

# Messiah Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

## THE PARABLE



## OF THE SOWER



*Sexagesima Sunday*  
*Sola Scriptura*

February 4, 2024

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:** Scott Tobalsky & Sergei Varvil

**Greeters:** Dave & Connie Mickelsen

**Organist:** Henry Buehrens

**Altar Guild:** Kim Collina & Kris Kochman

**Altar Flowers:** Provided by Jerry & Angela Pynaker in celebration of their 32<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

Stand

Confession and Absolution

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 44:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: Ps. 44:23, 25a, 26a



Awake! Why are you sleeping, | O Lord?\*

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!

For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.\*

Rise up; come | to our help!

**O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have | told us,\***

**what deeds you performed in their days, in the | days of old:**

you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you |  
planted;\*

you afflicted the peoples, but them you | set free.

**But 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.

**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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Rise up; come | to our help!

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit



## **Holy Gospel**

*Luke 8:4–15*

<sup>4</sup>When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: <sup>5</sup>“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. <sup>6</sup>And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. <sup>7</sup>And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup>And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

<sup>9</sup>And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, <sup>10</sup>he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ <sup>11</sup>Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup>The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup>And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. <sup>14</sup>And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. <sup>15</sup>As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

*Sit*

## **Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word**

*LSB 655*

### **Sermon**

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

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**Prayer of the Church**

**Offertory**

*p159*

*Sit*

***Go Out In Joy***

*Choir*

**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

*Stand*

**Preface**

*p160*

**Sanctus**

*p161*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Lord's Prayer**

*p162*

**The Words of Our Lord**

<b>Pax Domini</b>	<i>p163</i>
<b>Agnus Dei</b>	
<i>Sit</i>	
Distribution	
<b>Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast</b>	<i>LSB 577</i>
<b>The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace</b>	<i>LSB 580</i>
<b>Father, We Thank Thee</b>	<i>LSB 652</i>
<b>Almighty Father, Bless the Word</b>	<i>LSB 923</i>
<i>Stand</i>	
<b>Nunc Dimittis</b>	<i>p165</i>
<b>Post-Communion Collect</b>	<i>p166</i>
<b>Benediction</b>	
<b>On What Has Now Been Sown</b>	<i>LSB 921</i>

**+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), Carl Jagow (cousin of Ted Scholz), George Peter, Betty Nemeth (sister of Mary Jo Jiter), and Judy Dissen.

**+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup>+**

- ✘ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES:** At 9:30 am we will study next week's hymn of the day: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (849). Wednesday evening Bible study finished 1 Corinthians last week and is now on a hiatus until after Easter.
- ✘ **2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are in your church mailboxes. Please contact Evone Hagerman with any questions.
- ✘ **PALMS:** If you have any palm crosses at home from last Palm Sunday, please bring them to church next Sunday. They will be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.
- ✘ **ASH WEDNESDAY:** Next Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, Imposition of Ashes with Confession and Absolution will be offered from 6-8:15 am. Divine Services with Imposition of Ashes will be held at 9:00 am and 6:30 pm.
- ✘ **EASTER FLOWERS:** Please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board to provide Easter flowers. Payments are due Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Lord's Work contributions budget YTD as of 2/2:	\$24,060
Lord's Work contributions received YTD as of 2/2:	\$20,483
Difference:	-3,577
Restricted contributions YTD as of 2/2:	\$888
Mortgage Balance as of 1/18:	\$22,816

**ATTENDANCE 1/28: 117**

**BIRTHDAYS**

2/4 Bill Walsh  
2/9 Pam Walsh

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

2/4 Louie Capriotti  
2/6 Brooke Koch  
2/9 Henry Buehrens  
Linda Polcin

## ANNIVERSARIES

2/8 Jerry & Angela Pynaker (32 years)  
2/10 Pastor Roemke's Installation Anniversary (11 years)

### +FEBRUARY EVENTS AT MESSIAH+

Wednesday	2/14	6:00-8:15 am	Imposition of Ashes
		9:00 am	Ash Wednesday Divine Service
		6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Divine Service
Tuesday	2/20	6:00 pm	Parish Planning Committee Mtg
		7:00 pm	Spiritual Life Council Mtg
Wednesday	2/21	9:00 am	Lenten Matins
		5:45 pm	Soup Supper Potluck
		6:30 pm	Lenten Vespers
Wednesday	2/28	9:00 am	Lenten Matins
		5:45 pm	Soup Supper Potluck
		6:30 pm	Lenten Vespers