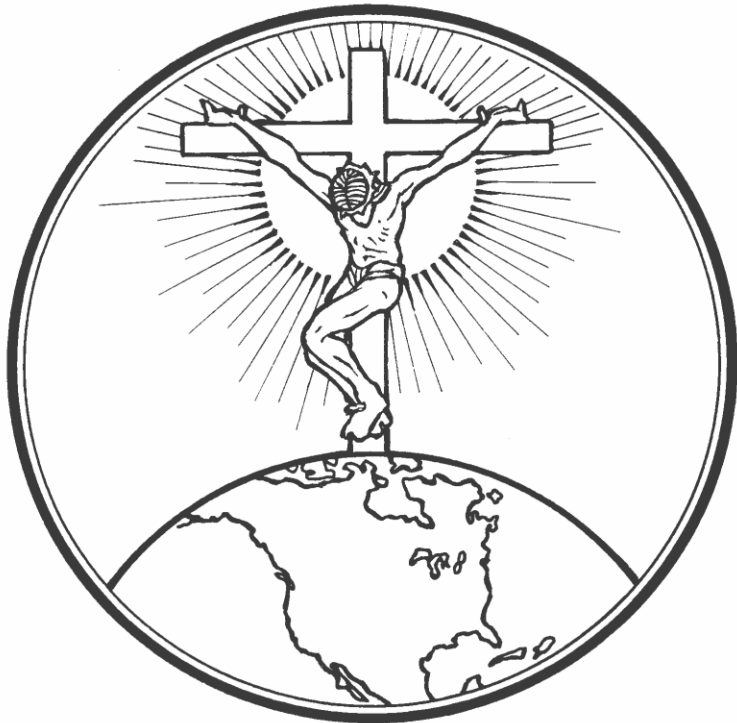


Messiah Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod



Holy Cross Day September 14, 2014 Divine Service III

John 12:25 “Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.” Jesus’ kingdom is always upside down and backwards like this: the first are last, the who loses his life gains it, give it away and a full measure falls into your lap. But it’s really not Jesus who is upside and backwards, is it?

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VISITORS WELCOME! A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service, and we pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

ATTENDANCE REGISTER: During the offering we ask that you sign the attendance register located at the center aisle of each pew. **Please hand the filled in sheet to the usher as you exit at the end of the service. Let the usher know if you don't have a pad in your pew.**

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 may be found in the opening cover of the hymnals in each pew. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer.

+SERVING TODAY+

Preacher/Celebrant: Pr. Roemke

Elder: Todd Walther

Ushers: Chuck Leisten & Mark Varvil

Greeter: Mary Rusch

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Diana Dissen & Marilyn Dissen

Cookies: Today's cookies are provided by Donna Primuth.

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+

Entrance Hymn- "Sing to the Lord a Jubilant Song"

MLC Choir

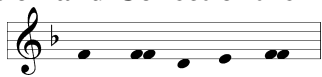
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Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray

to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Is. 49:22a; John 3:14b–15



**“Behold, I will lift up my hand to the | nations,*
and raise my signal to the peoples,” | [says the Lord.]
So must the Son of Man be | lifted up,*
that whoever believes in him may have e- | ternal life.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 12:20–33

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

R *I do.*

P Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

R *I will, with the help of God.*

P Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are [a member/members] of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The grace of our † Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Church

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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Thanksgiving and Collect

Salutation and Benedicamus

Benediction

Lift High the Cross

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+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ For all the children and Christ Lutheran Academy Staff: Karen Moe, Ruth Mallmann, Stephanie Zuehls, Liesl Christensen, & Christa Hegland.
- ✘ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Exor Padro, Ted & Katie Hart, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Elsie Rintamaki, Lillian Sciortino, & Bill Dissen.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Dennis Metallo, Joe Kayon, Richard Cleereman, Alison Daughtery (George Metallo's granddaughter), John Mills, Diane Gundlach, Faith Peyron, Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Allen Scheffer (friend of the Zuehls), and Terri Nichols (diagnosed with cancer).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2014+

BILL TREE: A huge thank you to all of you who submitted payments for the bill tree. Thanks to you, we were able to pay off over \$1,900 in bills! One other bill we need help paying off is the furnace from last winter. We currently owe \$1,030 on that, so anything you can contribute toward that would be appreciated.

FIRST COMMUNION will be celebrated on September 28th. If you have a child first grade or older who is interested in receiving the Lord's Supper, please speak to Pastor so he/she can be examined.

CHURCH KEYS: If you have been given a key to the church in the past, but no longer need it, please return it to the church office. Thank you!

INCOME

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,717
Lord's Work Received 9/7:	\$3,074
Difference Received vs. Needed:	- \$643
Difference Received vs. Needed Year to Date:	-\$19,908

ATTENDANCE Sunday 9/7: 132 Communed: 109

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MESSIAH

9/16	Tues	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
9/17	Wed	Women's Bible Study	9:00 am
9/18	Thur	Spiritual Life Council Meeting	6:00 pm
		Parish Planning Committee Meeting	7:15 pm
9/20	Sat	Lutheran Confessions Study	9:30 am
9/28	Sun	First Communion	9:00 am

BIRTHDAYS

9/16	Kathy Capriotti
	Monica Scholz
9/17	Lilly Lanhardt
	George Rabey
	Alexa Szela
9/18	Ethan Wright
9/19	Kevin Brothers
9/20	Jacob Tobalsky

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

9/17	Kathy Capriotti
9/18	Diana Dissen
9/19	Michelle Carpenter
	Grant Noble

ANNIVERSARIES

9/15	Shane & Kelly Pederson
9/20	Jason & Allison Stephans