

Messiah Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

THE PARABLE



OF THE SOWER



*S*exagesima Sunday

*S*ola *S*criptura

February 4, 2018

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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: Jim Vescova

Ushers: Brent Jiter & Noah Jiter

Greeter: Sandra Babel

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Kathy Capriotti & Cara Russo-Bichsel

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Bob & Lauri Trapp in honor of Bob's birthday.

Cookies: Today's cookies are provided by Joan Chianelli & 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. 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



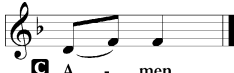
P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

P 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.



C A - men.

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

Hebrews 4:9–13

⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

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.

Holy Gospel

Luke 8:4–15

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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

Distribution

The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

LSB 580

The Law of God Is Good and Wise

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O Word of God Incarnate

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God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

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Nunc Dimittis

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Post-Communion Collect

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Benediction

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

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+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 Pat Mills and family, mourning the loss of her son, Bob.
- ✘ 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, Angela Wilz (sister of Monica Scholz), Katy Billings, and Judy Stern (aunt of Sarah Billings).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4, 2018+

- ✘ **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES:** Pastor Roemke will offer the Imposition of Ashes Wednesday morning, February 14th, from 7:00 am to 8:30 am. We will also have an Ash Wednesday Divine Service that evening at 6:30 pm.
- ✘ **PALMS:** If you have any palms from last year's Palm Sunday, please bring them to church next Sunday so they can be burned to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday.
- ✘ **ISSUES ETC.** is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's topics include: The State of the Church in Western Society, Defying the Devil in International Mission Work, The Urgency of Preaching, Two Kingdom Theology and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

+THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH+

Monday	Feb. 5	7:00 pm	Youth Choir Practice
Tuesday	Feb. 6	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday	Feb. 7	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,102
Lord's Work Received 1/28-2/3:	\$4,726
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+624
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	-639

ATTENDANCE 1/28: 149

Communed: 133

BIRTHDAYS

2/5	Milena Carrocci
	Doris Colombe
2/7	Bob Trapp
2/9	Carol Hernandez

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

2/4	Louie Capriotti
2/9	Linda Polcin
2/10	Alberta Helmke

ANNIVERSARIES

2/4	Mike & Marlene Mallow (34 years)
2/8	Jerry & Angela Pynaker (26 years)