

**Messiah Lutheran Church—
Missouri Synod**



**Holy Cross Sunday
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Divine Service III**

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: Todd Walther

Ushers: Keith Kentala & Jacob Kentala

Greeter: Mary Rusch

Organist: Evone Hagerman

Altar Guild: Carol Hernandez & Cara Russo-Bichsel

Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Jerry & Geri Tobalsky in honor of their 45th anniversary and Scott & Kate's 17th anniversary.

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

Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing
gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my
life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

+BLESSING OF A CROSS+

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

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Beloved in the Lord, St. Paul speaks of the importance of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, saying, "When I came to you, brothers, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified." By His death on the cross our Lord won salvation for us.
It is fitting that this crucifix be sanctified by the Word of God and prayer for our devotion and as a proclamation of His atoning work for us.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with your spirit.**
- P** Let us pray.
O Lord, Jesus Christ, who from Calvary did gaze upon every sinner, grant that You would defend us with the mighty power of the cross, that having known Your great sacrifice we might be protected against evil and led not into temptation, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this crucifix that we may ever hold the means of Your salvation dear.
- C** **Amen.**

Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

LSB 560 sts. 2-4



2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

+CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+

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

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 98:1, 4, 6; antiphon: Ps. 98:2



The LORD has made known His sal- | vation;*

He has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done | marvelous things!*

His right hand and His holy arm have worked salva- | tion for Him.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;*

break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

With trumpets and the sound | of the horn*

make a joyful noise before the | King, the LORD!

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.

The LORD has made known His sal- | vation;*

He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

Kyrie
Gloria in Excelsis
Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4–9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Cross of Jesus

MLC Choir

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand- Face Processional Cross

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 12:20–33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷“Now is My soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me

from this hour? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to Him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not Mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death He was going to die.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.



G Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Nicene Creed

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Sit

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

LSB 454

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

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Offering

+INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS+

Sunday School teachers, including substitutes, please come forward to the communion rail.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

Preface

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Sanctus

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Lord's Prayer

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The Words of Our Lord

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Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

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Distribution

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow LSB 428

My Song is Love Unknown LSB 430

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross LSB 426

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Nunc Dimittis p199

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Face Processional Cross

Lift High the Cross LSB 837

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord’s Work Needed Weekly: \$3,268

Lord’s Work Received 9/6: \$2,993

Difference Received vs. Needed: -\$275

Difference Received vs. Needed YTD: -\$467

ATTENDANCE 9/6: 138

Communed: 114

+UPCOMING EVENTS AT MESSIAH+

Tuesday	9/15	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	9/17	6:30 pm	Parish Planning Meeting
Saturday	9/19	9:30 am	Lutheran Confessions Study
Saturday	9/26	10:00 am	Altar Guild Meeting
Friday	10/23	5:00 pm	Oktoberfest

BIRTHDAYS

9/14 Ryan Busse
 9/16 Kathy Capriotti
 Monica Scholz
 9/17 Lilly Lanhardt
 George Rabey
 Alexa Szela
 9/18 Ethan Wright
 9/19 Kevin Brothers
 Henry Grenyo

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

9/17 Kathy Capriotti
 9/18 Diana Dissen
 9/19 Michelle Carpenter
 Grant Noble
 Henry Grenyo
 Castiel Heitkamp

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9/16 Kelvin & Vicky Nelson (9)