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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: Mark Varvil

Ushers: Brent Jiter & Kelvin Nelson

Greeter: Linda Polcin

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Angela Pynaker & Tamara Weathersby

Altar Flowers: Provided by Bill Colombe and Mike & Debbie Snodgrass in memory of Doris Colombe.

Fellowship: Scott & Kate Tobalsky

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Confession and Absolution

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 18:1-2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: Ps. 18:5-6a



The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;*
the snares of death con- | fronted me.
In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.*
From his temple he | heard my voice.

I love you, O | LORD, my strength.*

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer,
For you save a humble | people,*
but the haughty eyes | you bring down.

**[You have] equipped | me with strength*
and made my way | blameless.**

For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the | nations,*
and sing | to your name.

**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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Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

Sit

Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555, v. 5-10

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offertory

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The Only Son from Heaven

Choir

+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

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Distribution

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken *LSB 648*

Rise, My Soul, To Watch and Pray *LSB 663*

May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill *LSB 698*

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me *LSB 761*

Stand

Nunc Dimittis *p165*

Post-Communion Collect *p166*

Benediction

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer *LSB 918*

+VDM A+

**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), Carl Jagow (cousin of Ted Scholz), George Peter, and Paul Thornburgh.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 28th+

- ✘ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES:** At 9:30 am we will study next week's hymn of the day: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (655). At 6:30 pm we will continue our discussion of 1 Corinthians and close with Compline.
- ✘ **THANK YOU:** Vernon and Lynda Koch would like to thank Pastor Roemke, the Altar Guild, and the congregation for helping them celebrate their 65th anniversary last Sunday. It was appreciated.
- ✘ **WEBSITE:** Our website is back up and functional. Thank you to Mark Bernhardt for jumping through several hoops to fix the problem.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Lord's Work contributions budget YTD as of 1/26:	\$18,877
Lord's Work contributions received YTD as of 1/26:	\$14,622
Difference:	-4,255
Restricted contributions YTD as of 1/26:	\$614
Mortgage Balance as of 1/18:	\$22,816

ATTENDANCE 1/21: 114

BIRTHDAYS

2/1 Hayley Weathersby
Payton Weathersby

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

1/31 Anna Enriquez
2/3 Vicky Nelson