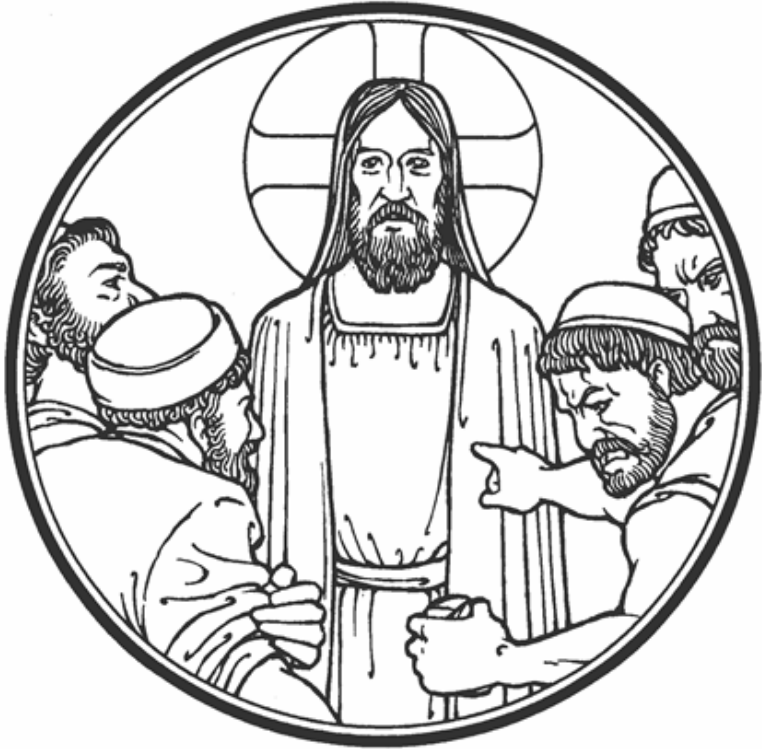


**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
**The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**



**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**Judica**

**March 17, 2024**

**Divine Service III**

# 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 Bernhardt

**Ushers:** Scott Tobalsky & Sergei Varvil

**Greeter:** Pat Tomsheck

**Organist:** Evone Hagerman

**Cellist:** Christa Hegland

**Altar Guild:** Cara Zietz & Angela Pynaker

**Fellowship:** Donna Boyd

All *Gloria Patris* are removed from here through Easter.  
The crosses are completely veiled from now until Good Friday, as the  
Gospel reading says: *Jesus hid Himself*.

## **I Bind Unto Myself Today**

*LSB 604*

*Stand*

### **Confession and Absolution**

*p184*

#### **+SERVICE OF THE WORD+**

**Introit** *The Gloria Patri is omitted from the Divine Service until Easter.*

*Ps. 43:3–5; antiphon: Ps. 43:1–2a*



Vindicate me, | O God,\*

and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,  
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!\*

For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.

**Send out your light and your truth; let them | lead me;\***

**let them bring me to your holy hill and to your | dwelling!**

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my ex- | ceeding joy,\*

and I will praise you with the lyre, O | God, my God.

**Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil  
with- | in me?\***

**Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation | and  
my God.**

Vindicate me, | O God,\*

and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,  
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!\*

For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.

## **Kyrie-II**

*LSB 944, v. 1-3*

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

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Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your  
people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul;  
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**

*Genesis 22:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!”

And he said, "Here am I." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

## Gradual

*Ps. 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a, c*



**Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!\***  
**Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!**  
**[You] delivered me from my | enemies;\***  
**you rescued me from the man of | violence.**

## Epistle

*Hebrews 9:11-15*

<sup>11</sup>But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the holy

places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

<sup>15</sup>Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

*Stand*

## **Tract for Lent**

*Ps. 129:1-4*



**“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth”—\*  
let Israel | now say—  
“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth,\*  
yet they have not prevailed a- | gainst me.  
The plowers plowed up- | on my back; \*  
they made long their | furrows.”  
The LORD is | righteous; \*  
he has cut the cords of the | wicked.**

## **Holy Gospel**

*John 8:46–59*

<sup>46</sup>Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? <sup>47</sup>Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

<sup>48</sup>The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” <sup>52</sup>The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ <sup>55</sup>But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he

would see my day. He saw it and was glad.”<sup>57</sup> So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?”<sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”<sup>59</sup> So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

*The Processional Crucifix is veiled.*

**Apostles’ Creed** *p192*  
*Sit*

**My Song Is Love Unknown** *LSB 430*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Offertory** *p192*

**Prayer of the Church**

*Sit*

**Cast Thy Burden** *Choir*

**+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

**Precious Lord, Take My Hand** *LSB 739*

**I Lay My Sins on Jesus** *LSB 606*

**Jesus, Refuge of the Weary** *LSB 423*

**Jesus, Lead Thou On** *LSB 718*

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis** (*Gloria Patri is omitted*) *p199*

**Thanksgiving** *p200*

**Salutation and Benedicamus** *p201*

**Benediction** *p202*

**Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed** *LSB 437*

## +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.
- ✘ The family of Bob Clauer
- ✘ 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), Betty Nemeth (sister of Mary Jo Jiter), Judy Dissen, Michelle Knull, Diane Ciesielczyk (aunt of Vicky Nelson), Helen Nelson (mother of Kelvin Nelson), Pamela Hammond (daughter of Kathy Knutell), and Bob Halvorson (relative of Vicky Nelson).

### +ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>+

- ✘ **FUNERAL LUNCHEON:** Thank you to all of you who contributed food and/or helped to serve at the luncheon for Donna Primuth's family on Monday. Your help is appreciated.
- ✘ **LENTEN MATINS** Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am as an alternative to Vespers.
- ✘ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** At 9:30 am we will study next week's hymn of the day: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth (438).
- ✘ **LENTEN VESPERS & SOUP SUPPERS** conclude this Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. We will have a potluck soup supper at 5:45 pm and Vespers begins at 6:30 pm.
- ✘ **EASTER BRUNCH:** We will have an Easter brunch potluck after the service on Easter morning. Sausage patties, biscuits, and sausage gravy are being provided. Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway to provide a dish.
- ✘ **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 her.
- ✘ **SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:** Women are encouraged to consider joining the Altar Guild to do light cleaning and set up the altar on Saturdays, about 40 mins and clean up after service on Sundays, about

30 mins. Typically people serve for one month at a time, but subs are welcome. Talk with Kris Kochman or Angela Pynaker for details.

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Lord's Work contributions budget YTD as of 3/15:	\$56,269
Lord's Work contributions received YTD as of 3/15:	\$47,826
Difference:	-8,443
Restricted contributions YTD as of 3/15:	\$2,163
Mortgage Balance as of 2/16:	\$21,919

**ATTENDANCE 3/10: 111**

**BIRTHDAYS**

3/19	Angela Pynaker
3/23	Todd Giese

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

3/17	Alex Gerlach
3/19	Rich Cleereman

**+MARCH EVENTS AT MESSIAH+**

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