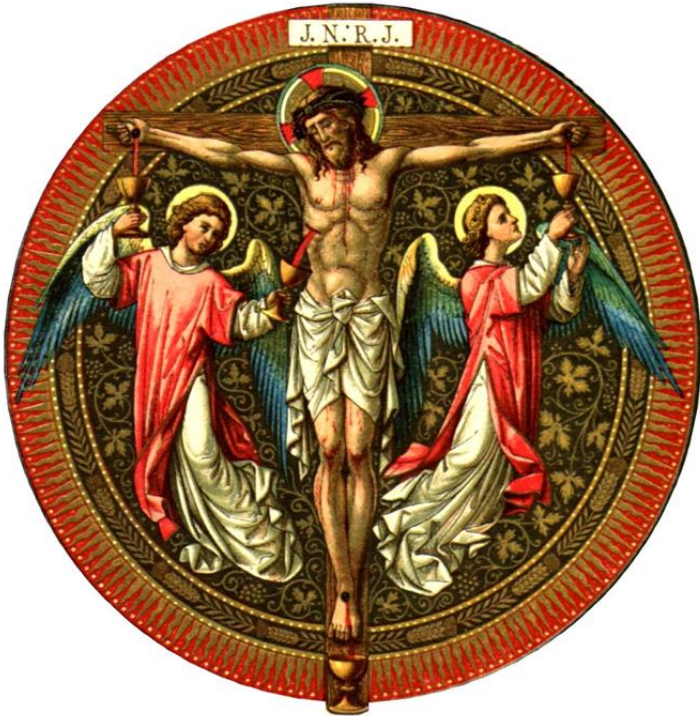


**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
**The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**



**Holy Cross Sunday**

**September 13, 2020**

**Divine Service III**

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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**VISITORS WELCOME!** A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please sign the guestbook near the front door and introduce yourself to the pastor after the service. We pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

**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. **Please turn off and put away all electronic devices during the service.**

**+SERVING TODAY+**

**Greeter:** Vicky Nelson

**Organist:** Evone Hagerman

**Altar Guild:** Bonnie Griepentrog & Jane Gundlach

**Altar Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are provided by Jim & Kathy Vescova in celebration of their wedding.

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. 98:1, 4, 6; antiphon: Ps. 98:2*



The LORD has made known His sal- | vation;\*

He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

**Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done | marvelous things!\***

**His right hand and His holy arm have worked salva- | tion for Him.**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;\*

break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn\***

**make a joyful noise before the | King, the LORD!**

**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 LORD has made known His sal- | vation;\*

He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

**Kyrie**

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**Gloria in Excelsis**

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**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

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Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

## Old Testament Reading

*Numbers 21:4–9*

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that He take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

## Gradual

*Is. 49:22a; John 3:14b–15*



**“Behold, I will lift up My hand to the | nations,\*  
and raise My signal to the peoples,” | [says the Lord.]  
So must the Son of Man be | lifted up,\*  
that whoever believes in Him may have e- | ternal life.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:18–25*

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

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*Alle-| luia.\**

*Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our / Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

*Alle- | luia.*



## Holy Gospel

John 12:20–33

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup>“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

## Nicene Creed

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*Sit*

## *Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle*

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## Sermon

*Stand*

**Offertory**

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*Please be seated as the altar is prepared for the Service of the Sacrament. You are encouraged to use this time to prepare yourself to receive the Sacrament; appropriate prayers are found in the front cover of the hymnal. Visitors, please review the communion statement in the front of the bulletin. Offering may be left at either of the doors to the sanctuary.*

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

**Preface**

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**Sanctus**

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**Lord's Prayer**

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**The Words of Our Lord**

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**Pax Domini**

**Agnus Dei**

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*Sit*

**Distribution**

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

*LSB 427*

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

*LSB 702*

*Upon the Cross Extended*

*LSB 453*

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*LSB 425*

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

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**Thanksgiving**

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**Salutation & Benedicamus**

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**Benediction**

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*Lift High the Cross*

*LSB 837*

**+VDM A+**

**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, Rick Zuehls, and for veterans.
- ✘ For Jim & Kathy Vescova, who were united in holy matrimony yesterday.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Thomas Kotenko (colleague of Jeff Zuehls), Ken Krause and Steve Matthews (friends of Anita Brothers), Alberta Helmke, Jonah Johnson (Casey Blair's cousin), Sean Esser (relative of John Winter), David Kristopeit (Linda Polcin's brother-in-law), Christine (Sandra Babel's mother), Donna Primuth, Betty Boness, Justin & Josh (brothers of Gabby Nevius), Dick Mikkelsen (cousin of Anita Brothers), Maria Grenyo, Barbara (Vicky Nelson's aunt), and Frank & Joan Chianelli.

### +ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13+

- ✘ **BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL** will resume today.
- ✘ **FELLOWSHIP SNACKS:** We would like to resume serving coffee, cookies, and juice after the Divine Service. Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway near the kitchen if you would like to provide cookies and juice.
- ✘ **FIRE NIGHT:** We are planning another Fire Night at the parsonage this Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. Please join us for a fun evening of food, drinks, music, and games.
- ✘ **LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS STUDY** will meet this Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with Matins at 9:30 am.
- ✘ **FOOD BANK:** Please donate your canned goods and non-perishable items to the Shalom Center through our donation box in the Fellowship Hall. Donations are delivered to Shalom by the end of every month. Any questions, please contact Donna Boyd.

### +CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,460
Lord's Work Received 9/6-9/12:	4,327
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-133
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	-1,419

**ATTENDANCE** 9/6: 73

Communed: 62

## **BIRTHDAYS**

9/14 Ryan Busse  
9/16 Kathy Capriotti  
Monica Scholz  
9/19 Kevin Brothers  
Henry Grenyo

## **BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

9/12 James McConville  
9/16 Peggy Holtz  
9/17 Kathy Capriotti  
9/18 Diana Dissen  
9/19 Michelle Carpenter  
Henry Grenyo

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

9/16 Kelvin & Vicky Nelson (14 years)

## **+SEPTEMBER EVENTS AT MESSIAH+**

Thursday	Sept. 17	6:00 pm	Parish Planning Meeting
		7:00 pm	Spiritual Life Council Mtg
Friday	Sept. 18	6:00 pm	Fire Night
Saturday	Sept. 19	9:30 am	Lutheran Confessions Study