

Messiah Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod



Last Sunday of the Church Year November 22, 2015 Divine Service I

1 Thess. 5:8: "But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation." Our salvation is secure in Christ: He has done it all to save us. Therefore our hope is secure and our faith in Him is certain. And what goes with faith and hope? Love. Our good works of love flow forth from the certainty of our faith. Our giving back to the Lord's work comes from what He has first given us.

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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: Tyler Nehls & Austin Nehls

Greeter: Marge Harmon

Organist: Lauri Trapp

Altar Guild: Tamara Weathersby & Kate Tobalsky

Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Bill and Fran Kroll.

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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. 39:4–5, 7–8; antiphon: Is. 35:10



The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing;*

everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.

They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*

and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

**O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of
my days;***

let me know how fleeting | I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you.*

Surely all mankind stands as a | mere breath!

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*

My hope | is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*

Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

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.

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everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*

and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

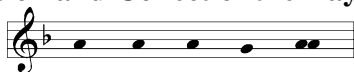
Kyrie

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This Is the Feast

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Salutation and Collect of the Day



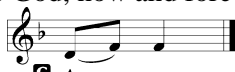
P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

P O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17–25

¹⁷“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. ²⁴Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent’s food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 45:14–15



In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led | to the king,*
with her virgin companions following be- | hind her.

With joy and gladness they are | led along*
as they enter the palace | of the king.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

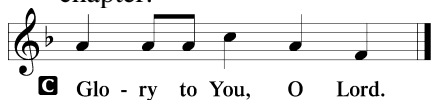
Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

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



¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

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Sermon

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Prayer of the Church

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+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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Distribution

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<i>There Is a Time for Everything</i>	LSB 762
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Benediction

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers LSB 515

+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, Ernie Kapellusch, & Wally and Gloria Pipkorn.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Richard Cleereman, Diane Gundlach, Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Carol Wagner (friend of the Brothers), Amy, Ron Hulke, Al Bradmon (cousin of Steve Billings), Loretta Hulke, Kyle Darling (friend of the Zuehls), Cindy (friend of Geri Tobalsky), Richard Schneider (Kathleen Judson's father), Maurissa Murakami (Bev Murakami's daughter-in-law), Rose Murakami (Bev's granddaughter), Bob Hogan (Ash Noble's uncle), Leslie Brothers (recovering from a vehicle accident), Marge Pohjola (friend of Kelvin and Vicky Nelson), Elaine Cottingham, and Carol Vescova.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22, 2015+

- ✘ **THANKSGIVING DIVINE SERVICE:** We will have our Thanksgiving Divine Service on Wednesday, November 25th at 6:30.
- ✘ **POINSETTIAS:** We still have some poinsettias available for purchase. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Please sign up and submit your payment by next Sunday.
- ✘ **ST. NICHOLAS FEST:** Planning is underway for our second annual St. Nicholas Festival on Saturday, December 5th from 4-6 pm. This year's theme is Germany. If you would like to help out, please speak to Becky Noble.
- ✘ **VOTERS' MEETING:** Our annual voters' meeting will be held Sunday, December 6th immediately following the Divine Service. Please make every effort to attend.

- ✘ **ADVENT ACOLYTES:** Young men are needed to help with acolyting for Advent Evening Prayer Services on Wednesdays. Ideally, we would have 2 young men helping at each service. Talk to Pastor if you are interested in being trained to help with these services.
- ✘ **ADVENT/CHRISTMAS DECORATING** will be after the service next Sunday.
- ✘ **LWML MITES** will be collected next Sunday in the fellowship hall.
- ✘ **CHRISTMAS GIVING:** Messiah members have a strong tradition of helping the needy by providing Christmas gifts. The social welfare committee is working with the Shalom Center and other social service agencies to once again gather wish lists from people in need. Further details should be available next Sunday. However, if you wish to shop early, there is sure to be a child who would love a new toy or some cozy winter apparel. The agencies will help us get your gifts to those who need them. Donations of cash or gift cards also are welcome. Please talk with Diane Kentala or Kris Kochman for further details.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord’s Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,268
Lord’s Work Received 11/15:	\$4,406
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+\$1,138
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+\$1,475
ATTENDANCE 11/15: 149	Communed: 134

+UPCOMING EVENTS AT MESSIAH+

Tuesday	11/24	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	11/25	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Divine Service
Sunday	11/29	10:30 am	Advent/Christmas Decorating
Wednesday	12/2	5:30 pm	Advent Meal
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Saturday	12/5	4:00 pm	St. Nicholas Festival
Sunday	12/6	10:30 am	Voters’ Meeting

BIRTHDAYS

11/22	Casey Blair
	Wally Pipkorn
11/23	Lindsey Brothers
11/25	Stephanie Zuehls
11/28	Liam Pelas

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

11/25	Maggie Gerlach
	Natalie Stephans

ANNIVERSARIES

11/24	Louis & Kathy Capriotti (42)
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