

# Messiah Lutheran Church

## The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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**February 16, 2020**

**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.**

**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** are found in the cover of the hymnals. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer.

**+SERVING TODAY+**

**Greeters:** Garrett & Brooke Koch

**Elder:** Brent Jiter

**Organist:** Monica Scholz

**Ushers:** Roger Jeschke, Mark Varvil, & Cody Weathersby

**Altar Guild:** Kathy Capriotti & Angela Pynaker

**Altar Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are provided by Don & Cheryl Moe in honor of Don's birthday.

**Fellowship:** Today's treats are provided by Sandra Babel, Donna Boyd, & Linda Polcin.

**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: Youth Choir*



*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.**

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**Kyrie**  
**Gloria in Excelsis**

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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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. **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 55:10–13*

<sup>10</sup>“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,  
<sup>11</sup>so 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.

<sup>12</sup>“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.

<sup>13</sup>Instead 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.”

## Gradual



[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

*2 Corinthians 12:7-9*

<sup>7</sup>So 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. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup>But 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.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

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**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 8:4–15*

<sup>4</sup>When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], He said in a parable: <sup>5</sup>“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. <sup>6</sup>And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. <sup>7</sup>And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup>And 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.”

<sup>9</sup>And when His disciples asked Him what this parable meant, <sup>10</sup>He 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.’ <sup>11</sup>Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>And 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. <sup>14</sup>And 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. <sup>15</sup>As 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.”

*Sit*

***May God Bestow on Us His Grace***

*LSB 824*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

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**Prayer of the Church**

*Sit*

**Offering**

Go Out In Joy

*MLC Choir*

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**Offertory**

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+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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**Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum  
**The Word of the Lord endures forever****

### +PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Austin Nehls, Kevin Boyd, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Rianon Padro, Sean Gleason, Dan Bruins, and for veterans.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Thomas Kotenko (colleague of Jeff Zuehls), Mary Jens (Kathy Capriotti's sister), Vince Cozin (cousin of Jeff Vallis), Ken Krause and Steve Matthews (friends of Anita Brothers), Marcin Rosinski (friend of Bev Murakami), Ally Capriotti (Angela Pynaker's daughter-in-law), Bob Hagerman, Alberta Helmke, Jonah Johnson (Casey Blair's cousin), Sean Esser (relative of John Winter), Helen Nelson (Kelvin's mother), Cheryl Moe, Sara Poullette, Lori Eshleman (friend of Jane Gundlach), Harvey Schiefelbein (Cheryl Piel's father), and our shut-in, Betty Boness.

### +ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16+

- ✘ **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please see the bulletin board in the hallway for non-church announcements and events. If anyone knows the whereabouts of the small box of pushpins that was above the coat rack across from the bulletin board, please return it.
- ✘ **ASH WEDNESDAY:** Pastor Roemke will be available for the Imposition of Ashes Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. Ash Wednesday Divine Service will be that evening at 6:30 pm.

### +CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,460
Lord's Work Received 2/9-2/15:	4,348
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-112
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	-13

**ATTENDANCE** 2/9: 147

Communed: 136

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

2/17 Don Moe  
2/19 Austin Nehls  
Logan Nevius  
2/21 Alana Carrocci  
Emma Jiter

#### **BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

2/17 Nyssa Zuehls  
2/19 Kathy Leisten

**+FEBRUARY EVENTS AT MESSIAH+**

Monday	February 17	7:00 pm	Youth Choir Practice
Thursday	February 20	6:00 pm	Parish Planning Meeting
		7:00 pm	SLC Meeting
Wednesday	February 26	7-9 am	Imposition of Ashes
		6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Divine Svc.