

**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
**The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**



**Last Sunday of the Church Year**

**November 26, 2017**

**Divine Service I**

# 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:** Brent Jiter

**Ushers:** Jeff Zuehls & Rick Zuehls

**Greeter:** Mary Rusch

**Organist:** Monica Scholz

**Altar Guild:** Kathy Capriotti & Cara Russo-Bichsel

**Altar Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are provided by Barbara Miller.

**Cookies:** Today's cookies and juice are provided by Jen & Luke Bertz.

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. 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 be- | fore 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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hand.

**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*

- <sup>17</sup>“For behold, I create new heavens  
and a new earth,  
and the former things shall not be remembered  
or come into mind.
- <sup>18</sup>But 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.
- <sup>19</sup>I 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.
- <sup>20</sup>No 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.
- <sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- <sup>22</sup>They 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.



*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



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.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 25:1–13*

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



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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And 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. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Watch 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

*LSB 516, Youth Choir v 2*

## Sermon

*Stand*

<b>Nicene Creed</b>	<i>p158</i>
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
<i>Sit</i>	
<b>Offering</b>	
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<b>Offertory</b>	<i>p159</i>
<b>+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+</b>	
<b>Preface</b>	<i>p160</i>
<b>Sanctus</b>	<i>p161</i>
<b>Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>	
<b>Lord's Prayer</b>	<i>p162</i>
<b>The Words of Our Lord</b>	
<b>Pax Domini</b>	<i>p163</i>
<b>Agnus Dei</b>	
<i>Sit</i>	
<b>Distribution</b>	
<i>You Satisfy the Hungry Heart</i>	<i>LSB 641</i>
<i>There Is a Time for Everything</i>	<i>LSB 762</i>
<i>A Multitude Comes from the East and the West</i>	<i>LSB 510</i>
<i>Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star</i>	<i>LSB 872</i>
<i>Stand</i>	
<b>“Give Thanks to God”</b>	<i>MLC Choir</i>
<b>Post-Communion Collect</b>	<i>p166</i>
<b>Benediction</b>	
 <i>Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment</i>	 <i>LSB 511</i>

**+PRAYER LIST+**

- ✘ Those who serve in our nation’s armed forces: Austin Nehls, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Michael Shafer, Kevin Boyd, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Lillian Sciortino, Richard Cleereman, Wally & Gloria Pipkorn
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Karin Zuehls (Jeff’s aunt), Gerald (Sandra Babel’s brother), Lorraine Swift, Bob Hogan (Ash Noble’s uncle), Elaine Roloff (Evone Hagerman’s mother), Eleanor Hogan (Ash Noble’s grandmother), Arlo Kristopeit (Linda Polcin’s grandnephew), Alberta Helmke, Linda McDonough (Terry Sommer’s sister), Jean Weisner (aunt of Steve Billings), and Pat Mills.

**+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 2017+**

- ✘ **RADA FUNDRAISER:** Please turn in all orders and payments to

Christa Hegland today.

- ✘ **VOTERS MEETING:** Our annual voters meeting will be held Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Divine Service. Please plan to attend.
- ✘ **POINSETTIAS:** Help beautify our altar this holiday season by signing up for a poinsettia. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please submit payment by Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>; checks can be made out to Messiah. Poinsettias can be taken home after the service on Christmas Day.
- ✘ **ADVENT MEALS & SERVICES:** Our midweek services begin this Wednesday. Advent Evening Prayer begins at 6:30 pm with a potluck meal at 5:30. Sign-up sheets are located in the hallway. This week’s meal theme is Italian.
- ✘ **CHRISTMAS DECORATING:** We will decorate for the Advent and Christmas seasons today after the service.
- ✘ **ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL:** Our St. Nicholas Festival will be Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm. This year we are celebrating Russia. It’s a fun, free event for kids of all ages and is open to the public. There will be food, drinks, crafts, entertainment, and of course, storytime with St. Nick himself. Please mark this on your calendar. If you would like to help with this event, please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway or talk to Tamara Weathersby.

**+THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH+**

Monday	Nov. 27	7:00 pm	Youth Choir Practice
Tuesday	Nov. 28	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday	Nov. 29	9:30 am	Women’s Bible Study
		5:30 pm	Advent Potluck: Italian
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Budgeted Lord’s Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,949
Lord’s Work Received 11/19-11/25:	\$3,498
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-451
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+1,228

**ATTENDANCE** 11/19: 133

Communed: 121

**BIRTHDAYS**

11/28 Liam Pelas

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

11/29 Artyom Varvil

Sergei Varvil

11/30 Autumn Klosowski