

Messiah Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod



Septuagesima – Vola Gratia January 24, 2016 Divine Service I

Matthew 20:9 “And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.” That’s not what they were expecting! The generosity of God is surprising because we are often so tight-fisted. But the Lord gives out of His grace better than we could deserve or even hope for. Living a godly life includes living in imitation of God – and surely one of the foundations of God’s being is His surprising generosity. How is the Lord calling you to generous living in His image?

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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: Don Moe **Ushers:** Roger Jeschke & Mike Snodgrass

Greeter: Gail Kulbacki **Organist:** Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Marilyn Dissen & Diana Dissen

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Jane Gundlach in honor of Pastor Gundlach's birthday.

Cookies: Today's cookies and juice are provided by Scott and Kate Tobalsky.

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. 18:1–2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: Ps. 18:5–6a



The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;*
 the snares of death con- | fronted me.
 In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.*
 From his temple he | heard my voice.
I love you, O | LORD, my strength.*
The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer,
 For you save a humble | people,*
 but the haughty eyes | you bring down.
[You have] equipped | me with strength*
and made my way | blameless.
 For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the | nations,*
 and sing | to your name.

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 cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;*
 the snares of death con- | fronted me.
 In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.*
 From his temple he | heard my voice.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day



A The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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

Exodus 17:1-7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 9:24–10:5

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

^{10:1}I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the

eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555, v 5-10

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

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Offering

In Christ Alone

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+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Our Lord

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Proclamation of Christ

Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini

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Agnus Dei

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Distribution

Be Strong in the Lord

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Fight the Good Fight

LSB 664

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

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Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

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Post-Communion Collect

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Benediction

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

LSB 643

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Exor Padro, Rev. Lynn Christensen, 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), Carol Vescova, MacKenna Marinarli (Gail Kulbacki's granddaughter), Chuck Brothers, Mary Rusch, and Wally Pipkorn (recovering from broken hip).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2016+

- ✘ **HIGHER THINGS RETREAT:** Today is the last day to register for the Higher Things retreat in Sheboygan in February. Registration fees have been generously donated. Please see Pastor Grenyo to register.
- ✘ **NEW MEMBERS:** We will be bringing in new members on Sunday, February 7th. If you are interested in membership at Messiah, please speak to Pastor Roemke.
- ✘ **ALTAR GUILD MEETING:** The Altar Guild will meet Saturday, February 6th at 10:00 am.

- ✘ **POTLUCK:** We will have a potluck after the service on February 7th in honor of all the new members who have joined us in recent months. Please sign-up in the fellowship hall with what you will bring.
- ✘ **BOWL-A-THON:** We are continuing the Bowl-A-Thon fundraiser, previously for CLA, now benefitting Messiah. Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 27th at 12:30 pm. It will be held at Sheridan Lanes. More info will be coming soon.
- ✘ **LWML MITES** will be collected in the fellowship hall next Sunday.
- ✘ **ASH WEDNESDAY:** Pastor Roemke will be available to impose ashes Ash Wednesday morning, February 10th, from 6:30 am to 8:30 am. We will also have a Divine Service at 6:30 pm.
- ✘ **PRAYER LIST:** If you have previously had a loved one added to our prayer list, please take a moment to update Pastor Roemke on his/her status.

+UPCOMING EVENTS AT MESSIAH+

Tuesday	Jan. 26	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	Jan. 27	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Saturday	Feb. 6	10:00 am	Altar Guild Meeting
Sunday	Feb. 7	11:00 am	New Member Potluck
Wednesday	Feb. 10	6:30 am-8:30 am	Imposition of Ashes
		6:30 pm	Ash Wed. Divine Service
Friday	Feb. 12	TBA	Higher Things retreat
Wednesday	Feb. 17	5:30 pm	Lenten Soup Supper
		6:30 pm	Lenten Vespers
Thursday	Feb. 18	6:30 pm	Parish Planning Meeting
Saturday	Feb. 20	9:30 am	Confessions Study
Saturday	Feb. 27	12:30 pm	Bowl-A-Thon Fundraiser

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,584
Lord's Work Received 1/17-1/23:	\$3,640
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+\$56
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+\$1,672

ATTENDANCE 1/17: 128

Communed: 113

BIRTHDAYS

1/24 Hannah Davidson

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

1/26 Lorraine Swift

1/28 Lauri Trapp

ANNIVERSARIES

1/29 Jennifer Weber

1/24 Vernon & Lynda Koch (57)
Jeremy & Lynn Gerlach (18)

1/30 Paul Swift