIES

6/7	Pastor & Lesa Roemke (12)
6/9	Billy & Tamara Weathersby (14)
	John & Allison Hernandez (9)
6/10	Ted & Monica Scholz (37)