Messiah Kutheran Church— Missouri Synod



Feast of the Reformation October 25, 2015 Divine Bervice V

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. <u>Please</u> <u>hand the filled in sheet to the usher as you exit at the end of the service.</u> 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: Roger Jeschke & Mark Varvil

Greeter: Mary Rusch **Organist:** Evone Hagerman

Altar Guild: Bonnie Griepentrog, Kathy Capriotti, & Doris Colombe **Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are provided by Louis & Kathy Capriotti in

thanksgiving for their two new granddaughters.

Please join us for a Reformation potluck following the service!

Salvation unto Us Has Come

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation p 213 +CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+

The Confession and Absolution is a preparation for entering into God's presence. We are, as we rightly confess with God's Word, poor, miserable sinners. We call upon the name of the Lord given us in Holy Baptism, trusting that He who has called us is faithful and will forgive us our sins.



+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

The Service of the Word is the first high point of the Divine Service. God speaks to us through His Word (sola scriptura, that is Word Alone) and we respond with the Word He has placed among us. This service begins with an Introit or Entrance Hymn as we come into God's presence, assured of the forgiveness of sins we have received at the Holy Absolution. We continue with the Kyrie, calling for mercy with the sure and certain promise that through Christ alone, by faith alone, we receive grace.

Introit MLC Choir

The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth be removed And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

God is our refuge and our strength, A very present help in trouble.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge.





Gloria: All Glory Be to God Alone

LSB 948, v. 1-2, 5

Men: All glory be to God alone,

Women: Forevermore the highest one, Men: Who did our sinful race befriend

Women: And grace and peace to us extend.

Men: Among us may His gracious will

Women: All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

All: We praise You, God, Your name we bless

Solo: And worship You in humbleness; All: From day to day we glorify Solo: The everlasting God most high. All: Of Your great glory do we sing,

Solo: And to Your throne our thanks we bring.

All: You only are the Holy One And over all are Lord alone. O Jesus Christ, we glorify You and the Spirit, Lord Most High; With Him You evermore shall be One in the Father's majesty.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies,

and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."



Epistle Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is

in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656, Choir v 3

Stand

The Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."



Sit

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed Prayer of the Church Sit

(back cover)

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Offering

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

The Service of the Sacrament is the second peak of the Divine Service, in which we receive all that the Word has promised: forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. We believe that we receive these things solely because the Word of God promises such blessings, by God's grace alone, received for our benefit by faith alone. All of this points us time and again to Christ alone!

Stand

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The Words of Our Lord

Sanctus: Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old

LSB 960

CHOIR:

Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,
The Lord of all in spirit did behold
High on a throne, in splendor bright,
With robes that filled the temple courts with light.
Above the throne were flaming seraphim;
Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.
With two they veiled their faces as was right,
With two they humbly hid their feet from sight,
And with the other two aloft they soared;
One to the other called and praised the Lord:

ALL:

"Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth! Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth! Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth! His glory fills the heavens and the earth!"

CHOIR:

The beams and lintels trembled at the cry, And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high

Pax Domini





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Post-Communion Collect Benedicamus and Benediction

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Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555, v 6-10

+PRAYER LIST+

- Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Andy Warren, Exor Padro, and for veterans.
- ♣ Shut-ins: Elsie Rintamaki, Lillian Sciortino, Myrtle Meier, & Ernie Kapellusch.
- For the family of Dorothy Walker, Bev Murakami's aunt who passed away.
- ▼ In thanksgiving for Lydia Doris, Louis & Kathy Capriotti's new granddaughter.
- For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Richard Cleereman, Diane Gundlach, Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Carol Wagner (friend of the Brothers), Amy, Ron Hulke, Al Bradmon (cousin of Steve Billings), Loretta Hulke, Kyle Darling (friend of the Zuehls), Cindy (friend of Geri Tobalsky), Grace Scholz (Ted's mother), Richard Schneider (Kathleen Judson's father), Maurissa Murakami (Bev Murakami's daughter-in-law), Rose Murakami (Bev's granddaughter), Bob Hogan (Ash Noble's uncle), Leslie Brothers (recovering from a vehicle accident), Marge Pohjola (friend of Kelvin and Vicky Nelson), and Dennis Cornelius (Lesa Roemke's uncle, diagnosed with cancer).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25+

