

**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
**The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**



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**Divine Service IV**

# 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:** Rev. Paul Ficken

**Elder:** Scott Tobalsky

**Greeter:** Liz Schultz

**Pianist:** Evone Hagerman

**Ushers:** Sam Braya, Mike Snodgrass, & Mark Bernhardt

**Altar Guild:** Kris Kochman & Tamara Weathersby

**Cookies:** Today's cookies and juice are provided by Bill & Fran Kroll.

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. 54:1–3, 7; antiphon: Ps. 54:4–5*



Behold, God is my | helper;\*  
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.  
He will return the evil to my | enemies;\*  
in your faithfulness put an | end to them.

**O God, save me, | by your name,\*  
and vindicate me | by your might.**

O God, | hear my prayer;\*  
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

**For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men | seek my  
life;\***

**they do not set God be- | fore themselves.**

For he has delivered me from every | trouble,\*  
and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.

**Glory 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, God is my | helper;\*  
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.  
He will return the evil to my | enemies;\*  
in your faithfulness put an | end to them.

**Kyrie**

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**Gloria in Excelsis**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; 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*

## Old Testament Reading

*2 Samuel 22:26–34*

- <sup>26</sup>“With the merciful you show yourself merciful;  
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;  
<sup>27</sup>with the purified you deal purely,  
and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.  
<sup>28</sup>You save a humble people,  
but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.  
<sup>29</sup>For you are my lamp, O LORD,  
and my God lightens my darkness.  
<sup>30</sup>For by you I can run against a troop,  
and by my God I can leap over a wall.  
<sup>31</sup>This God—his way is perfect;  
the word of the LORD proves true;  
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.
- <sup>32</sup>“For who is God, but the LORD?  
And who is a rock, except our God?  
<sup>33</sup>This God is my strong refuge  
and has made my way blameless.  
<sup>34</sup>He made my feet like the feet of a deer  
and set me secure on the heights.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Ps. 8:1*



**O | LORD, our Lord,\*  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!  
You have set your | glory\*  
above the | heavens.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 10:6–13*

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 16:1–13*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer

be manager.’ <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.”

<sup>10</sup>“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

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

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

**Nicene Creed**

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*Sit*

***What Is the World to Me***

*LSB 730*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

*Sit*

**Offering**

**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

*Stand*

**Preface**

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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### +PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Austin Nehls, Michael Shafer, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Kevin Boyd, Rianon Padro, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Lillian Sciortino, Richard Cleereman, and George Metallo.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Lorraine Swift, Elaine Roloff (Evone Hagerman's mother), Angela Wilz (sister of Monica Scholz), Katy Billings, Carol Hernandez, Rhoda (friend of Anita Brothers), and Ariana (friend of Dennis Metallo).

### +ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 29, 2018+

- ✘ **THANK YOU** to all of you who got your picture taken for our new directory. It is greatly appreciated! Anyone who didn't need to submit a photo. Please email Lesa ([secretary@messiahkenosha.org](mailto:secretary@messiahkenosha.org)) a photo of yourself/your family by Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.
- ✘ **MISSING LADDER:** The silver telescoping ladder has gone missing. If you have this ladder or know of its whereabouts, please return it or call Pastor ASAP.

### +CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,102
Lord's Work Received 7/22-7/28:	\$3,845
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-257
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+5,287

**ATTENDANCE** 7/22: 143

Communed: 130

### AUGUST EVENTS AT MESSIAH

Thursday	August 16	6:00 pm	PPC Meeting
		6:45 pm	SLC Meeting
Wednesday	August 29	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Friday	August 31	6:00 pm	Biergarten Meet-Up

### BIRTHDAYS

7/30	Luke Bertz
8/1	Rick Holtz
8/3	Nancy Hilliard
8/4	Mary Rusch

### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

7/30	Meg Walther
	Mikaela McConville
8/1	Kris Kochman
	Jeff Vallis

### ANNIVERSARIES

7/23	Jeff & Amy Vallis (24 years)
7/24	John & Carol Hernandez (53 years)
8/4	Bob & Lauri Trapp (6 years)