

Messiah Lutheran Church

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THE PARABLE



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Sexagesima Sunday
Sola Scriptura

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Divine Service II

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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: Donna Boyd

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: LeAnn Varvil & Diana Dissen

Fellowship: Kim Collina & Angela Pynaker

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Sandra Babel.

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 44:1–2, 7–8; antiphon: Ps. 44:23, 25a, 26a



Awake! Why are you sleeping, | O Lord?*

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!

For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.*

Rise up; come | to our help!

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have | told us,*

what deeds you performed in their days, in the | days of old:

you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you |
planted;*

you afflicted the peoples, but them you | set free.

But you have saved us | from our foes*

and have put to shame those who | hate us.

In God we have boasted con- | tinually,*

and we will give thanks to your name for- | ever.

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.

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Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:10–13

10⁴For 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,
11so 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.

12⁴“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.

¹³Instead 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

2 Corinthians 12:7-9

⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 8:4–15

⁴When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: ⁵“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. ⁶And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸And 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.”

⁹And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰he 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.’ ¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The 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. ¹³And 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. ¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵As 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

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655, choir v. 2

Sermon

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Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offertory

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Go Out in Joy

Choir

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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The Words of Our Lord

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 On What Has Now Been Sown	 <i>LSB 921</i>

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**Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum
The Word of the Lord 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, Kristin Meyer (Brent Jiter's step-sister), and Nathan Handschke (Mary Jo Jiter's nephew).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12th+

- ✘ **WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:** This week we will discuss the argument that the Bible teaches bigotry. This will be the last Wednesday evening Bible study while we take a hiatus for Lenten services. We will resume after Easter.
- ✘ **ASH WEDNESDAY** is next Wednesday, February 22nd. Pastor Roemke will provide the Imposition of Ashes in the morning from 6:30 am to 8:30 am. Divine Service is at 6:30 pm.
- ✘ **2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are in your mailboxes. If you have any questions about your statement, please contact our Financial Secretary, Evone Hagerman.
- ✘ **PALMS:** If you have palm crosses at home from Palm Sunday last year, please bring them to church. Pastor Roemke burns them to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday.
- ✘ **CARDS:** There is a variety of greeting cards available for purchase in the fellowship hall. These cards are hand-crafted by our members and the proceeds fund coffee and supplies such as cups, sugar, creamer, etc. There are still some Valentine's Day cards available.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,915
Lord's Work Received week of 2/5:	5,127
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+932
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	-1,612
Mortgage Balance as of 1/18/23:	40,634

ATTENDANCE 2/5: 129

BIRTHDAYS

2/12	Thomas Kochman
	Amy Vallis
2/14	Steve Billings
	Brian Blair
2/17	Don Moe

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

2/12	Sarah Billings
2/13	Mark Varvil
2/15	Stephanie Zuehls
2/17	Nyssa Zuehls

ANNIVERSARIES

2/14 Bob & Kim Collina (25 years)
2/18 Mike & Sandy Martin (17 years)