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The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



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Divine Service II

Messiah Lutheran Church

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VISITORS WELCOME! A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please sign the guestbook near the front door and introduce yourself to the pastor after the service. We pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

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 are found in the cover of the hymnals. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer. **Please turn off and put away all electronic devices during the service.**

+SERVING TODAY+

Elder: Nate Nevius

Ushers: Brent Jiter & Kelvin Nelson

Greeter: Mary Rusch

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Kim Collina & Kris Kochman

Altar Flowers: Provided by Don & Cheryl Moe in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Fellowship: Sandra Babel & Kathy Knutell

Stand

Confession and Absolution

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 48:1a, 9-11; antiphon: Prayer of Azariah 1:4, 7, 20, 19



The Lord is righteous in all he has | done to us,*
for we have not obeyed his com- | mandments.
Glorify your name, | O Lord;*
and deal with us according to your great | mercy.

**Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city of our God, his holy | mountain.**

We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.

As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the
earth.*

Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.

Let Mount Zion | be glad!*

**Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your |
judgments!**

**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.**

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for we have not obeyed his com- | mandments.
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and deal with us according to your great | mercy.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may
be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; 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

Isaiah 55:1-9

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Gradual

Ps. 145:15-16



**The eyes of all | look to you,*
and you give them their food in due | season.
You open | your hand;*
you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.**

Epistle

Ephesians 5:15–21

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,
¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,
¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33–44

³³[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:
“‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

Sit

We Are Called to Stand Together

LSB 828

Sermon

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Prayer of the Church

Offertory

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+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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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

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Distribution

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

LSB 902

O Living Bread From Heaven

LSB 642

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

LSB 648

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

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Nunc Dimittis

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Post-Communion Collect

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Benediction

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

LSB 922

+VDMA+

**Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum
The Word of the Lord endures forever**

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Rick Zuehls, Rianon Padro, Exavier Padro, and veterans.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Rylie Snodgrass, Ken Gundlach (uncle of Sarah Billings), John Funk (friend of Steve and Sarah Billings), Kathy Krause (niece of Jane Gundlach), Vicky Basquez, and Irene Bashinsky.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22nd+

- ✘ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES:** There will be no Wednesday evening Bible study this week due to Pastor being out of town. The Wednesday morning study is being moved to Thursday morning. We will meet Thursday morning to study A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (656).
- ✘ **FIRE NIGHT WITH CHILI POTLUCK:** Our final Fire Night of the year will be this afternoon at the new home of Tyler and Deleen Nehls (507 13th Ave.) at 3:00 pm. Please bring a pot of your favorite chili to share. No worries about the weather; indoor seating is available.
- ✘ **REFORMATION POTLUCK:** We will have a brunch potluck after the Divine Service next Sunday, October 29th. See the sheet in the hallway to sign up to bring a dish.
- ✘ **CIRCUIT REFORMATION SERVICE:** Next Sunday, October 29th, St. John's Lutheran Church, Racine will host the annual Racine/Kenosha circuit Reformation Service at 4:00 pm. Our guest preacher for the afternoon service will be Rev. Sean Willman. A reception with cake will follow the service.
- ✘ **ANNUAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY** is scheduled for November 12th following the Divine Service. Congregation members are encouraged to make every effort to attend the meeting. The slate of candidates for Parish Planning Committee positions: President – Tyler Nehls, Financial Secretary – open to nomination, Education – vacant, open to nomination, Evangelism – role assumed by Spiritual Life Council in vacancy, open to nomination, Social Welfare – Donna Boyd, Board of Youth – Nate Nevius, Stewardship – vacant, open to nomination.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Lord's Work contributions budget YTD as of 10/20:	\$205,837
Lord's Work contributions received YTD as of 10/20:	\$185,455
Difference:	-20,382
Restricted contributions YTD as of 10/20:	\$36,078
Mortgage Balance as of 9/15:	\$30,505

ATTENDANCE 10/15: 111

BIRTHDAYS

None this week

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

10/24 Kathy Vescova

Garett Koch

10/27 Marge Harmon

ANNIVERSARIES

10/22 George & Sara Poullette (35 years)

10/26 Garett & Brooke Koch (5 years)

10/27 Terry & Pam Sommer (44 years)

Mark & Lorraine Mielke (33 years)