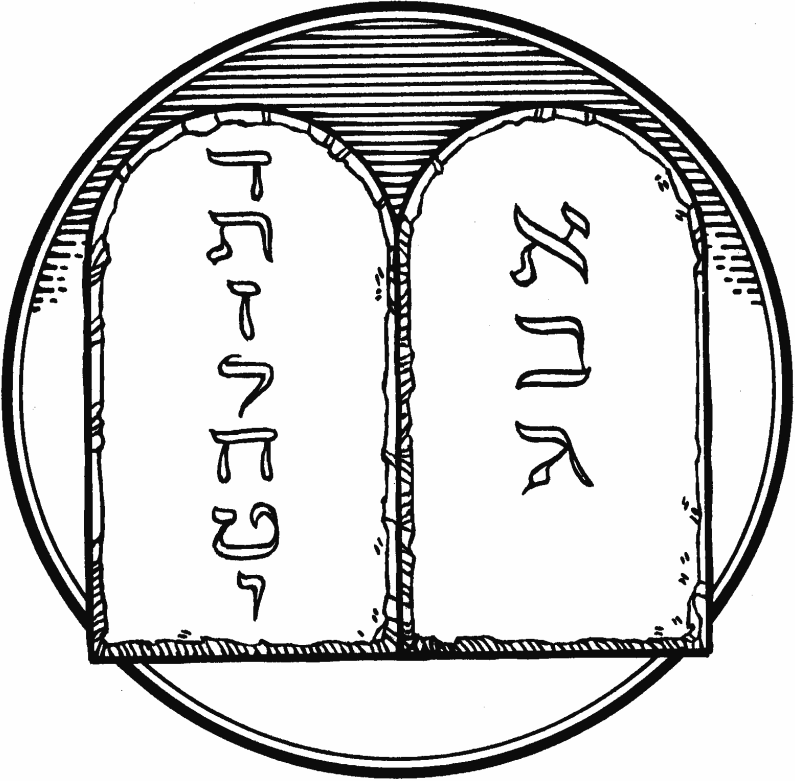


Messiah Lutheran Church—  
Missouri Synod



Sixth Sunday after Trinity  
July 12, 2015  
Divine Service IV

*Matthew 5:24* “First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.” First things first: the Lord won’t be bribed by our giving. Our giving must flow forth from a faithful Christian life that receives Christ’s forgiveness and freely shares that forgiveness. Or, in other words, a good work isn’t a good work if it doesn’t flow from faith.

# 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:** Tyler Nehls & Austin Nehls

**Greeter:** Marge Harmon

**Organist:** Monica Scholz

**Altar Guild:** Kathy Capriotti & Doris Colombe

**Altar Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are provided by Gail Kulbacki in honor of Brandon, Troy, and TJ's birthdays.

**Cookies:** Today's cookies and juice are provided by the Griepentroggs.

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. 28:1-2, 7; antiphon 28:8-9



The LORD is the strength of his | people;\*  
 he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.  
 Save your people and bless your | heritage!\*  
 Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.

**To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,\***  
**lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go**  
**down | to the pit.**

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for  
 help,\*  
 when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.

**The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart**  
**trusts, and | I am helped;\***  
**my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.**

**Glorify 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.**

The LORD is the strength of his | people;\*  
 he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.  
 Save your people and bless your | heritage!\*  
 Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.

**Kyrie**

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**Gloria in Excelsis**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.  
 Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things,

graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Exodus 20:1–17*

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying,

<sup>2</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup>“You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup>“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>“You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

**11 You have this Law to see therein  
 That you have not been free from sin  
 But also that you clearly see  
 How pure toward God life should be.  
 Have mercy, Lord!**

**12 Our works cannot salvation gain;  
 They merit only endless pain.  
 Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we flee,  
 Who pleads for us endlessly.  
 Have mercy, Lord!**

**Epistle**

*Romans 6:3–11*

<sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

<sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 5:17–26*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup>For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>20</sup>“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

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

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

**Nicene Creed** p206  
*Sit*

***The Law of God Is Good and Wise*** LSB 579

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

*Sit*

**Offering**

**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

*Stand*

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**Lord's Prayer**

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini**

**Agnus Dei** p210

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**Distribution**

***All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall*** LSB 562

***Christ the Eternal Lord*** LSB 829

***Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way*** LSB 857

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis** p211

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**Benedicamus and Benediction**

***Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ*** LSB 565

**+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.
- ✘ 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), Paul

Engelhardt (Amy Vallis's grandfather), Cindy (friend of Geri Tobalsky), and Marianne Stephans (Allison's sister-in-law).

**+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12, 2015+**

- ✘ **PPC AND SLC MEETINGS** are this Thursday at 6:00 pm and 7:15 pm respectively.
- ✘ **LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS STUDY** will meet this Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with Matins at 9:30 and will discuss the Second Commandment.
- ✘ **INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?** We will be bringing in new members on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, so if you would like to be included, please talk to Pastor or Lesa. Those who have already expressed interest have been issued New Member Packets, which can be picked up in the fellowship hall after the service.
- ✘ **A SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING** will be held Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> after the service to present the new cross proposal for a vote. This will be the only item of business for this meeting.

**+JULY EVENTS AT MESSIAH+**

Sunday	7/12	10:30 am	Summer Bible Study Begins
Wednesday	7/15	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	7/16	6:00 pm	Parish Planning Meeting
		7:15 pm	Spiritual Life Council Meeting
Saturday	7/18	9:30 am	Lutheran Confessions Study

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,268
Lord's Work Received 7/5:	\$2789
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-\$479
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	-\$3,061

**ATTENDANCE** 7/5: 116

Communed: 103

**BIRTHDAYS**

7/12	Donna Primuth
7/13	Ashley Noble
	Anna Walther
7/14	Meri Jo Cleereman
7/15	Troy Kulbacki
7/16	Brad Brothers

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

7/13	Ethan Tobalsky
7/14	Keith Kentala
7/15	Cora Szela
7/17	Diane Kentala
7/18	Cheryl Moe
	Valerie Zuehls
	Grace Weber