

**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
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**The Baptism of our Lord**

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**Divine Service I**

# 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:** Mike Henning

**Ushers:** Scott Tobalsky & Kelvin Nelson

**Greeter:** Vicky Nelson

**Organist:** Evone Hagerman

**Soloist:** Mark Bernhardt

**Altar Guild:** Bonnie Griepentrog & Cara Zietz

# I Bind unto Myself Today

LSB 604

Stand

## Confession and Absolution

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### +SERVICE OF THE WORD+

#### Introit

Ps. 89:1, 26–28; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Ps. 89:20



Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,\*  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.

I have found David, my | servant;\*  
with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.

**I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;\*  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all  
gener- | ations.**

He shall cry to me, “You are my | Father,\*  
my God, and the Rock of my sal- | vation.”

**And I will make him the | firstborn,\*  
the highest of the kings | of the earth.**

My steadfast love I will keep for him for- | ever,\*  
and my covenant will stand | firm for him.

**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.**

Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,\*  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.

I have found David, my | servant;\*  
with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.

#### Kyrie

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#### Gloria in Excelsis

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#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You  
proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit.  
Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your  
children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus  
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever.

**Old Testament Reading***Joshua 3:1–3, 7–8, 13–17*

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. <sup>2</sup>At the end of three days the officers went through the camp <sup>3</sup>and commanded the people, “As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it.” . . .

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. <sup>8</sup>And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, ‘When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.’” . . .

<sup>13</sup>“And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.”

<sup>14</sup>So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, <sup>15</sup>and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), <sup>16</sup>the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. <sup>17</sup>Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

**Gradual***Ps. 72:18–19*

**Blessèd be the LORD, the God of | Israel,\*  
 who alone does | wondrous things.  
 Blessèd be his glorious name for- | ever; \*  
 may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and |  
 Amen!**

**Epistle***1 Corinthians 1:26–31*

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise

according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

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**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 3:13–17*

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

*Sit*

**To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord**

*LSB 406, soloist v. 3 & 5*

**Sermon**

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**Nicene Creed**

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**Prayer of the Church**

**Offertory**

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*Sit*

**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

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**Preface**

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**The Words of Our Lord**

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**Proclamation of Christ**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Pax Domini**

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**Agnus Dei**

*Sit*

**Distribution**

**To Jordan's River Came Our Lord**

*LSB 405*

**Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**

*LSB 394*

**Baptismal Waters Cover Me**

*LSB 616*

**Jesus Once with Sinners Numbered**

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**Nunc Dimittis**

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**Post-Communion Collect**

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**Benediction**

**Hail O Source of Every Blessing**

*LSB 409*

**+ VDMA +**

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

### +PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Austin Nehls, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Rianon Padro, Rick Zuehls, and for veterans.
- ✘ The Sommer Family as they mourn the loss of Pam's sister.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: David Kristopeit (brother-in-law of Linda Polcin), Henry Handschke (brother-in-law of Mary Jo Jiter), Herb Knautz (relative of Angela Pynaker), Donna Primuth, Marilyn Thornburgh, James Von Dissen (nephew of Marilyn Dissen), Rylie Snodgrass, Fran Kroll, Hannah Basquez (granddaughter of Jim & Kathy Vescova), Allison Heiman (granddaughter of Jane Gundlach), Vern and Judy Stern (relatives of Jane Gundlach), Jim Tomsheck (brother of John Tomsheck), Wendell Zirbel (brother-in-law of Mary Sandberg), Nancy Davenport (aunt of Cara Zietz), and John Winter.

### +ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup>+

- ✘ **HOME BLESSING:** We have celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord, which begins the season of Epiphany (which has four Sundays this year and ends with the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord on February 6). The blessing of homes is a traditional part of the Epiphany season, as the Magi visited the home of the Christ Child, so we invite the blessing of Christ to our homes during this season. Part of the traditional rite of home blessing is the "chalking of the door," during which the pastor writes, with chalk, over the front door "20 + C + M + B + 22." The 20 and 22 are the current year, the + symbols are crosses for Christ, and the C, M, & B stand for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, which means May Christ Bless This House. C, M, & B are also the initials of the Wise Men (Caspar, Melchior, & Balthazar), celebrated in the church on Epiphany. Pastor would be happy to schedule a home blessing with you if you are interested during the Epiphany season.
- ✘ **HIGHER THINGS RETREAT** in Sheboygan will be February 18-20. The registration fees for students are being generously provided. If your teen would like to attend, please see Greg Grenyo to register before January 20<sup>th</sup>.
- ✘ **POINSETTIAS:** Any poinsettias not taken home today will be discarded.
- ✘ **COOKIES:** We are in need of people to serve cookies and juice during fellowship time on Sundays. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.
- ✘ **LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS STUDY** will meet this Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with Matins at 9:30 am.

- ✘ **LIFE GATHERING STAND:** Wisconsin Right to Life invites you to stand together for an hour on the corner of 75<sup>th</sup> St. and 39<sup>th</sup> Ave. holding positive pro-life signs while praying on Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11 am. Family-friendly signs will be provided that share the message that God is the Giver of Life and we need to honor all life from conception to natural death.

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,653
Lord's Work Received 1/1-1/8:	5,107
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+454
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+454
Mortgage Balance as of 12/30/2021:	57,625

**ATTENDANCE 1/2: 70**

**BIRTHDAYS**

1/9	Bill Colombe Emily Vallis
1/12	Sarah Billings
1/14	Jeff Zuehls
1/15	Alex Gerlach Nyssa Zuehls

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

1/10	Louise Braya
1/12	Tamara Weathersby

**ANNIVERSARIES**

1/12	Mark & LeAnn Varvil (26 years)
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**+JANUARY EVENTS AT MESSIAH+**

Saturday	Jan. 15	9:30 am	Lutheran Confessions Study
Tuesday	Jan. 18	6:00 pm	Parish Planning Meeting
		7:00 pm	SLC Meeting