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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 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: Mark Mielke & Garrett Koch

Greeter: Jim Madison

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: LeAnn Varvil & Cara Zietz

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided in honor of Louie & Kathy Capriotti's 50th wedding anniversary by Kathy's siblings.

Fellowship: Kathy Capriotti

The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

LSB 514

Confession and Absolution

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 39:4–5, 7–8; antiphon: Is. 35:10



The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with |
singing;*

everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.

They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*

and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

**O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my
days;***

let me know how fleeting | I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my
lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.*

Surely all mankind stands as a | mere breath!

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*

My hope | is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*

Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

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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everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.

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and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

hand.

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

Isaiah 65:17–25

- ¹⁷“For behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.
- ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.
- ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.
- ²⁰No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
- ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- ²²They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- ²³They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
and their descendants with them.
- ²⁴Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
- ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent’s food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,”
says the LORD.

Gradual

Ps. 45:14–15



**In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led | to the king,*
with her virgin companions following be- | hind her.
With joy and gladness they are | led along*
as they enter the palace | of the king.**

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the

other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Sit

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying *LSB 516*

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed *p158*

Prayer of the Church

Offertory *p159*

Sit

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

Stand

Preface *p160*

Sanctus *p161*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer *p162*

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini *p163*

Agnus Dei

Sit

Distribution

There Is a Time for Everything *LSB 762*

A Multitude Comes from the East and the West *LSB 510*

Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star *LSB 872*

Sent Forth By God's Blessing *Choir*

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Thank the Lord *p164*

Post-Communion Collect *p166*

Benediction

Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment *LSB 511*

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Verbum **D**omini **M**anet in **A**eternum
The **W**ord of the **L**ord 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, and Nicole Padro.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26th+

- ✘ **DECORATING:** If you are able, please stay after the service to help decorate for the Advent and Christmas seasons.
- ✘ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES:** Wednesday morning at 9:30 we will study the hymn Savior of the Nations, Come (332). At 6:30 pm we will have our last Wednesday evening Bible study of the year.
- ✘ **POINSETTIAS:** Please submit poinsettia payments today.
- ✘ **ELECTRONIC GIVING:** If you have been considering moving to automatic withdrawals for your church contributions, now is a great time to do it. No more hassle of checks and envelopes. It's convenient and you can make changes at any time. You can sign up at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YXWQ> or see Lesa for a paper form to fill out.
- ✘ **ADVENT SERVICES:** Midweek Advent Evening Prayer Services begin Wednesday, December 6th. The service is at 6:30 pm with a potluck meal beforehand at 5:45 pm.
- ✘ **CHRISTMAS GIVING:** We are again hosting a gift collection for families in need. Names and wish lists were provided by the Shalom Center and KAFASI, and are on a board in the fellowship hall. Wrapped gifts should be dropped off by Dec. 17. See Debbie Davidson or Kris Kochman with questions.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Lord's Work contributions budget YTD as of 11/24:	\$230,484
Lord's Work contributions received YTD as of 11/24:	\$207,397
Difference:	-23,087
Restricted contributions YTD as of 11/24:	\$36,959
Mortgage Balance as of 10/18:	\$29,635

ATTENDANCE 11/19: 127

BIRTHDAYS

11/29 Henry Buehrens
Kim Collina

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

11/27 Teddy Koch
11/29 Artyom Varvil
Sergei Varvil
12/2 Abby Hiebert-Schultz

+DECEMBER EVENTS AT MESSIAH+

Wednesday	Dec 6	5:45 pm	Advent Potluck: Italian
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Tuesday	Dec 12	7:00 pm	Spiritual Life Council Mtg
Wednesday	Dec 13	5:45 pm	Advent Potluck: Mexican
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Tuesday	Dec 19	6:00 pm	Parish Planning Meeting
Wednesday	Dec 20	5:45 pm	Advent Potluck: Pizza
		6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Sunday	Dec 24	9:00 am	Advent 4 Divine Service
		4:30 pm	Lessons & Carols
Monday	Dec 25	9:00 am	Christmas Day Divine Svc