

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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# 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+**

**Elder:** Todd Walther

**Greeter:** Deleen Nehls

**Organist:** Evone Hagerman

**Altar Guild:** Angela Pynaker & Diana Disen

**Altar Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are provided by the Roemkes in honor of Pastor's 8<sup>th</sup> installation anniversary.



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

Ps. 83:18, 13



[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

Hebrews 4:9–13

<sup>9</sup>So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup>for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from His.

<sup>11</sup>Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

## 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**

**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*

**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

**Preface**

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**Sanctus**

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**+ V D M 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, Rick Zuehls, and for veterans.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Alberta Helmke, Sean Esser (relative of John Winter), David Kristopeit (Linda Polcin’s brother-in-law), Donna Primuth, Toni Marshman, and Alice Hoaglund.

**+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7+**

- ✘ **2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are in your mailboxes. Please email Stacy Carrocci [stacylynn24@gmail.com](mailto:stacylynn24@gmail.com) with any questions.
- ✘ **ASH WEDNESDAY:** Pastor Roemke will offer the Imposition of Ashes Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 am – 8:30 am, if you would like to stop in before work or school. Ash Wednesday Divine Service will be at 6:30 pm.

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Budgeted Lord’s Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,648
Lord’s Work Received 1/31-2/6:	5,192
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+544
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	-423

**ATTENDANCE** 1/31 7:45 – 0 9:00 – 38

**BIRTHDAYS**

2/12 Thomas Kochman  
Amy Vallis  
2/13 Elise Walther

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

2/9 Henry Buehrens  
Linda Polcin  
2/10 Alberta Helmke  
Cheyenne Sandberg  
2/11 Mike Henning  
2/12 Sarah Billings  
2/13 Mark Varvil

**ANNIVERSARIES**

2/8 Jerry & Angela Pynaker (29 years)  
2/10 Pastor Roemke’s installation anniversary (8 years)