

# Messiah Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod



## The Baptism of Our Lord January 11, 2015 Divine Service I

*Matthew 3:14* John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" John is right: what Jesus is doing makes no sense! But this is the upside down, outlandish grace of God: the innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know: the Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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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:** Brent Jiter

**Ushers:** Tyler Nehls & Austin Nehls

**Greeter:** Mary Rusch

**Organist:** Monica Scholz

**Altar Guild:** Carol Hernandez & Cara Russo-Bischel

*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+**

**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**  
**Gloria in Excelsis**  
**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

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**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**P** 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.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 42:1-7*

- <sup>1</sup>Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- <sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;
- <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.
- <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people on it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup>“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,  
<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

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

## The Only Son From Heaven

*MLC Choir*

### 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.”

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

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 3:13–17*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<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.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

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

*LSB 405*

**Sermon**

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**Nicene Creed**

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**Prayer of the Church**

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**Offering**

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**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

**Preface**

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**Sanctus**

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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**Proclamation of Christ**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Pax Domini**

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**Agnus Dei**

*Sit*

**Distribution**

<i>Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain</i>	LSB 487
<i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i>	LSB 398
<i>God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It</i>	LSB 594
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<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer</i>	LSB 918

### +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, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Elsie Rintamaki & Lillian Sciortino.
- ✘ For our adopted seminarian, Jacob Eichers, whom the Women's Bible Study is supporting.
- ✘ For the Tobalsky family as they mourn the loss of Matthew.
- ✘ 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, Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Allen Scheffer (friend of the Zuehls), Terri Nichols (diagnosed with cancer), Carol Wagner (friend of the Brothers), Amy, Natalie Lee (friend of Lynda Koch suffering from cancer), Ann Becht (Bev Murakami's sister suffering from liver cancer), Jerry Tobalsky (recovering from surgery), Ron Hulke (diagnosed with cancer), Mike Gundlach (cousin of Sarah Billings), Al Bradmon (cousin of Steve Billings), Wally and Gloria Pipkorn, and David Dissen (Marilyn's brother-in-law).

### +ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 2015+

**BIBLE STUDY:** Children's Sunday School resumes today and the adults will begin a three-part Bible study on Stewardship led by Elder Brent Jiter.

**LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS STUDY** is this Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with Matins at 9:30 am.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** there will be no flowers adorning our altar until mid-February unless someone signs up to sponsor them. Please consider signing up on the chart in the hallway.

**ISSUES, ETC** is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Feminization of Christianity, The Sacrament of the Altar, The Confession of Peter, Christ in the Old Testament and more. You can listen at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org).

### INCOME

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$
Lord's Work Received 1/4:	\$2,612
Difference Received vs. Needed:	\$
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	\$

**ATTENDANCE**    1/4: 96                                  Communed: 79

### THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT MESSIAH

1/13	Tuesday	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
1/14	Wednesday	Women's Bible Study	9:00 am
1/15	Thursday	Spiritual Life Council	6:00 pm
		Parish Planning Committee	7:15 pm
1/17	Saturday	Lutheran Confessions Study	9:30 am

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

1/12	Sarah Billings
1/13	Elsie Rintamaki
1/14	Jeff Zuehls
1/15	Alex Gerlach
	Nyssa Zuehls
1/16	Kathy Shafer
1/17	Evone Hagerman

#### **BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

1/11	Jamie Kauppila
1/12	Tamara Weathersby
1/15	Kathy Dickey

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

1/12	Mark & LeAnn Varvil
1/13	Taylor & Yessenia Heitkamp
1/17	Paul & Mary Rusch