

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



**Septuagesima Sunday**

**Sola Gratia**

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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:** Brent Jiter

**Ushers:** Jeff Zuehls & Rick Zuehls

**Greeter:** Vicky Nelson

**Organist:** Evone Hagerman

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

**Altar Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are provided by Louie & Kathy Capriotti.

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



**P** 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*

<sup>1</sup>All 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.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore 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?”

<sup>3</sup>But 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?”

<sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

<sup>5</sup>And 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.

<sup>6</sup>Behold, 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. <sup>7</sup>And 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.

## Gradual

*Ps. 9:9–10, 18–19a*



The LORD is a stronghold for | the oppressed,\*  
a stronghold in times of | trouble.  
And those who know your name put their | trust in you,\*  
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who | seek you.  
For the needy shall not always be for- | gotten,\*  
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for- | ever.  
A- | rise, O LORD!\*  
Let not | man prevail.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 9:24–10:5*

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

<sup>10:1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, 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

**☐** 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 20:1–16

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



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

<sup>1</sup>[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. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>And 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.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘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.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

*Sit*

***Salvation unto Us Has Come***

*LSB 555 v. 6–10*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

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**Prayer of the Church**

*Sit*

**Offering**

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**Offertory** *p159*

**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

**Preface** *p160*

**Sanctus** *p161*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Lord's Prayer** *p162*

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini** *p163*

**Agnus Dei**

*Sit*

**Distribution**

*By Grace I'm Saved* *LSB 566*

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* *LSB 761*

*Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling* *LSB 827*

*Be Strong in the Lord* *LSB 665*

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis** *p165*

**Post-Communion Collect** *p166*

**Benediction**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer* *LSB 918*

**+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), 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 28, 2018+**

- ✘ **HIGHER THINGS RETREAT:** The Higher Things Retreat in Sheboygan will be Feb 16<sup>th</sup> - Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Sarah Billings and Mr. Billy Weathersby will be chaperones. Pastor Grenyo has registration forms today. Once your form is completed, please give it to Pastor Grenyo. He will sign everyone up electronically on January 31<sup>st</sup>. You may email him at greggrenyo@gmail.com or text/call him at 262-515-4941.

**+THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH+**

Monday	Jan. 29	7:00 pm	Youth Choir Practice
Tuesday	Jan. 30	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday	Jan. 31	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,102
Lord's Work Received 1/21-1/27:	\$3,383
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-719
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	-1,263

**ATTENDANCE** 1/21: 145

Communed: 128

**BIRTHDAYS**

2/1 Hayley Weathersby  
Payton Weathersby

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

1/28 Lauri Trapp  
1/30 Paul Swift  
1/31 Emily Vallis  
2/1 Kathy Shafer  
2/3 Vicky Nelson