

Messiah Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod



Twelfth Sunday after Trinity August 23, 2015 Divine Service IV

Mark 7:37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well." When God created the world it was "very good." And here Jesus does all things well. God is always blessing, always seeking our good. We know this is so...but we still struggle to believe it: for if we really believed it, why would we ever do anything contrary to God's will and Law? We know that everything He tells us to do is for our good...and yet we struggle in the weakness of the flesh. Lord we believe, help our unbelief!

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: Pr. Roemke

Elder: Brent Jiter

Ushers: Tyler Nehls & Austin Nehls

Greeter: Marge Harmon

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Kate Tobalsky & Tamara Weathersby

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by David Knuth and by Bill and Doris Colombe in memory of Arlene, sister and aunt.

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. 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: Ps. 70:1–2a



Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*

O LORD, make haste to | help me!

Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion*

who | seek my life!

Let them be | turned back*

and brought to dishonor who de- | sire my hurt!

May all who seek | you rejoice*

and be | glad in you!

You are my help and my de- | liverer;*

O LORD, do | not delay!

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.

Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*

O LORD, make haste to | help me!

Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion*

who | seek my life!

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.

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; 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

Isaiah 29:17–24

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.

¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of
Israel.

²⁰For the ruthless shall come to nothing
and the scoffer cease,
and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off,

²¹who by a word make a man out to be an offender,
and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate,
and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.

²²Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham,
concerning the house of Jacob:

“Jacob shall no more be ashamed,
no more shall his face grow pale.

²³For when he sees his children,
the work of my hands, in his midst,
they will sanctify my name;
they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob
and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

²⁴And those who go astray in spirit will come to
understanding,
and those who murmur will accept instruction.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 34:1–2



I will bless the LORD at | all times;*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;*
let the humble hear | and be glad.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 3:4–11

⁴Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. ⁵Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, ⁶who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

⁷Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? ⁹For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. ¹⁰Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. ¹¹For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

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

Mark 7:31–37

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

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

³¹[Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

p206

Sit

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

LSB 545

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name LSB 549

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence LSB 621

Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior LSB 619

Stand

Nunc Dimittis p211

Post-Communion Collect p212

Benedicamus and Benediction

Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious LSB 548

+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, 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), Duane Shafer (Kathy's son), Grace Scholz (Ted's mother), and Dennis (Vicky Nelson's cousin).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2015+

- ✘ **SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING:** If you volunteered to teach Sunday school this year or are considering it, please come to an informational meeting at Becky Noble's house (5109 31st St.) tomorrow at 6 pm. Hamburgers and chicken breasts will be provided; please bring a side dish to pass if you are able. We will be going over the curriculum and instructions for the year. We are in desperate need for more teachers. No one has to teach every Sunday; each class has two teachers who trade off. If we do not have enough teachers, we may have to cancel Sunday school some Sundays, so please considering helping out. We can even use subs who fill in very occasionally.
- ✘ **CHURCH YEAR SHIELDS:** Church year shields are now available for commission. They are being offered for a special price of \$200. You can see pictures of them in the narthex, fellowship hall, and on the church's Facebook page. If you are interested in purchasing one, please speak to Pastor.

- ✘ **LWML MITES** will be collected next Sunday in the fellowship hall.
- ✘ **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: Christianity & Pop Culture, Saint Augustine, The Parable of the Good Samaritan, What Defiles a Person?, Philip & the Ethiopian Eunuch and more. You can listen at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org.
- ✘ **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with last week's church picnic: those who put up the tent, set up tables and chairs, brought food, cleaned up, and took down the tent. Your help was appreciated! And thanks to Allison for organizing it all!
- ✘ **PARENTS OF CONFIRMANDS:** Please speak to Pastor as soon as possible to discuss when you would prefer catechism class to be held this year. Classes will be starting soon.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,268
Lord's Work Received 8/16:	\$3,756
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+\$488
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	-\$385

ATTENDANCE 8/16: 152

Communed: 130

+UPCOMING EVENTS AT MESSIAH+

Wednesday	8/26	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Sunday	9/13	9:00 am	New Cross Dedication
		10:30 am	Sunday School Begins
Saturday	9/19	9:30 am	Lutheran Confessions Study

BIRTHDAYS

8/24	Yessenia Heitkamp Heather Weber
8/28	Joan Chianelli

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

8/23	Anna Walther
8/25	Jacqueline Tauschek Olivia Tobalsky
8/26	Betty Boness DuWayne Griepentrog
8/27	Robert Zuehls
8/29	Betsy Schmeiser Luke Bertz