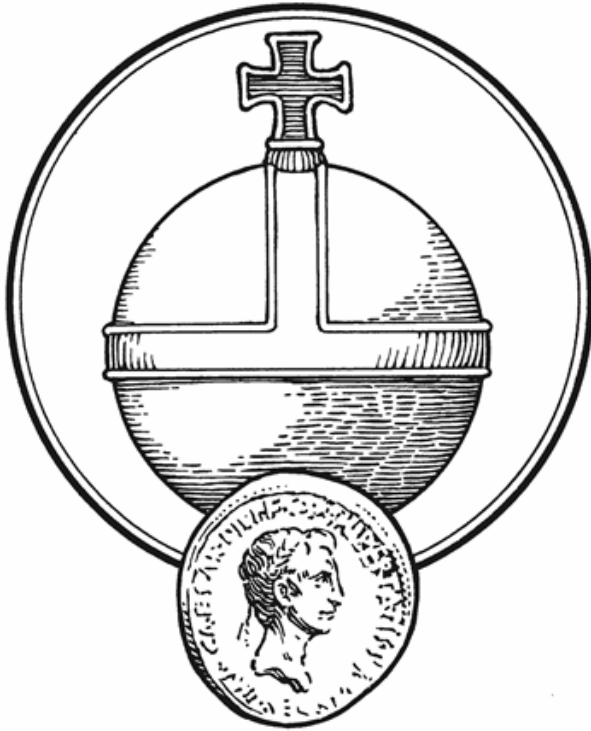


Messiah Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



**Twenty-Third Sunday after
Trinity**

November 12, 2023

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 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: Tyler Nehls

Ushers: Mark Varvil & Roger Jeschke

Greeter: Liz Joslyn

Organist: Elyse Adams

Altar Guild: LeAnn Varvil & Cara Zietz

Fellowship: William Walsh

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Mike & Sandy Martin.

Before You, Lord, We Bow

LSB 966

Confession and Absolution

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 85:1, 7, 9, 11; antiphon: Jer. 29:11a, 12



I know the plans I have for you, de- | clares the LORD,*
plans for wholeness and not for | evil.
Then you will call upon me and come and | pray to me,*
and I will | hear you.

LORD, you were favorable | to your land;*
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.

Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.

Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.

Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,*
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.

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.

I know the plans I have for you, de- | clares the LORD,*
plans for wholeness and not for | evil.
Then you will call upon me and come and | pray to me,*
and I will | hear you.

Kyrie

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This Is the Feast

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; 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

Proverbs 8:11–22

¹¹For wisdom is better than jewels,
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

¹²“I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,
and I find knowledge and discretion.

¹³The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil.
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil
and perverted speech I hate.

¹⁴I have counsel and sound wisdom;
I have insight; I have strength.

¹⁵By me kings reign,
and rulers decree what is just;

¹⁶by me princes rule,
and nobles, all who govern justly.

¹⁷I love those who love me,
and those who seek me diligently find me.

¹⁸Riches and honor are with me,
enduring wealth and righteousness.

¹⁹My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold,
and my yield than choice silver.

²⁰I walk in the way of righteousness,
in the paths of justice,

²¹granting an inheritance to those who love me,
and filling their treasuries.

²²“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.”

Gradual

Ps. 44:7–8



**You have saved us | from our foes*
and have put to shame those who | hate us.
In God we have boasted con- | tinually,*
and we will give thanks to your name for- | ever.**

Epistle

Philippians 3:17–21

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the

cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15–22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them,

“Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

Sit

Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

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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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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Agnus Dei

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Distribution

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Jerusalem, O City Fair and High

LSB 674

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Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

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Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord

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Thank the Lord

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Post-Communion Collect

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Benediction

Eternal Father Strong to Save

LSB 717

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**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, Irene Bashinsky, Dale Knutell, Bob Clauer, and Lauri Trapp.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12th+

- ✘ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES:** Wednesday morning at 9:30 we will study the hymn Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me (756). There will be no evening Bible study this week or next week.
- ✘ **ANNUAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY** is today following the Divine Service. Congregation members are encouraged to make every effort to attend the meeting.
- ✘ **THANKSGIVING DIVINE SERVICE** will be Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:30 pm.
- ✘ **POINSETTIAS:** Sign up to provide poinsettias to beautify our altar during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Sign up on the sheet in the hallway and submit your payment by Sunday, November 26th.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

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| Lord's Work contributions budget YTD as of 11/10: | \$220,517 |
| Lord's Work contributions received YTD as of 11/10: | \$199,396 |
| Difference: | -21,121 |
| Restricted contributions YTD as of 11/10: | \$36,441 |
| Mortgage Balance as of 10/18: | \$29,635 |

ATTENDANCE 11/6: 132

BIRTHDAYS

11/15 Cara Russo-Bichsel
11/17 Todd Walther
Tim Watson
11/18 Jim Sandberg

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

11/12 Henry Joslyn
11/14 Sandy Martin
11/15 Roger Lyngen

+NOVEMBER EVENTS AT MESSIAH+

Wednesday Nov. 22 6:30 pm Thanksgiving Divine Service

