

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



**The Baptism of our Lord**  
**(observed)**

**January 15, 2023**

**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:** Nate Nevius

**Ushers:** Mark Mielke & Mark Bernhardt

**Greeter:** Linda Polcin

**Organist:** Monica Scholz

**Altar Guild:** Cara Zietz & Kris Kochman

**+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.



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's River Came Our Lord**

*LSB 405*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

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**Prayer of the Church**

**Offertory**

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*Sit*

***The Only Son from Heaven***

*Choir*

**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

*Stand*

**Preface**

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**Sanctus**

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Lord's Prayer**

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**The Words of Our Lord**

<b>Pax Domini</b>	<i>p163</i>
<b>Agnus Dei</b>	
<i>Sit</i>	
Distribution	
<b>We Know That Christ is Raised</b>	<i>LSB 603</i>
<b>Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered</b>	<i>LSB 404</i>
<b>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</b>	<i>LSB 739</i>
<b>Songs of Thankfulness and Praise</b>	<i>LSB 394</i>
<i>Stand</i>	
<b>Nunc Dimittis</b>	<i>p165</i>
<b>Post-Communion Collect</b>	<i>p166</i>
<b>Benediction</b>	
<b>Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer</b>	<i>LSB 918</i>

**+ V D M A +**

**V**erbum **D**omini **M**anet in **A**eternum  
**T**he **W**ord of the **L**ord endures forever

**+PRAYER LIST+**

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Rick Zuehls, Rianon Padro, Exavier Padro, Trey Ericson, and veterans.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Jen Bertz.

**+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup>+**

- ✘ **WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:** This week we will discuss the objection that first-century people were primitive.
- ✘ **HIGHER THINGS RETREAT:** In Sheboygan, February 17-19. The \$50 registration fee for youth is being donated by a member. Nate Nevius and Kate Tobalsky are chaperones. If you want to go, please let Lesa know as soon as possible.
- ✘ **HOME BLESSING:** We are in the season of Epiphany, which ends with the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord on January 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 + 23." The 20 and 23 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.

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,915
Lord's Work Received week of 1/8:	2,910
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-2,005
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+660
Mortgage Balance as of 12/31/2022:	40,634

**ATTENDANCE 1/8: 138**

**BIRTHDAYS**

1/15 Alex Gerlach  
Nyssa Zuehls  
1/17 Sandra Babel  
Evone Hagerman  
1/21 Eric Davidson

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

1/16 Mike McConville  
1/12 Tamara Weathersby

**ANNIVERSARIES**

1/17 Paul & Mary Rusch (53 years)

**+JANUARY EVENTS AT MESSIAH+**

Tuesday

Jan. 17 6:00 pm Parish Planning Meeting  
7:00 pm SLC Meeting