

# Messiah Lutheran Church

## The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

### THE PARABLE



### OF THE SOWER



**Sexagesima Sunday-**

**Sola Scriptura**

**February 19, 2017**

**Divine Service II**

# 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:** Pastor Roemke

**Elder:** Bob Trapp

**Ushers:** Brent Jiter & Noah Jiter

**Greeter:** Mary Rusch

**Organist:** Monica Scholz

**Altar Guild:** Marilyn Dissen & Diana Dissen

**Altar Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are provided by Don & Cheryl Moe in honor of Don's birthday.

**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. 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**

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**Gloria in Excelsis**

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**A** The Lord be with you.



**G** And al - so with you.

**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.



**G** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 55:10–13*

<sup>10</sup>“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,  
<sup>11</sup>so 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.

<sup>12</sup>“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.

<sup>13</sup>Instead 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.

**G** 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

<sup>7</sup>So 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. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup>But 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.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 8:4-15

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



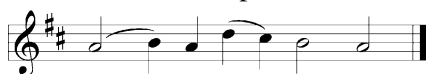
**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>4</sup>When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: <sup>5</sup>“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. <sup>6</sup>And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. <sup>7</sup>And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup>And 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.”

<sup>9</sup>And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, <sup>10</sup>he 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.’ <sup>11</sup>Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>And 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. <sup>14</sup>And 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. <sup>15</sup>As 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.



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

*Sit*

## ***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.

## Sermon

Stand

## Nicene Creed

## Prayer of the Church

Sit

## Offering

Stand

## Offertory

## +SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

## Preface

## Sanctus

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## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Lord's Prayer**

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**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini**

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**Agnus Dei**

*Sit*

**Distribution**

***Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast***

*LSB 577*

***The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace***

*LSB 580*

***Father, We Thank Thee***

*LSB 652*

***Almighty Father, Bless the Word***

*LSB 923*

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

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**Post-Communion Collect**

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**Benediction**

***On What Has Now Been Sown***

*LSB 921*

### **+PRAYER LIST+**

- ✘ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Exor Padro, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Evan Smith, Austin Nehls, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Lillian Sciortino, Ernie Kapellusch, Richard Cleereman, Wally and Gloria Pipkorn.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Richard Schneider (Kathleen Judson's father), Carol Hernandez, Jason Stephans, Mike Ricchio (nephew of Kathy Shafer), Gerald (Sandra Babel's brother), Betty Nemeth (Mary Jo Jiter's sister), Lorraine Swift, Bob Hogan (Ash Noble's uncle), Rick Holtz, Cecelia Weathersby (Billy's mother), and Donna Billings (Steve's mother).

### **+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 19, 2017+**

- ✘ **NEW LUTHER MOVIE:** Messiah is hosting an exclusive one-night only screening of the new movie "Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World". It will be Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Tinseltown Theater here in Kenosha. Pastor Roemke will lead a discussion following the movie if there are questions. Tickets are \$10 each and must be purchased prior to the event. Please go to <http://kenosha.newluthermovie.com> to purchase tickets. We must sell a minimum number of tickets by March 2<sup>nd</sup> or the event will be cancelled. Please invite your friends and family. See Lesa with any questions.



- ✧ **PALMS:** If you have palms from previous years' Palm Sunday services, bring them with you next week (February 26). After the Divine Service, in place of the typical Sunday School opening, we will burn the palms to use the ashes for Ash Wednesday.
- ✧ **ASH WEDNESDAY:** Pastor Roemke will be available to impose ashes on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 am – 8:30 am. We will also have a Divine Service that evening at 6:30 pm.
- ✧ **DAYS OF CREATION ICONS** are still available to be sponsored. Six have been spoken for: The First Day, in memory of Chuck Brothers; The Fourth Day by Toni Marshman, The Fifth Day by the Hegland Family; The Sixth Day in memory of Lillian A. and Robert B. Smuda by Bob Smuda, The Seventh Day in memory of Johnathon Stonestreet Koch by Vernon and Lynda Koch; and The Expulsion from the Garden by Donna Primuth. There are only two left; if you would like to sponsor one for \$165, please speak with Pastor.
- ✧ **CRAFT WEEKEND:** If you would like to get away and have some fun, join us Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and/or Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> right here at church. Bring your favorite craft and enjoy the weekend with friends. If you are interested, see Mary Rusch for more information.
- ✧ **PASTOR PEPERKORN** will be celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination on Sunday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. Messiah was such a huge part of all of our lives. He certainly would not still be in the ministry, had it not been for all of the love and concern of this wonderful congregation. We thank God for you so very often. If anyone would like to send a note to him, that would be awesome! Our address is: 4021 Aitken Dairy Rd. Rocklin, CA, 95677. ~Kathryn Peperkorn

### +CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,949
Lord's Work Received 2/12-2/18:	\$4,199
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+250
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	-136

**ATTENDANCE**    2/12: 128

Communed: 110

### **BIRTHDAYS**

2/19    Austin Nehls  
 2/21    Alana Carrocci  
          Emma Jiter  
 2/23    Billy Weathersby  
 2/24    Tatum Nehls  
 2/25    Scott Tobalsky

### **BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

2/19    Kathy Leisten