

Messiah Lutheran Church
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**Last Sunday of the Church
Year**

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Divine Service, Setting 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

Greeter: Liz Joslyn

Organist: Monica Scholz

Ushers: Sam Braya, Mike Snodgrass, & Cody Weathersby

Altar Guild: Cara Russo-Bichsel & Kate Tobalsky

Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Bill & Fran Kroll.

Cookies: Today's cookies and juice are provided by Bill & Fran Kroll.

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. 39:4–5, 7–8; antiphon: Is. 35:10



The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with |
singing;*

everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.

They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*

and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

**O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my
days;***

let me know how fleeting | I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my
lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.*

Surely all mankind stands as a | mere breath!

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*

My hope | is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*

Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

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 ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with |
singing;*

everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.

They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*

and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

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 O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; 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 65:17-25

- ¹⁷“For behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.
- ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.
- ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.
- ²⁰No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
- ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- ²²They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,

and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
²³They shall not labor in vain
 or bear children for calamity,
 for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
 and their descendants with them.
²⁴Before they call I will answer;
 while they are yet speaking I will hear.
²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
 the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
 and dust shall be the serpent's food.
 They shall not hurt or destroy
 in all my holy mountain,"
 says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 45:14–15



**In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led | to the king,*
 with her virgin companions following be- | hind her.
 With joy and gladness they are | led along*
 as they enter the palace | of the king.**

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

- 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

Matthew 25:1-13

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

LSB 516, Youth Choir, v. 2

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<i>You Satisfy the Hungry Heart</i>	<i>LSB 641</i>
<i>The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us</i>	<i>LSB 514</i>
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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, 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), Angela Wilz (sister of Monica Scholz), Katy Billings, Carol Hernandez, Rhoda (friend of Anita Brothers), Maria Grenyo, Billy Weathersby, Kate Tobalsky, Kathy Judson, and Helga Schriener (mother of Monica Scholz).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25, 2018+

- ✘ **ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL** is this Saturday, December 1st from 2-4 pm. Please see Kris Grenyo if you would like to help. Bring your kids and their friends for a fun afternoon of crafts, stories, and snacks.
- ✘ **CHRISTMAS DECORATING** will be today after the Divine Service.
- ✘ **VOTERS MEETING:** Our annual voters meeting will be held on Sunday, December 9th immediately following the Divine Service. Please plan to attend.
- ✘ **ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES** will begin Wednesday, December 5th. A potluck meal will be served at 5:45 pm (note the new time) and the service of Evening Prayer will begin at 6:30 pm. Please sign-up for the meals on the sheet in the hallway. Remember that a potluck only works if everyone brings a little something.
- ✘ **RADA KNIFE SALE:** For those of you who love good practical Christmas presents and/or sharp and inexpensive knives, we are holding another RADA fundraising sale. Catalogs will be available from and orders may be given to Christa Hegland. 40% of the money collected goes to the Organ Fund. Orders will go in this week.
- ✘ **ADVENT DEVOTIONALS** and kids' books are available today in the fellowship hall. You can also purchase a copy of the children's Bible for \$24.
- ✘ **POINSETTIAS:** Please sign up in the hallway if you would like to purchase poinsettias for the Advent season. Payments are due today.
- ✘ **CHRISTMAS GIVING:** Messiah members have a strong tradition of helping the needy with Christmas gifts. Wish lists were provided by area social service agencies, and details are available on gift tags in the fellowship hall. Please consider selecting a tag or share one with a friend to split the shopping. Please return wrapped gifts, labeled with the recipient's name by Dec. 16. Contact Kris Kochman 262-358-3359 or kriskochman@yahoo.com with questions.

✘ **LWML** is collecting over the counter pain meds in unopened bottles during November to be sent to The Attic ministry. A basket is available in the narthex.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,102
Lord's Work Received 11/18-11/24:	\$3,352
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-750
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+6,398

ATTENDANCE 11/18: 131 Communed: 120

ORGAN FUND UPDATE

Amount Paid:	-30,000
Donations Received:	+15,979
Balance:	-14,021

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Monday	November 26	7:00 pm	Youth Choir Practice
Tuesday	November 27	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice
Wednesday	November 28	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Saturday	December 1	2-4 pm	St. Nicholas Festival

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

Wednesday	December 5	5:45 pm	Advent Meal: Italian
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Wednesday	December 12	5:45 pm	Advent Meal: Mexican
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Wednesday	December 19	5:45 pm	Advent Meal: Soup & Salad
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Monday	December 24	6:00 pm	Service of Lessons & Carols
		11:00 pm	Midnight Divine Service
Tuesday	December 25	9:00 am	Christmas Day Divine Svc

BIRTHDAYS

11/25	Autumn Klosowski
	Stephanie Zuehls
11/29	Henry Buehrens

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

11/25	Maggie Gerlach
11/29	Artyom Varvil
	Sergei Varvil
11/30	Autumn Klosowski