

# Messiah Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod



## The Baptism of Our Lord January 10, 2016 Divine Service I

*Matthew 3:15* But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Fulfilling all righteousness is not a task we are up to. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism – our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

# 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:** Vicky Nelson

**Organist:** Monica Scholz

**Altar Guild:** Marilyn Dissen & Diana Dissen

**Altar Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are provided by Jeremy & Lynn Gerlach in honor of Alex's birthday.

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

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**

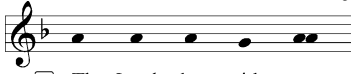
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**Gloria in Excelsis**

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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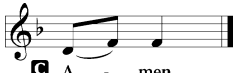
**P** The Lord be with you.



**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.



**C** 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.



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

*Sit*

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

*LSB 405*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

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**Prayer of the Church**

*Sit*

**Offering**

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**Offertory**

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**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

**Preface**

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**Sanctus**

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**The Words of Our Lord**

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**Proclamation of Christ**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Pax Domini**

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**Agnus Dei**

*Sit*

**Distribution**

***We Know That Christ is Raised***

*LSB 603*

***Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered***

*LSB 404*

***Precious Lord, Take My Hand***

*LSB 739*

***Songs of Thankfulness and Praise***

*LSB 394*

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

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**Post-Communion Collect**

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**Benediction**

***Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer***

*LSB 918*

**+PRAYER LIST+**

- ✘ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Andy Warren, Exor Padro, Rev. Lynn Christensen, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Elsie Rintamaki, Lillian Sciortino, Myrtle Meier, Ernie Kapellusch, & Wally and Gloria Pipkorn.
- ✘ 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), 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), Carol Vescova, MacKenna Marinarli (Gail Kulbacki's granddaughter), Chuck Brothers (recovering from surgery), Mary Rusch (recovering from a fall), and Mark Varvil (undergoing surgery this week).

**+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2016+**

- ✘ **THE EPIPHANY SHIELD:** The shield for Epiphany is on a midnight blue field. A metallic silver eight-pointed star breaks the darkness of the night. In the center of the star are the Greek initials for Jesus Christ, in a blood red. This teaches us that Jesus is the Light of the world Who shines in the darkness, though the darkness perceived Him not. The eight points of the star teach us two things: one, that the Gospel Light of Jesus Christ shines to all corners of the earth and two, that by His Epiphany, the eighth day of new creation has come to interrupt the death and decay brought into the world by the sin of Adam and Eve. The initials of Christ's name are a deep, blood red, teaching us that His Epiphany is not some spiritual feeling, but a real, historical, flesh and blood event. This shield was given by the Nehls Family in memory of Deleen's mother, Shirley Kohl.
- ✘ **HIGHER THINGS RETREAT:** Pastor Grenyo is organizing a group of confirmed teens to attend the Higher Things retreat "Branded in

Baptism” in Sheboygan February 12-14. The cost is \$50. Registration and payment are due by January 24<sup>th</sup>. Please see Pastor Grenyo for a registration form or with any questions.

- ✘ **OFFERING ENVELOPES:** 2016 offering envelopes are in the fellowship hall. Please take yours home today if you have not done so already.
- ✘ **CONFESSIONS STUDY:** The Lutheran Confessions Study will meet this Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with Matins at 9:30 am.
- ✘ **CREATION WORKSHOP:** Martin Luther once lamented that we fail to appreciate the daily miracles of God because they are so common. That remains true to this day. How can we recover that sense of wonder and with it gratitude for our lives on earth? Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Watertown, WI is hosting a Creation Workshop with Concordia Seminary Professor Dr. Charles Arand. This seminar will take place on Saturday, January 23, from 9 AM to noon. There is no cost. For more information or to register, please email Jan Neitzel at [janneitzel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janneitzel@sbcglobal.net) or call (920) 285-0282.
- ✘ **THE 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CONCORDIA APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE** will be March 4-5 at Concordia University Wisconsin. The topic is “Truth on Trial: Science and Faith in Today’s World”. Register online at [www.cuw.edu/upco](http://www.cuw.edu/upco) .

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Budgeted Lord’s Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,584
Lord’s Work Received 1/3:	\$4,678
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+\$1,094
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+\$1,094

**ATTENDANCE** 1/3: 140

Communed: 125

**BIRTHDAYS**

1/10 Paul Swift  
 1/12 Sarah Billings  
 1/13 Elsie Rintamaki  
 1/14 Jeff Zuehls  
 1/15 Alex Gerlach  
 Nyssa Zuehls  
 1/16 Kathy Shafer

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

1/10 Louise Braya  
 1/12 Tamara Weathersby  
 1/15 Kathy Dickey

**ANNIVERSARIES**

1/12 Mark & LeAnn Varvil (20 years)