- EARN MONEY FOR MESSIAH! Do you shop at Meijer or Amazon.com? Both of these companies will give Messiah .5% of all of your purchases. Signing up is easy; see the bulletin board in the hallway and ask Lesa if you have any questions. This is a great way to donate to Messiah without spending anything extra.
- ► EMAIL NEWSLETTER: Most members have already signed up, but if any of our regularly-attending visitors would like to receive our weekly newsletter (sent via email on Thursdays), please send an email to secretary@messiahkenosha.org and Lesa will sign you up.
- **★ LWML MITES** will be collected next today in the fellowship hall.
- **★ REFORMATION SUNDAY:** All members of Messiah are invited to a bicircuit Reformation Divine Service at St. John's in Racine today at 3:00. Rev. Dr. Timothy Maschke will be preaching.

- **▼ THANK YOU** to all of you who have purchased greeting cards. We were able to purchase some coffee and creamer with the proceeds.
- ➤ ISSUES, ETC. REFORMATION WEEK: Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. The theme throughout the week will be "Challenges to Lutheranism." Here is a schedule of broadcasts.

Issues, Etc. Reformation Week October 26-30

Monday, October 26 Challenges to Lutheranism: Pietism Dr. Larry Rast of Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne, IN

Tuesday, October 27 Challenges to Lutheranism: Rationalism Dr. Martin Noland of Trinity Lutheran-Evansville, IN

Wednesday, October 28 Challenges to Lutheranism: Unionism Pr. Matt Harrison, President of the LCMS

Thursday, October 29 Challenges to Lutheranism: Missionalism Dr. Ken Schurb of Zion Lutheran-Moberly, MO

Friday, October 30 Challenges to Lutheranism: Postmodernism Dr. Angus Menuge of Concordia University Wisconsin

Listen at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org or live 4-5 pm Central.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly: \$3,268 Lord's Work Received 10/18: \$2,189 Difference Received vs. Needed: -\$1079 Difference Received vs. Needed YTD: -\$240

ATTENDANCE 10/18: 139 Communed: 118

BIRTHDAYS BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

10/28Pastor Grenyo10/26Aaron Ratzburg10/29Jennifer Bertz10/27Marge HarmonKamren NicolazziKris Grenyo10/31Richard Cleereman, Jr.10/31Rachel KoerthKathy DickeyMiles Cleereman

ANNIVERSARIES

10/26 John and Pam DelFrate (19) 10/27 Terry & Pam Sommer (36)



The shield above the crucifix was given in memory of Bill Dissen and depicts Luther's seal, also called Luther's Rose. Below is Luther's explanation of his seal. We see from it what a teacher art can be in service to God's Word. In addition to Luther's explanation, our seal has the letters VDMA. This stands for the great Reformation Battle Cry: The Word of the Lord endures forever! from Isaiah 40:8 and I Peter 1:25. Around the outer edge of the shield is the Latin word *vivit*, meaning "He lives." Because Christ lives and we are in Him, we also shall not die, but live to recount the works of the Lord!

"Grace and peace from the Lord. As you desire to know whether my painted seal, which you sent to me, has hit the mark, I shall answer most amiably and tell you my original thoughts and reason about why my seal is a symbol of my theology. The first should be a black cross in a heart, which retains its natural color, so that I myself would be reminded that faith in the Crucified saves us. "For one who believes from the heart will be justified" (Romans 10:10). Although it is indeed a black cross, which mortifies and which should also cause pain, it leaves the heart in its natural color. It does not corrupt nature, that is, it does not kill but keeps alive. "The just shall live by faith" (Romans 1:17) but by faith in the crucified. Such a heart should stand in the middle of a white rose, to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In other words, it places the believer into a white, joyous rose, for this faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). That is why the rose should be white and not red, for white is the color of the

spirits and the angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). Such a rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that such joy in spirit and faith is a beginning of the heavenly future joy, which begins already, but is grasped in hope, not yet revealed.

And around this field is a golden ring, symbolizing that such blessedness in Heaven lasts forever and has no end. Such blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and goods, just as gold is the most valuable, most precious and best metal. This is my compendium theologiae [summary of theology]. I have wanted to show it to you in good friendship, hoping for your appreciation. May Christ, our beloved Lord, be with your spirit until the life hereafter. Amen."