

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



**Misericordias Domini-**  
**The Third Sunday of Easter**  
**+ With the Rite of First Communion+**  
**Divine Service Setting II**

**April 15, 2018**

# 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

**Greeter:** Donna Boyd

**Organist:** Monica Scholz

**Ushers:**

**Altar Guild:** Kris Kochman & Marilyn Dissen

**Altar Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are provided by Pastor & Lesa Roemke in celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Clyde & Doris Cornelius.

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. 33:1, 18–20; antiphon: Ps. 33:5b, 6a*



The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alle- | luia.\*

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alle- | luia.

**Shout for joy in the LORD, O you | righteous!\***

**Praise befits the | upright.**

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him,\*

on those who hope in his | steadfast love,

**that he may deliver their | soul from death\***

**and keep them alive in | famine.**

Our soul waits | for the LORD;\*

he is our help | and our shield.

**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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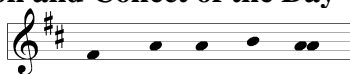
**Kyrie**

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**This is the Feast**

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**Salutation and Collect of the Day**



**A** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 34:11–16*

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

*MLC Youth Choir*

## Epistle

*1 Peter 2:21–25*

<sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to

righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

- 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**

*John 10:11-16*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



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

<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

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



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

*Sit*

## Sermon

Stand

### Nicene Creed

Sit

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#### +FIRST COMMUNION PRIOR TO CONFIRMATION+

- P** Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism these young men were born again as God's children and received into His Church. As a further gift of His love for us, our Lord Jesus Christ has given His Church the Sacrament of the Altar and invites His children to receive this Sacrament in faith for the forgiveness of their sins. The apostle Paul reminds us, "Let a person examine himself and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup," and "as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." These candidates have received instruction and have been examined by the pastor regarding their sin and their understanding of the Sacrament of the Altar.
- P** You are about to be admitted to the Lord's Table. Holy Scripture describes the life of the Church and every baptized Christian with these words: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." You are invited by our Lord to come regularly to hear His Word and receive His Sacrament. You will continue to be instructed and nurtured in the Christian faith and life. You are invited to confess your sins and receive the comfort of Holy Absolution. All this will help you live as the child of God you have been made through Holy Baptism.
- In testimony of this faith and confession, I now ask you:
- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?
- R** *Yes, I believe.*
- P** Do you believe that Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is your Lord?
- R** *Yes, I believe.*
- P** Do you believe that you are a sinner?
- R** *Yes, I believe.*
- P** Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for you and shed His blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins?
- R** *Yes, I believe.*
- P** Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper He gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and to strengthen your faith in Him and your love toward others?
- R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you intend to continue to hear and receive the instruction of your Lord, confess your sins, and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully throughout your life?

**R** *Yes, with the help of God.*

**P** I therefore invite you to the Lord's Supper to receive Christ's precious body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Parents and members of the congregation, the whole Church shares with you the responsibility and concern for the ongoing instruction and spiritual care of these young men. I now ask you, will you intercede for them in prayer and, as much as you are able, give them your counsel and aid that, in communion with the Church, they may grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ? Then answer: We will, with the help of God.

**C** **We will, with the help of God.**

*Stand*

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus Christ loved the young and called them to Himself, we ask You to bless these young men. Strengthen them in the faith through the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood so that they may grow spiritually and bring forth the fruits of faith in a life of love toward others to the praise and honor of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

*Sit*

### **Offering**

*Stand*



## Offertory-New Testament Canticle

*Refrain*



■ Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.



Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.



Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

*Refrain*



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He



lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to



sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

*Refrain*



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

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**+PRAYER LIST+**

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Austin Nehls, Michael Shafer, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Kevin Boyd, Rianon Padro, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Lillian Sciortino, Richard Cleereman, Wally & Gloria Pipkorn, and George Metallo.
- ✘ 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), Kathy Shafer, Angela Wilz (sister of Monica Scholz), Doris Cornelius (Lesa Roemke's grandmother), Katy Billings, Katie Mueller (studying abroad), Cash Kulbacki, Connie Lopez (John Hernandez's sister), Bill Colombe, Audrey and Rhoda (friends of Anita Brothers), Mike Honold (relative of Don & Cheryl Moe), and Wayne Kollakowsky (LeAnn Varvil's father).

**+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 15, 2018+**

- ✘ **MEETINGS THIS WEEK:** The Parish Planning Committee will meet this Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. The Spiritual Life Council will meet the same evening at 6:45 pm.
- ✘ **LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS STUDY** will meet this Saturday. We will begin with Matins at 9:30 am.

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,102
Lord's Work Received 4/8-4/14:	\$5,198
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+1,096
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+4,613

**ATTENDANCE** 4/8: 143

Communed: 126

**+THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH+**

Monday	April 16	7:00 pm	Youth Choir Practice
Tuesday	April 17	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday	April 18	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	April 19	6:00 pm	Parish Planning Meeting
		6:45 pm	Spiritual Life Meeting
Saturday	April 21	9:30 am	Lutheran Confessions Study

**BIRTHDAYS**

4/15	Marilyn Dissen
4/16	Bob Hagerman
	Pam Sommer
4/20	Lesla Roemke
4/21	Maria Grenyo
	Kathy Judson

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

4/15	Thomas Kochman
4/17	Chuck Leisten
4/19	Jane Gundlach

**ANNIVERSARIES**

4/19 Bill & Doris Colombe (66 years)



*Deo Gratias*

**THANKS BE TO GOD**