

**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
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**Divine Service I**

# 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:** Pastor Roemke

**Elder:** Mark Bernhardt

**Ushers:** Jerry Tobalsky & Scott Tobalsky

**Greeter:** Vicky Nelson

**Organist:** Evone Hagerman

**Altar Guild:** Bonnie Griepentrog, Doris Colombe, & Kathy Capriotti

**Cookies:** Today's cookies and juice are provided by the Chianelli 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. 107:1, 8, 24-25; antiphon: Ps. 107:28-29



Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,\*  
 and he delivered them from | their distress.  
 He made the | storm be still,\*  
 and the waves of the | sea were hushed.  
**Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,\***  
**for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!**  
 Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast love,\*  
 for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!  
**They saw the deeds | of the LORD,\***  
**his wondrous works | in the deep.**  
 For he commanded and raised the | stormy wind,\*  
 which lifted up the waves | of the sea.

**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.**

Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,\*  
 and he delivered them from | their distress.  
 He made the | storm be still,\*  
 and the waves of the | sea were hushed.

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** Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Jonah 1:1–17*

<sup>1</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.” <sup>3</sup>But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

<sup>4</sup>But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. <sup>5</sup>Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. <sup>6</sup>So the captain came and said to him, “What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.”

<sup>7</sup>And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. <sup>8</sup>Then they said to him, “Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” <sup>9</sup>And he said to them, “I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” <sup>10</sup>Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

<sup>11</sup>Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. <sup>12</sup>He said to them, “Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has

come upon you.”<sup>13</sup>Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore they called out to the LORD, “O LORD, let us not perish for this man’s life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you.” <sup>15</sup>So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. <sup>16</sup>Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

<sup>17</sup>And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Go Out In Joy

*MLC Choir*

## Epistle

*Romans 8:18–23*

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

**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 8:23–27

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



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

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] got into the boat, his disciples followed him. <sup>24</sup>And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. <sup>25</sup>And they went and woke him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing.” <sup>26</sup>And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?” Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. <sup>27</sup>And the men marveled, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?”

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



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

*Sit*

*Seek Where You May to Find a Way*

*LSB 557*

## 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**

*Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*

LSB 715

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

LSB 576

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

LSB 733

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

LSB 717

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

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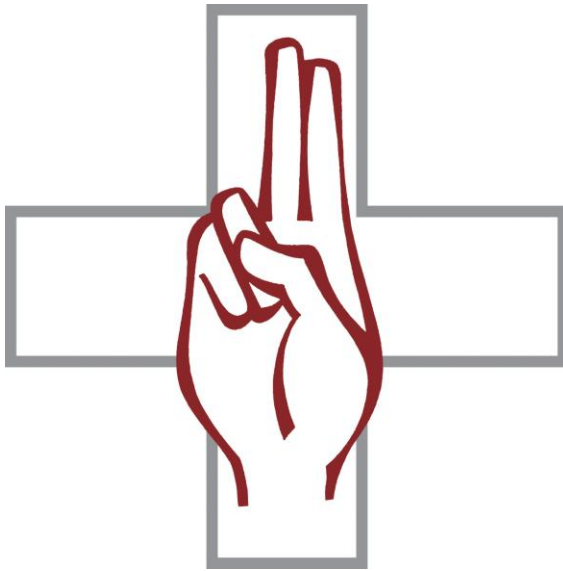
**Post-Communion Collect**

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**Benediction**

*Jesus, Lead Thou On*

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### **+PRAYER LIST+**

- ✘ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Exor Padro, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Evan Smith, Austin Nehls, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Lillian Sciortino, Myrtle Meier, Ernie Kapellusch, Richard Cleereman, Wally and Gloria Pipkorn.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Richard Schneider (Kathleen Judson's father), Carol Hernandez, Jason Stephans, Mike Ricchio (nephew of Kathy Shafer), Gerald (Sandra Babel's brother), Betty Nemeth (Mary Jo Jiter's sister), Lorraine Swift, Bob Hogan (Ash Noble's uncle), Rick Holtz, and Cecelia Weathersby (Billy's mother).

**+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2017+**

- ✘ **SOLUS CHRISTUS - A HIGHER THINGS YOUTH RETREAT:** Pastor Grenyo and Miss Anna Hegland will be chaperoning the Higher Things Youth Retreat at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sheboygan. We will be leaving on Feb 17<sup>th</sup> and returning on Feb 19<sup>th</sup>. The retreat is for youth from grades 6-12. The cost for the youth to attend this retreat will be paid for by a generous Messiah member. Pastor Grenyo has registration forms today. He will collect all forms and sign up all members of the group online on Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. For further information, please see Pastor Grenyo.
- ✘ **THRIVENT CHOICE:** Thank you to all of you who have directed your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Messiah. In 2016, we received nearly \$2,000 through this program. Any Choice Dollars you have now will expire on March 31<sup>st</sup>, so if you haven't chosen a beneficiary, you must do so before then. Please contact your Thrivent representative with any questions.
- ✘ **ALTAR GUILD MEETING:** There will be an Altar Guild meeting this Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.
- ✘ **GREETING CARDS:** Do you need a unique Valentine for a special family member, spouse, or friend? Valentine cards now for sale on the back table in the fellowship hall. \$2 per card (includes envelope). All proceeds go towards coffee, cups, etc. for fellowship.
- ✘ **ALTAR FLOWERS:** Please consider signing up to sponsor a Sunday. This is a lovely way to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, and to honor or memorialize a loved one. Cost is \$24 and you are encouraged to take your flowers home after the service to enjoy throughout the week at home.

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,949
Lord's Work Received 1/22-1/28:	\$3,035
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-914
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	-1,266

**ATTENDANCE** 1/22: 145

Communed: 126

**BIRTHDAYS**

2/1 Hayley Weathersby  
Payton Weathersby

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

1/31 Emily Vallis  
2/1 Kathy Shafer  
2/3 Vicky Nelson  
2/4 Louis Capriotti