

# Messiah Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod



## Ninth Sunday after Trinity August 2, 2015 Divine Service IV

*Luke 16:8-9* “For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.” The things of this world, including wealth, are merely tools: they can be used for good or ill, they can be squandered or used efficiently. How we use them will be determined by what is most important to us. What is most important to you in your life? How does your use of the things of this world reflect that?

# 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:** Rev. Greg Grenyo

**Elder:** Bob Trapp

**Ushers:** Mike Snodgrass & Sam Braya

**Greeter:** Marge Harmon

**Organist:** Evone Hagerman

**Altar Guild:** Kate Tobalsky & Tamara Weathersby

**Altar Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are provided by Bob and Lauri Trapp in honor of their 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. 54:1-3, 7; antiphon: v 4-5



Behold, God is my | helper;\*

the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

He will return the evil to my | enemies;\*

in your faithfulness put an | end to them.

**O God, save me, | by your name,\***

**and vindicate me | by your might.**

O God, | hear my prayer;\*

give ear to the words | of my mouth.

**For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men | seek my life;\***

**they do not set God be- | fore themselves.**

For he has delivered me from every | trouble,\*

and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.

**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.**

Behold, God is my | helper;\*

the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

He will return the evil to my | enemies;\*

in your faithfulness put an | end to them.

**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.

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; 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

*2 Samuel 22:26–34*

- <sup>26</sup>“With the merciful you show yourself merciful;  
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;  
<sup>27</sup>with the purified you deal purely,  
and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.  
<sup>28</sup>You save a humble people,  
but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.  
<sup>29</sup>For you are my lamp, O LORD,  
and my God lightens my darkness.  
<sup>30</sup>For by you I can run against a troop,  
and by my God I can leap over a wall.  
<sup>31</sup>This God—his way is perfect;  
the word of the LORD proves true;  
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.  
  
<sup>32</sup>“For who is God, but the LORD?  
And who is a rock, except our God?  
<sup>33</sup>This God is my strong refuge  
and has made my way blameless.  
<sup>34</sup>He made my feet like the feet of a deer  
and set me secure on the heights.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Ps. 8:1*



## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 10:6–13*

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



## Holy Gospel

*Luke 16:1–9*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting

his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Nicene Creed** *p206*  
*Sit*

***What Is the World to Me*** *LSB 730*

**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

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

LSB 809

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

LSB 685

*How Can I Thank You, Lord*

LSB 703

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

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**Post-Communion Collect**

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**Benedicamus and Benediction**

*Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*

LSB 851

## +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 AUGUST 2, 2015+

- ✘ **CHURCH PICNIC:** There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for the church picnic on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Please sign-up as soon as you decide what to bring.
- ✘ **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 next 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.
- ✘ **SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION:** It's time to start thinking about Sunday School again! In order to make sure that we have enough materials, we need to get an estimate of how many students will be in each class. There is a registration sheet in the fellowship

hall. Please sign up your children or grandchildren who will be joining us for Sunday School this year. There is a place for teacher volunteers to sign up as well. Teachers trade off so no one has to teach every Sunday. If you would like to help out part-time or as a sub, please sign up. See Becky Noble with any questions.

**+AUGUST 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

**BIRTHDAYS**

8/4	Noah Corey Mary Rusch
8/6	Paul Rusch
8/7	Matthew Brothers

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

8/3	Meri Jo Cleereman
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**ANNIVERSARIES**

8/4	Bob & Lauri Trapp (3 years)
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