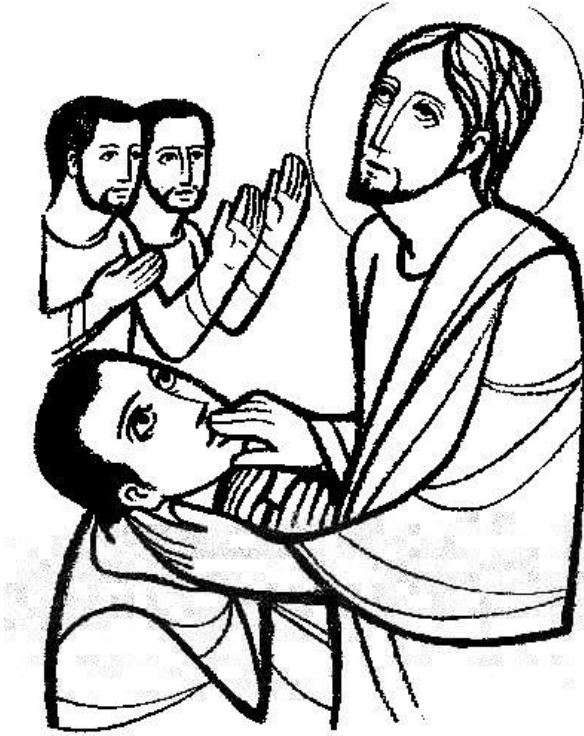


# Messiah Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod



## Sculi – Third Sunday in Lent March 8, 2015 Divine Service III

*Ephesians 5:1-2* “Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.” Our sanctification flows from the justification which we have received in Christ. His love for us transforms us into His image. This why the Bible talks so much about giving – because we are to imitate God in His generosity.

# 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:** Tyler Nehls

**Ushers:** Jerry Tobalsky & Scott Tobalsky

**Greeter:** Gail Kulbacki

**Organist:** Monica Scholz

**Altar Guild:** Kate Tobalsky & Tamara Weathersby

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. 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 sts. 1-3



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.



Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.  
Chris - te e - le - - - i - son.  
Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** 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.



**G** A - - - men.

Sit

## Old Testament Reading

Exodus 8:16-24

<sup>16</sup>Then 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.'" <sup>17</sup>And 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. <sup>18</sup>The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. <sup>19</sup>Then 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.

<sup>20</sup>Then 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. <sup>21</sup>Or 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. <sup>22</sup>But 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. <sup>23</sup>Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.”” <sup>24</sup>And 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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. <sup>3</sup>But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. <sup>4</sup>Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup>For 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. <sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

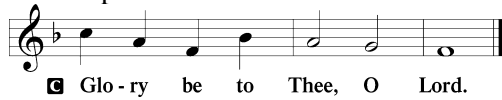


**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 11:14–28

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup>Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. <sup>15</sup>But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” <sup>16</sup>while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. <sup>17</sup>But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. <sup>18</sup>And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. <sup>19</sup>And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. <sup>20</sup>But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>21</sup>When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; <sup>22</sup>but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. <sup>23</sup>Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

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

<sup>27</sup>As 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!” <sup>28</sup>But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

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



**Apostles' Creed**

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***Lord of Our Life***

*LSB 659*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Offertory**

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**Offering**

*In the Shadow of Your Wings*

*MLC Choir*

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

**Preface**

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**Sanctus**

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**The Words of Our Lord**

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**Pax Domini**

**Agnus Dei**

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*Sit*

**Distribution**

***Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode***

*LSB 714*

***Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death***

*LSB 697*

***Be Still, My Soul***

*LSB 752*

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

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**Thanksgiving**

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**Salutation and Benedicamus**

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**Benediction**

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***God Loved the World So That He Gave***

*LSB 571*

**+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: Richard Cleereman, Diane Gundlach, Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Allen Scheffer (friend of the Zuehls), Terri Nichols, Carol Wagner (friend of the Brothers), Amy, Natalie Lee (friend of Lynda Koch), Ron Hulke, Mike Gundlach (cousin of Sarah Billings), Al Bradmon (cousin of Steve Billings), Loretta Hulke, Virgil Nichols (friend of Gail Kulbacki), and Cheryl Moe.

**+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2015+**

- ✘ **LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES** continue this week. On Wednesday we will have a soup supper potluck at 5:30 pm followed by the service of Compline at 6:30. Sign-up sheets for the meals are in the fellowship hall.
- ✘ **MOTHER'S DAY TEA** tickets are on sale. They are \$5 each, with children 10 and under free. Please see Gail Kulbacki to purchase tickets. Checks can be made out to Messiah Altar Guild.
- ✘ **EASTER FLOWERS:** There are still some Easter flowers available for purchase. See the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. All payments must be made by March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**INCOME**

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,268
Lord's Work Received 3/1:	\$3,101
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-\$167
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	-\$1,216

**ATTENDANCE** 3/1: 101                      Communed: 84

**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT MESSIAH**

3/10	Tuesday	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
3/11	Wednesday	Women's Bible Study	9:00 am
		Lenten Soup Supper	5:30 pm
		Lenten Compline Service	6:30 pm

**BIRTHDAYS**

3/9 George Metallo

No anniversaries this week.

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

3/8 Evone Hagerman  
Hannah Davidson  
3/10 Carol Hernandez  
Steve Billings  
3/13 Eric Snodgrass  
Rachel Dickey  
3/14 Emma Jiter