

Messiah Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod



Sexagesima Sunday February 8, 2015 Divine Service II

***Luke 8:5** “And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot. . .” Know any farmers like this? Who just throw their crop seed wherever? That’s crazy! But God’s ways are not our ways – he is generous beyond compare! He delights in giving. As we are more and more conformed to his image, may we learn the joy of generosity and giving as well!*

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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: Scott Tobalsky

Ushers: Jerry Tobalsky & Scott Tobalsky

Greeter: Marge Harmon

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Diana Dissen & Marilyn Dissen

Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Jerry and Kris Kochman in honor of Thomas's birthday.

Cookies: Today's cookies and juice are provided by the Noble Family.

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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. 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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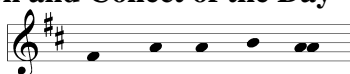
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Salutation and Collect of the Day



A The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

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.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:10–13

¹⁰“For 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.

¹²“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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 11:19—12:9

¹⁹For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! ²⁰For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. ²¹To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that!

But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. ²²Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. ²³Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. ²⁴Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. ²⁵Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; ²⁶on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; ²⁷in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. ²⁸And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. ²⁹Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

³⁰If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. ³¹The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. ³²At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, ³³but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

^{12:1}I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Luke 8:4-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.



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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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Sermon

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Reception of New Members by Procession of Faith (see insert)

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Distribution

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On What Has Now Been Sown

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Benediction

Thy Strong Word

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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, Andy Warren, 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 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 Loretta Hulke (recovering from surgery).

- +ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8, 2015+
- ✱ **THRIVENT CHOICE:** If you participate in Thrivent insurance or banking, you may have CHOICE dollars to designate to Messiah. The option to designate funds will expire at the end of March, so please take the time to direct your CHOICE dollars soon.
- ✱ **BIBLE STUDY:** Today we are beginning Part 2 of our study of Islam. Now that we know some of the details about Islam, Part Two will teach us how we can best talk to and interact with our Muslim friends, neighbors, and co-workers and how we can share our Christian faith with them. Please join us if you are able.

INCOME

Budgeted Lord’s Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,268
Lord’s Work Received 2/1:	\$2,292
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-\$976
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	-\$1,504

ATTENDANCE 2/1: 36 Communed: 26

THIS MONTH’S EVENTS AT MESSIAH

2/10	Tuesday	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
2/11	Wednesday	Women’s Bible Study	9:00 am
2/18	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Service	
2/19	Thursday	Parish Planning Committee	6:30 pm
2/21	Saturday	Lutheran Confessions Study	9:30 am

BIRTHDAYS

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

2/9	Carol Hernandez	2/10	Alberta Helmke
2/12	Thomas Kochman	2/13	Mark Varvil
2/13	Elise Walther		
2/14	Steve Billings		
	Brian Blair		
	Samuel Brieman		
	Joshua Dickey		

ANNIVERSARIES

None this week.