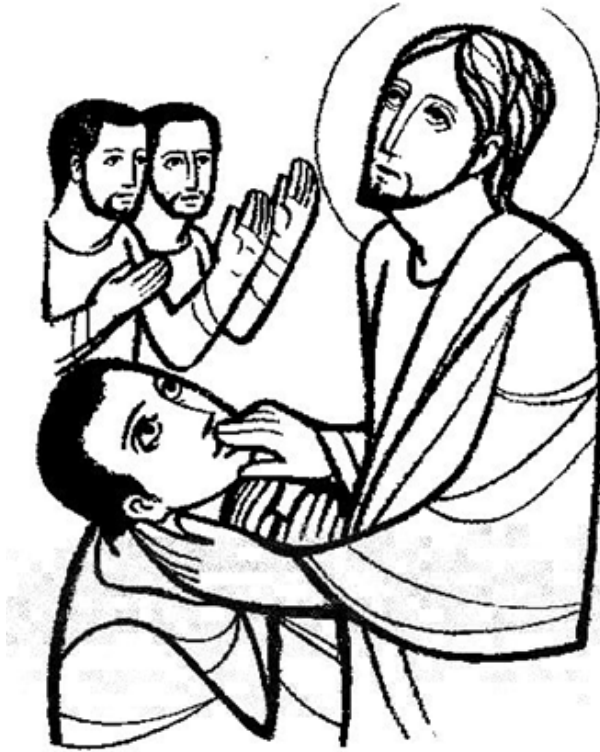


Messiah Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Third Sunday in Lent
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Divine Service III

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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: Mark Varvil

Ushers: Scott Tobalsky & Sergei Varvil

Greeter: Deleen Nehls

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Angela Pynaker & Kim Collina

Fellowship: Lesa Roemke

Confession and Absolution

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+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.

Kyrie - II

LSB 944



1 Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.
2 Chris - te	e - lei - son.	Chris - te	e - lei - son.
3 Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.	Ky - ri - e	e - lei - son.



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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 8:16–24

¹⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.’” ¹⁷And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. ¹⁸The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. ¹⁹Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

²⁰Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Let My people go, that they may serve Me. ²¹Or else, if you will not let My people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. ²²But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where My people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. ²³Thus I will put a division between My people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.”’” ²⁴And the LORD did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants’ houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

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

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

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

Stand

Tract for Lent

Ps. 123:1-3a



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

¹⁴Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” ¹⁶while others, to test Him, kept seeking from Him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²²but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which

he trusted and divides his spoil. ²³Whoever is not with Me is against Me, and whoever does not gather with Me scatters.

²⁴“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.’ ²⁵And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶Then 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.”

²⁷As 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!” ²⁸But He said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

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+VDM A+

**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), John Winter, and Vicki Basquez.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 12th+

- ✠ **LENTEN VESPERS & SOUP SUPPERS** continue this Wednesday, March 15th. We will have a potluck soup supper at 5:45 pm and Vespers begins at 6:30 pm.
- ✠ **NEW ONLINE GIVING OPTION:** Some members who do electronic giving have had problems using Vanco's mobile app to set up contributions. A website has now been created so that members can contribute through a web browser instead. It seems to be much more user-friendly. It can be found at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YXWQ>. There are also links to it in the weekly email newsletter and on our website. Please see Lesa if you have any questions about this.

✱ **PEW DONATIONS:** At the end of last year a generous donation was given, and another one pledged at the beginning of this year which allowed the church to start repairing and refinishing the pews. If you would like to contribute something in addition to your regular tithe to help us complete and pay off this project please designate your contribution as “Pews”. If using the Vanco Mobile app or website, please choose “Capital Improvement Fund”.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord’s Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,915
Lord’s Work Received week of 3/5:	7,718
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+2,803
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	-109
Mortgage Balance as of 2/15/23:	39,776

ATTENDANCE 3/5: 127

BIRTHDAYS

3/17 Cyndy Williams

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

3/14 Emma Jiter
3/15 Staci Szela
3/17 Alex Gerlach

+MARCH EVENTS AT MESSIAH+

Wednesday	March 15	5:45 pm	Soup Supper Potluck
		6:30 pm	Lenten Vespers
Tuesday	March 21	6:00 pm	Parish Planning Meeting
		7:00 pm	Spiritual Life Council Mtg
Wednesday	March 22	5:45 pm	Soup Supper Potluck
		6:30 pm	Lenten Vespers
Wednesday	March 29	5:45 pm	Soup Supper Potluck
		6:30 pm	Lenten Vespers