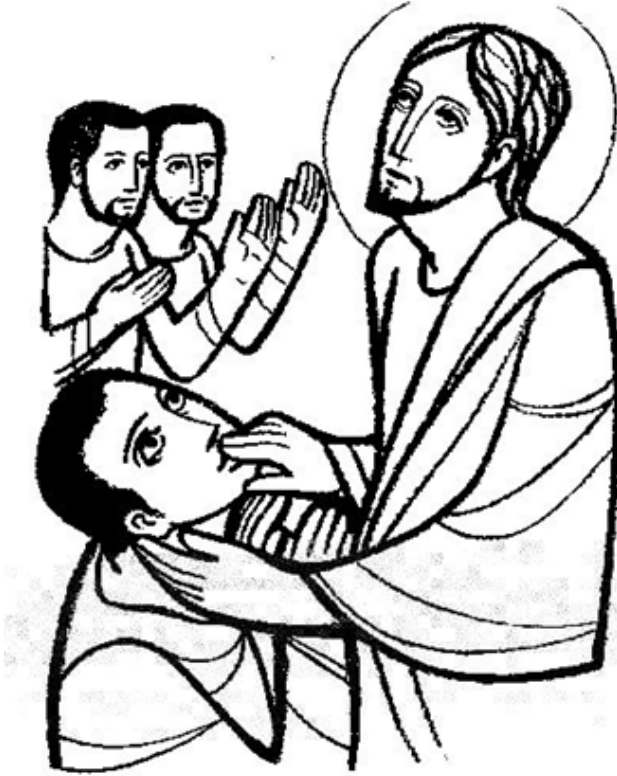


Messiah Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Third Sunday in Lent
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Divine Service III

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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 Mielke & Kelvin Nelson

Greeter: Mary Rusch

Organist: Henry Buehrens

Altar Guild: Cara Zietz & Angela Pynaker

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 8:16–24

¹⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.’” ¹⁷And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. ¹⁸The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. ¹⁹Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

²⁰Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Let my people go, that they may serve me. ²¹Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. ²²But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. ²³Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.’”” ²⁴And the LORD did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants’ houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

Gradual

Ps. 9:19, 3



Arise, O LORD! Let not | man prevail;*
let the nations be judged be- | fore you!
When my enemies | turn back,*
they stumble and perish before your | presence.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:1–9

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has

no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

Stand

Tract for Lent

Ps. 123:1-3a



To you I lift | up my eyes,*

O you who are enthroned in the | heavens!

**Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their |
master,***

**so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy up- |
on us.**

**Have mercy upon us, | O LORD,*
have mercy up- | on us.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:14-28

¹⁴Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” ¹⁶while others, to test Him, kept seeking from Him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²²but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. ²³Whoever is not with Me is against Me, and whoever does not gather with Me scatters.

²⁴“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ ²⁵And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

²⁷As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts at which You nursed!” ²⁸But He said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

Apostles’ Creed *p192*
Sit

Lord of Our Life *LSB 659*

Sermon

Stand

Offertory *p192*

Prayer of the Church

Sit

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

Stand

Preface *p194*

Sanctus *p195*

Lord's Prayer *p196*

The Words of Our Lord *p197*

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei *p198*

Sit

Distribution

Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode *LSB 714*

For Me to Live is Jesus *LSB 742*

God Has Spoken by His Prophets *LSB 583*

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

Stand

Nunc Dimittis *p199*

Thanksgiving *p200*

Salutation and Benedicamus *p201*

Benediction *p202*

Onward Christian Soldiers *LSB 662*

+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, Betty Nemeth (sister of Mary Jo Jiter), Judy Dissen, Michelle Knull, Diane Ciesielczyk (aunt of Vicky Nelson), Helen Nelson (mother of Kelvin Nelson), and Pamela Hammond (daughter of Kathy Knutell).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 3rd+

- ✘ **LENTE MATINS** Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am. Ideal for those who are not able to attend Vespers or do not like to drive at night.
- ✘ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** At 9:30 am we will study next week's hymn of the day: Jesus, Priceless Treasure (743).
- ✘ **LENTE VESPER & SOUP SUPPERS** continue this Wednesday, March 6th. We will have a potluck soup supper at 5:45 pm and Vespers begins at 6:30 pm.
- ✘ **TRANSPORTATION HELP:** Mary Rusch has offered to coordinate rides for those who need assistance getting to church. If you need a ride to church, or would like to volunteer to drive others, please contact Mary Rusch.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Lord's Work contributions budget YTD as of 3/1:	\$45,742
Lord's Work contributions received YTD as of 3/1:	\$37,827
Difference:	-7,915
Restricted contributions YTD as of 3/1:	\$1,985
Mortgage Balance as of 2/16:	\$21,919

ATTENDANCE 2/25: 122

BIRTHDAYS

3/4 Jim Madison
 Ken Ortiz
 Terry Sommer

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

3/3 Eric Davidson
 3/8 Evone Hagerman

+MARCH EVENTS AT MESSIAH+

Wednesday	3/6	9:00 am	Lenten Matins
		5:45 pm	Soup Supper Potluck
		6:30 pm	Lenten Vespers
Wednesday	3/13	9:00 am	Lenten Matins
		5:45 pm	Soup Supper Potluck
		6:30 pm	Lenten Vespers
Tuesday	3/19	6:00 pm	Parish Planning Meeting
		7:00 pm	Spiritual Life Council Meeting
Wednesday	3/20	9:00 am	Lenten Matins
		5:45 pm	Soup Supper Potluck
		6:30 pm	Lenten Vespers
Monday	3/25	6:30 pm	Spoken Divine Service
Tuesday	3/26	6:30 pm	Spoken Divine Service
Wednesday	3/27	6:30 pm	Spoken Divine Service
Thursday	3/28	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Divine Service
Friday	3/29	12:00 pm	Good Friday Chief Service
		6:30 pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers
Saturday	3/30	7:15 pm	Easter Vigil