

Messiah Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod



Eighth Sunday after Trinity July 26, 2015 Divine Service IV

Romans 8:16 “The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.” Children are called to grow up into the image of their Father. That’s the basis not only of our generosity, but of our entire life in Christ. God sets the pattern and we follow. God is kind to us in Christ, and so we desire to be kind. God is loving to us in Christ, and so we desire to love. God is generous and open-handed to us in Christ, and so we desire to be generous and open-handed.

Messiah Lutheran Church

Rev. James A. Roemke, Pastor

2026 22nd Ave. Kenosha, WI 53140

Church Office: 262-551-8182 Pastor's Cell: 262-455-0255

Website: www.messiahkenosha.org

Email: secretary@messiahkenosha.org

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: Rev. Paul Ficken

Elder: Tyler Nehls

Ushers: Roger Jeschke & Mark Varvil

Greeter: Gail Kulbacki

Organist: Evone Hagerman

Altar Guild: Kathy Capriotti & Doris Colombe

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Scott and Kate Tobalsky.

Stand

Invocation

p203

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. 48:1, 3, 11, 14; antiphon: v 1-10



We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.

As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the
earth.*

Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.

**Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city of our God, His holy | mountain.**

Within her | citadels*

God has made himself known as a | fortress.

Let Mount Zion | be glad!*

**Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your |
judgments!**

This is God, our God forever and | ever.*

He will guide us for- | ever.

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.

We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.

As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the
earth.*

Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.

Kyrie

p204

Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; 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

Jeremiah 23:16–29

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD!
Wrath has gone forth,

a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹“I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;

I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.

²²But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

^{23c}“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a

dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps 31:2b, 1a



Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,*
a strong fortress to | save me!
In you, O LORD, do I take | refuge;*
let me never be | put to shame.

Second Reading

Acts 20:27–38

²⁷[Paul said:] For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

³⁶And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

- 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.

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 7:15–23

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

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

¹⁵[Jesus said:] “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

²¹“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

p206

Sit

In God, My Faithful God

LSB 745

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

Stand

Preface p208

Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving p209

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei p210

Sit

Distribution

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways LSB 707

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine LSB 815

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing LSB 691

Stand

Nunc Dimittis p211

Post-Communion Collect p212

Benedicamus and Benediction

Let Me Be Thine Forever LSB 689

+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), Marianne Stephans (Allison's sister-in-law), and Duane Shafer (Kathy's son).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26, 2015+

- ✘ **CHURCH PICNIC:** There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for the church picnic on August 16th. Please sign-up as soon as you decide what to bring.
- ✘ **INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?** We will be bringing in new members on Sunday, August 16th, 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 9th after the service to present the new cross proposal for a vote. This will be the only item of business for this meeting.
- ✘ **LWML MITES** will be collected today in the fellowship hall.
- ✘ **VACATION:** Pastor Roemke is on vacation today and next Sunday. He has asked Pastor Ficken and Pastor Grenyo to preach in his absence. If you have an emergency while Pastor Roemke is gone, please feel free to call his cell phone at any time: 262-455-0255.

+UPCOMING EVENTS AT MESSIAH+

Sunday	8/9	10:15 am	Voters' Meeting
Saturday	8/15	9:30 am	Lutheran Confessions Study
Sunday	8/16	11:00 am	Church Picnic & New Members
Wednesday	8/19	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	8/20	6:00 pm	PPC & SLC Meetings

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,268
Lord's Work Received 7/19:	\$3,743
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+\$475
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	-\$1,275

ATTENDANCE 7/19: 107 Communed: 94

BIRTHDAYS

7/26	Lauren Noble
	Robert Zuehls
7/30	Cindy Adamczyk
	Luke Bertz
	Olivia Tobalsky
7/31	John Mills

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

7/30	Meg Walther
8/1	Dale Miller
	Brad Brothers
	Kris Kochman

ANNIVERSARIES

8/4 Bob & Lauri Trapp (3 years)