

# **Messiah Lutheran Church**

## **The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**



**The Nativity of St. John the  
Baptist**

**June 24, 2018**

**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:** Bob Trapp

**Greeter:** Joan Chianelli

**Pianist:** Monica Scholz

**Ushers:** Sam Braya, Mike Snodgrass, & Mark Bernhardt

**Altar Guild:** Kate Tobalsky & Kathy Capriotti

**Altar Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are provided by Dennis & Alberta Helmke in honor of Dennis's birthday.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR CHURCH PICNIC FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.**

*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**

*Luke 1:68, 76–79; antiphon: Mal. 3:1*



Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way be- | fore  
me.\*

And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his | temple.

**Blessèd be the Lord God of | Israel,\***

**for he has visited and redeemed his | people.**

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the | Most High,\*

for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare his ways,

**to give knowledge of salvation to his | people\***

**in the forgiveness | of their sins,**

because of the tender mercy | of our God,\*

whereby the sunrise shall visit us | from on high

**to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shad- | ow of  
death,\***

**to guide our feet into the | way of peace.**

**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, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way be- | fore  
me.\*

And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his | temple.

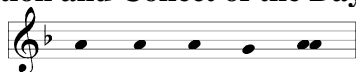
**Kyrie**

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**This Is the Feast**

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day



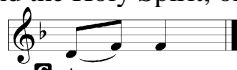
**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Let us pray.

**P** Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, You once proclaimed salvation. Now grant that we may know this salvation and serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 40:1–5*

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

<sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Jer. 1:5, 9b*



**Before I formed you in the womb I | knew you,\*  
and before you were born I conse- | crated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the | nations.\*  
Behold, I have put my words | in your mouth.**

## Second Reading

*Acts 13:13–26*

<sup>13</sup>Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. <sup>15</sup>After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, “Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it.” <sup>16</sup>So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said:

“Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen. <sup>17</sup>The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. <sup>18</sup>And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. <sup>19</sup>And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance. <sup>20</sup>All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. <sup>21</sup>Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. <sup>22</sup>And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, ‘I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.’ <sup>23</sup>Of this man’s offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. <sup>24</sup>Before his coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. <sup>25</sup>And as John was finishing his course, he said, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.’

<sup>26</sup>“Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation.”

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

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



## Holy Gospel

*Luke 1:57–80*

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



<sup>57</sup>Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.

<sup>58</sup>And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. <sup>59</sup>And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, <sup>60</sup>but his mother answered, “No; he shall be called John.”

<sup>61</sup>And they said to her, “None of your relatives is called by this name.”

<sup>62</sup>And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. <sup>63</sup>And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And they all wondered. <sup>64</sup>And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. <sup>65</sup>And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, <sup>66</sup>and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, “What then will this child be?” For the hand of the Lord was with him.

<sup>67</sup>And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

<sup>68</sup>“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has visited and redeemed his people

<sup>69</sup>and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David,

<sup>70</sup>as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

<sup>71</sup>that we should be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us;

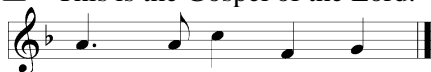
<sup>72</sup>to show the mercy promised to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant,

<sup>73</sup>the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us

<sup>74</sup>that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
 might serve him without fear,  
<sup>75</sup>in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.  
<sup>76</sup>And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
<sup>77</sup>to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
 in the forgiveness of their sins,  
<sup>78</sup>because of the tender mercy of our God,  
 whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high  
<sup>79</sup>to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of  
 death,  
 to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

<sup>80</sup>And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

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



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

*Sit*

## ***When All the World Was Cursed***

*LSB 346*

### **Sermon**

*Stand*

### **Nicene Creed**

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#### **+RECEPTION OF MEMBERS BY TRANSFER OR PROFESSION OF FAITH+**

- P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles:  
 "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father  
 who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny  
 before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the  
 God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the  
 name of the Lord.
- P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation  
 acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R** *Yes, I do.*
- P** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- R** *Yes, I renounce them.*
- 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 in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

**R** *I will, with the help of God.*

**P** Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The grace of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**C** **Amen.**



## **Prayer of the Church**

*Sit*

## **Offering**

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## **Offertory**

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## **+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

## **Preface**

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## **Sanctus**

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## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **Lord's Prayer**

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## **The Words of Our Lord**

## **Pax Domini**

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## **Agnus Dei**

*Sit*

## **Distribution**

*Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

*LSB 545*

*Sing Praise to the God of Israel*

*LSB 936*

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

*LSB 344*

*Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*

*LSB 345*

*Stand*

## **Nunc Dimittis**

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## **Post-Communion Collect**

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## **Benediction**

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

*LSB 964*

## **✠ OUR NEW MEMBERS ✠**

*Henry Buehrens*

*Todd and Kathrin Harris*

*Nancy Hilliard*

*Shirley Moe*

*Jim and Mary Sandberg*

*Holly Sandberg*

*Jamie Sandberg and children Cheyenne and Damon*

*Bobby and Kristen Sandberg and children Ava and Gianna*

*Ingrid Strakusek*

**WELCOME!**

**We are blessed to celebrate a rarely recognized feast day on the Church calendar today: the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. We rejoice in God's plan of salvation which St. John prepared the way for as the forerunner of our Lord Jesus Christ. In honor of this feast day you will notice the shield and the banners confess St. John's purpose: to baptize and point people to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. St. John himself says "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel" (John 1:29-31). What a blessing to stand in this same confession and to bear witness, with St. John, the salvation of our God through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

**+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, 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), Kathy Shafer, Angela Wilz (sister of Monica Scholz), Katy Billings, Cash Kulbacki, Carol Hernandez, Rhoda (friend of Anita Brothers), and Jim (friend of Mary Rusch).

**+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 24, 2018+**

- ✘ **DIRECTORY PHOTOS:** An extra day has been added for directory photo appointments. Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> is now available as well as July 19, 20, and 21. Please go to <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yd3bslclx/> to schedule your photography session. If you prefer, please see Lesa as soon as possible to schedule your appointment. All photo sessions must be scheduled by July 9<sup>th</sup>. If you cannot get your photo taken during any of our scheduled days, please email a photo of your family to Lesa at [secretary@messiahkenosha.org](mailto:secretary@messiahkenosha.org). *If you have not already done so, please speak to Lesa to make sure that all of your contact info is correct.*

- ✧ **BIERGARTEN:** Our next Biergarten meet-up is this Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.
- ✧ **KINGFISH OUTING:** We have obtained group tickets for another Kingfish game this year. Mark your calendars now for Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:05 pm. Tickets are \$12 and include a free Kingfish cap. It's a great family-friendly way to spend an afternoon. Payments are due next Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> and tickets will be distributed on Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway if you want to buy tickets. See Lesa with any questions or to submit a payment.
- ✧ **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: Modern Feminism, The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, The Prophet Jeremiah, 5th Century Archbishop Cyril of Alexandria, 2nd Century Bishop Irenaeus of Lyons and more. You can listen live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,102
Lord's Work Received 6/17-6/23:	\$4,735
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+633
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+4,795

ATTENDANCE    6/17: 137

Communed: 122

**JUNE EVENTS AT MESSIAH**

Wednesday	June 27	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Friday	June 29	6:00 pm	Biergarten Meet-Up

**BIRTHDAYS**

6/24	Dennis Helmke
6/28	John Pelas
6/29	Mikaela McConville
6/30	Kris Kochman
	Meg Walther

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

6/24	George Metallo
6/28	Karen Nichols
	Debbie Davidson
	Sara Ricchio
	Naomi Jiter