

Messiah Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

THE PARABLE



OF THE SOWER



Sexagesima Sunday-

Sola Scriptura

February 24, 2019

Divine Service II

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+

Greeters: Garett & Brooke Koch

Elder: Todd Walther

Organist: Evone Hagerman

Ushers: Sam Braya, Mike Snodgrass, & Cody Weathersby

Altar Guild: Kate Tobalsky & Tamara Weathersby

Cookies: Today's cookies and juice are provided by the Varvil Family.

Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by the Roemkes in honor of Pastor Roemke's 6th installation anniversary and Lena's 11th birthday.

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



A The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

Go Out in Joy

Adult Choir

Epistle

2 Corinthians 12:7-9

⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I pleaded with

the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

- 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

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.



May God Bestow on Us His Grace

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

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Offering

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+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

Preface

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The Words of Our Lord

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Distribution

O Word of God Incarnate

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Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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Nunc Dimittis

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Post-Communion Collect

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Benediction

On What Has Now Been Sown

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+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Austin Nehls, Michael Shafer, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Kevin Boyd, Rianon Padro, Sean Gleason, 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), Billy Weathersby, Kathy Judson, Helga Schriener (mother of Monica Scholz), Henry Grenyo, David Scholz (Ted’s brother), Alberta Helmke, Vern and Judy Stern (uncle and aunt of Sarah Billings), Debbie Snodgrass, Betsy Schmeiser, Matthew Orr (grandson-in-law of Betty Boness), and DuWayne Griepentrog.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24, 2019+

- ✘ ***NEW* MOBILE APP FOR GIVING:** Need to pay for flowers or want to contribute to a door offering but forgot your checkbook? Now you can make a contribution right from your phone at any time. Members currently using electronic giving can download the “GivePlus” app and use it to make a one-time donation with a few clicks. You can also modify your current contribution schedule through the app. Not using electronic giving yet? It takes the hassle out of constantly writing checks and is completely secure. It’s a safe, convenient way to make contributions. See Lesa with any questions and to get registered.
- ✘ **ASH WEDNESDAY** is next Wednesday, March 6th. Pastor Roemke will be available for the Imposition of Ashes 7:00 am – 8:30 am. Divine Service will be at 6:30 pm.
- ✘ **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:** Thank you to all of you who have directed your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Messiah. In 2018, we received over \$1,300 through this program. Any Choice Dollars you have now will expire on March 31st, so if you haven’t chosen a beneficiary, you must do so before then. Please contact your Thrivent representative with any questions.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

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| Budgeted Lord’s Work Needed Weekly: | \$4,330 |
| Lord’s Work Received 2/17-2/23: | 3,298 |
| Difference Received vs. Needed: | -1,032 |
| Difference Received vs. Needed YTD: | -660 |

ATTENDANCE 2/17: 121

Communed: 106

+ORGAN FUND UPDATE+

Amount Paid: -30,000

Donations: +20,295

Balance: -9,705

+THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH+

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| Monday | February 25 | 7:00 pm | Youth Choir Practice |
| Tuesday | February 26 | 7:00 pm | Adult Choir Practice |
| Wednesday | February 27 | 9:00 am | Women’s Bible Study |
| Saturday | March 2 | 8:00 am | Trustees Meeting |

+MARCH EVENTS+

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| Wednesday | March 6 | 7-8:30 am | Imposition of Ashes |
| | | 6:30 pm | Ash Wednesday Divine Svc |
| Tuesday | March 12 | 6:30 pm | Sunday School Teacher Mtg |
| Wednesday | March 13 | 5:45 pm | Lenten Soup Supper |
| | | 6:30 pm | Lenten Vespers |
| Saturday | March 16 | 9:30 am | Lutheran Confessions Study |
| Wednesday | March 20 | 5:45 pm | Lenten Soup Supper |
| | | 6:30 pm | Lenten Vespers |
| Wednesday | March 27 | 5:45 pm | Lenten Soup Supper |
| | | 6:30 pm | Lenten Vespers |

BIRTHDAYS

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| 2/24 | Tatum Nehls |
| 2/25 | Scott Tobalsky |
| 2/27 | Staci Szela |
| | Artyom Varvil |
| | Sergei Varvil |
| 2/28 | Lena Roemke |
| 3/2 | Linda Polcin |

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

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| 2/26 | Hayley Weathersby |
| | Payton Weathersby |
| 2/29 | Elise Walther |
| 3/2 | Alexa Szela |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2/27 | Mike & Dorothy McConville (20) |
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