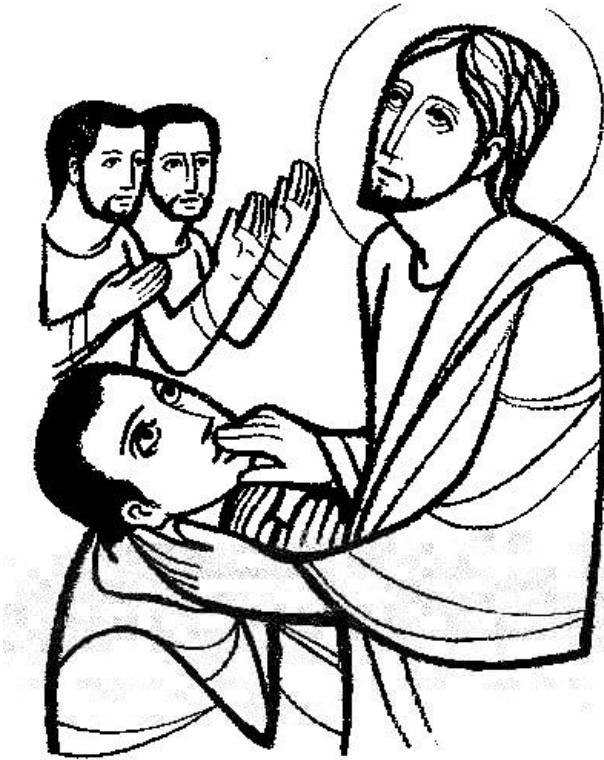


**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
**The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**



**Third Sunday in Lent**  
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**March 7, 2021**

**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+**

**Elder:** Jim Vescova

**Greeter:** Linda Polcin

**Organist:** Evone Hagerman

**Altar Guild:** Angela Pynaker & Bonnie Griepentrog

**Fellowship:** Today's snacks are provided by Tyler & Deleen Nehls.

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. 25:1-2, 17-18, 20; antiphon: Ps. 25:15-16*



My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,\*  
for He will pluck my feet out | of the net.  
Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,\*  
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

**To You, | O LORD,\***

**I lift | up my soul.**

O my God, in You I trust; let me not be | put to shame;\*  
let not my enemies exult | over me.

**The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;\*  
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.**

Consider my affliction and my | trouble,\*  
and forgive | all my sins.

**Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!\***

**Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in You.**

**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.**

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,\*  
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.  
Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,\*  
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.



## Gradual

*Ps. 9:19, 3*



**Arise, O LORD! Let not | man prevail;\***  
**let the nations be judged be- | fore You!**  
**When my enemies | turn back,\***  
**they stumble and perish before Your | presence.**

## Epistle

*Ephesians 5:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

<sup>3</sup>But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. <sup>4</sup>Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup>For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

*Stand*

## Tract for Lent

*Ps. 123: 1-3*



**To you I lift | up my eyes,\***  
**O you who are enthroned in the | heavens!**  
**Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their | master,\***  
**so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy up- | on**  
**us.**  
**Have mercy upon us, | O LORD,\***  
**have mercy up- | on us.**

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 11:14–28*

<sup>14</sup>Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. <sup>15</sup>But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” <sup>16</sup>while others, to test Him, kept seeking from Him a sign from heaven. <sup>17</sup>But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom

divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. <sup>18</sup>And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. <sup>19</sup>And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. <sup>20</sup>But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>21</sup>When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; <sup>22</sup>but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. <sup>23</sup>Whoever is not with Me is against Me, and whoever does not gather with Me scatters.

<sup>24</sup>“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ <sup>25</sup>And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. <sup>26</sup>Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

<sup>27</sup>As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts at which You nursed!” <sup>28</sup>But He said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

**Apostles' Creed**

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*Sit*

***Lord of Our Life***

*LSB 659*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Offertory**

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**Prayer of the Church**

*Please be seated as the altar is prepared for the Service of the Sacrament.*

*Stand*

**+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**

*Be Still, My Soul*

LSB 752

*Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode*

LSB 714

*God Loved the World So That He Gave*

LSB 571

*Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness*

LSB 788

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

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**Thanksgiving**

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**Salutation and Benedicamus**

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**Benediction**

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*Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

LSB 697

**+ VDMA +**

**V**erbum **D**omini **M**anet in **A**eternum  
**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, Henry Handschke (Mary Jo Jiter's brother-in-law), and Julie (Jane Gundlach's friend).

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

- ✘ **LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES** continue this week. We will have a soup potluck supper at 5:45 pm. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the hallway. Lenten Vespers begins at 6:30 pm.
- ✘ **EASTER EGG HUNT:** There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for children 12 and under who would like to participate in the Easter egg hunt on Easter morning. Please sign-up by March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,648
Lord's Work Received 2/28-3/6:	6,196
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+1,548
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+1,114

**ATTENDANCE**    2/28                      7:45 – 8                                      9:00 – 100

**BIRTHDAYS**

3/10    Marilyn Thornburgh

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

3/7      Jerry Tobalsky  
3/8      Evone Hagerman  
          Hannah Davidson  
3/10     Steve Billings