

Messiah Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod

THE PARABLE



OF THE SOWER



Sexagesima – Sola Scriptura January 31, 2016 Divine Service I

Luke 8:11 “The seed is the word of God.” The plant begins as a seed – and everything in the Church begins with the Word. “In the beginning the Word was with God...” “He saved us by the regeneration of water and the Word...” “The Word of the Lord stands forever.” We never outgrow our need to hear the Word of God. We never achieve such greatness that we don’t need the blessings of God’s Word. Rather the Christian life is one of always striving to conform our lives to God’s Word – to live out the truth of our Baptisms, that we are God’s children by the power of his Word.

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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: Scott Tobalsky

Ushers: Mark Varvil & Sam Braya

Greeter: Vicky Nelson

Organist: Evone Hagerman

Altar Guild: Marilyn Dissen & Diana Dissen

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Jerry & Kris Kochman in honor of Thomas's birthday.

Cookies: Today's baptism cake is provided by the Altar Guild.

+ SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM +
For Anna Maria Enriquez

Stand

The Holy Word of God Endures Forever



Choir 1 The ho - ly Word of God en-dures for - ev - er With
 All 2 Christ Je - sus is the con-tent of this writ - ing, The
 Choir 3 O Spir - it— call-ing, gath-er-ing, u - nit - ing—Come,
 All 4 The ho - ly Word of God en-dures for - ev - er! It



liv - ing truths the Spir - it has re - vealed. These
 ban - ner of God's love for all un - furled, For
 breathe Your life in all whose hope is lost And
 comes to hearts where sin re - mains con - cealed, And



are not myths con - ceived by au - thors clev - er; They
 through the Word the Fa - ther is in - vit - ing: "O
 in such lives with pow - er come, ig - nit - ing The
 like a two-edged sword, to pierce and sev - er, It



nev - er fade like flow - ers of the field. No
 way - ward one, for - sake your reb - el world; No
 flames of faith first lit on Pen - te - cost; To
 cuts the heart so that it might be healed. With



Scrip - ture came by hu - man in - spi - ra - tion; God
 great - er gift I have than what I gave you— My
 those long dead, the vic - tims of sin's vi - lence, To
 Gos - pel salve re - new us, faith's Be - get - ter; Write



breathed His life in each and ev - 'ry part, So
 on - ly Son for sin— that you might know The
 all for - got - ten ca - sual - ties of strife, Now
 liv - ing words, yet not with ink on stone, But



Christ, the Morn-ing Star of our sal - va - tion, Might
dis - tance that My grace stretched out to save you And
speak to dri - est bones and break the si - lence—Where
write up - on our hearts, that as Christ's let - ter We



dawn with sight for ev - 'ry blind - ed heart.
make your scar - let sins as white as snow.”
there is death, now raise en - fleshed new life!”
tell of how God saves by grace a - lone.

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Stand

- P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own.

Therefore, depart, you unclean spirit, and make room for the Holy Spirit in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of the candidate while saying:

- P** Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

- P** Let us pray.

O almighty and eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray on behalf of Your servant Anna, who asks for the gift of Your Baptism and desires Your eternal grace through spiritual rebirth. Receive her, Lord, according to Your promise: “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.” Now give Your blessing to her who asks and open the door to her who knocks, so that she may obtain the eternal blessing of this heavenly bath and receive the promised kingdom that You give; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C** **Amen.**

- P** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Anna according to Your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in her which has been inherited from Adam and which she herself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that she be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, she would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate.

C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever
and ever. Amen.**

Processional Hymn

Choir sings first, followed by congregation, then choir alone sings it third time.

You Have Put on Christ

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1* 2 3

You have put on Christ, In Him you have been bap - tized.

You have put on Christ, Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, with three measures numbered 1*, 2, and 3. The second staff contains the second line of the hymn, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

* May be sung as a two- or three-part canon.

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even † forevermore.

C Amen.

Sit

P Anna, do you renounce the devil?

R Yes, I renounce him.

P Do you renounce all his works?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R Yes, I believe.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

R Yes, I believe.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

R Yes, I believe.

P Anna, do you desire to be baptized?

R Yes, I do.

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

P Anna Maria, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

A white garment may be placed on the newly baptized.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins,

strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

C Amen.

P Peace † be with you.

C Amen.

All return to their places.

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 44:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: Ps. 44:23, 25a, 26a



Awake! Why are you sleeping, | O Lord?*

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!
For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.*

Rise up; come | to our help!

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have | told us,*

what deeds you performed in their days, in the | days of old:
you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you |
planted;*

you afflicted the peoples, but them you | set free.

But you have saved us | from our foes*

and have put to shame those who | hate us.

In God we have boasted con- | tinually,*

and we will give thanks to your name for- | ever.

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.

Awake! Why are you sleeping, | O Lord?*

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!
For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.*

Rise up; come | to our help!

Kyrie

Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day



A The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

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P Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:10–13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 83:18, 13



[Let your enemies] know that you alone, whose name | is the
LORD,*

are the Most High over | all the earth.

O my God, make them like | whirling dust,*
like chaff be- | fore the wind.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 12:7-9

⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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

The image shows two lines of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first line contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?' and the second line contains 'You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes on a treble clef staff.

Holy Gospel

Luke 8:4–15

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The image shows a single line of musical notation in G major (one sharp) on a treble clef staff. It contains the lyrics 'Glo - ry to You, O Lord.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes.

⁴When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: ⁵“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

⁹And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’” ¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no

root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Thy Strong Word

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+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), 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 31, 2016+

- ✘ **NEW MEMBERS:** We will be bringing in new members next Sunday, February 7th. If you are interested in membership at Messiah, please speak to Pastor Roemke today.
- ✘ **ALTAR GUILD MEETING:** The Altar Guild will meet this Saturday, February 6th at 10:00 am.
- ✘ **POTLUCK:** We will have a potluck after the service next week 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 today.
- ✘ **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	Feb. 2	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	Feb. 3	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 1/24-1/30:	\$2,204
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-1,380
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+\$292

ATTENDANCE 1/24: 147

Communed: 125

BIRTHDAYS

2/1	Hayley Weathersby
	Payton Weathersby
2/5	Doris Colombe
	Eric Snodgrass

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

1/31	Emily Vallis
2/1	Elsie Rintamaki
	Kathy Shafer
2/3	Vicky Nelson
2/4	Louis Capriotti

ANNIVERSARIES

2/5	Aaron & Kellie Ratzburg (11 years)
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