

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



**The Baptism of our Lord**

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**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:** Tyler Nehls

**Ushers:** Jerry Tobalsky & Scott Tobalsky

**Greeter:** Joan Chianelli

**Organist:** Evone Hagerman

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

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. 89:1, 26–28; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Ps. 89:20*



Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,\*  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.  
I have found David, my | servant;\*  
with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.  
**I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;\***  
**with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all**  
**gener- | ations.**

He shall cry to me, “You are my | Father,\*  
my God, and the Rock of my sal- | vation.”  
**And I will make him the | firstborn,\***  
**the highest of the kings | of the earth.**  
My steadfast love I will keep for him for- | ever,\*  
and my covenant will stand | firm for him.

**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.**

Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,\*  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.  
I have found David, my | servant;\*  
with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.

**Kyrie**

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**Gloria in Excelsis**

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Let us pray.

**P** Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Joshua 3:1-3, 7-8, 13-17*

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. <sup>2</sup>At the end of three days the officers went through the camp <sup>3</sup>and commanded the people, “As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it.” . . .

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. <sup>8</sup>And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, ‘When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.’” . . .

<sup>13</sup>“And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.”

<sup>14</sup>So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, <sup>15</sup>and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the

Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), <sup>16</sup>the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. <sup>17</sup>Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**

*Ps. 72:18–19*



**Blessèd be the LORD, the God of | Israel,\*  
 who alone does | wondrous things.  
 Blessèd be his glorious name for- | ever; \*  
 may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and |  
 Amen!**

**Epistle**

*1 Corinthians 1:26–31*

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

- 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, al - le - lu - ia.



## **Distribution**

*To Jordan's River Came Our Lord* LSB 405

*From God the Father Virgin Born* LSB 401

*Baptismal Waters Cover Me* LSB 616

*Jesus Once with Sinners Numbered* LSB 404

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis** p165

**Post-Communion Collect** p166

**Benediction**

*Hail O Source of Every Blessing* LSB 409

## **+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, George Metallo, and Bob Hagen.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Lorraine Swift, Elaine Roloff (Evone Hagerman's mother), Arlo Kristopeit (Linda Polcin's grandnephew), Alberta Helmke, Linda McDonough (Terry Sommer's sister), Pat Mills, Kathy Shafer, Marcin Rosinski (friend of Bev Murakami), and Angela Wilz (sister of Monica Scholz).

**+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 2018+**

- ✘ **MEETINGS THIS WEEK:** The Parish Planning Committee will meet this Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. The Spiritual Life Council will meet the same evening at 6:30 pm.
- ✘ **CONFESSIONS STUDY** will meet this Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with Matins at 9:30 am.
- ✘ **HIGHER THINGS RETREAT:** The Higher Things Retreat in Sheboygan will be held from Feb 16<sup>th</sup> - Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. The registration cost to attend this retreat is covered. Sarah Billings has agreed to be the female chaperone. We are still looking for a male chaperone. If we don't find one soon, this will be a female-only retreat. Pastor Grenyo has registration forms today and intends to sign up everyone on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Please see him for more details. You may also email him at greggrenyo@gmail.com or text/call him at 262-515-4941.
- ✘ **ALTAR GUILD MEETING:** The altar guild will meet Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.
- ✘ **KLEENEX:** With cold season upon us, the church is in need of Kleenex. The next time you get some for yourself, please consider getting an extra box and bringing it to church. Thank you.

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

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| Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly: | \$4,102 |
| Lord's Work Received 1/7-1/13:      | \$4,626 |
| Difference Received vs. Needed:     | +524    |
| Difference Received vs. Needed YTD: | -168    |

**ATTENDANCE** 1/7: 153

Communed: 136

**BIRTHDAYS**

1/14 Jeff Zuehls  
1/15 Alex Gerlach  
Nyssa Zuehls  
1/16 Kathy Shafer  
1/17 Evone Hagerman

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

1/16 Mike McConville

**ANNIVERSARIES**

1/17 Paul & Mary Rusch (48 years)