

Messiah Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



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Divine Service II

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: Jim Vescova

Ushers: TBD

Greeter: Liz Joslyn

Organist: Henry Buehrens

Altar Guild: Diana Dissen & LeAnn Varvil

God Himself Is Present

LSB 907

Confession and Absolution

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a



Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*
long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.

Sing aloud to | God our strength;*
shout for joy to the God of | Jacob!

In distress you called, and I de- | livered you;*
I answered you in the secret place of | thunder.

I am the | LORD your God,*
who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.

Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it;*
and with honey from the rock I would sat- | isfy you.

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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long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.

Kyrie

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This is the Feast

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

LSB 601

Epistle

1 John 5:4–10

⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹If we receive the

testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Sit

O Sons and Daughters of the King

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Sermon

Stand

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Verbum **D**omini **M**anet in **A**eternum
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), 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), Bob Halvorson (relative of Vicky Nelson), and Amy Vallis.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 7th+

- ✘ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** At 9:30 am, we will study next week's hymn of the day, The King of Love My Shepherd Is (709). There will be no evening Bible study this week.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Lord's Work contributions budget YTD as of 4/5:	\$71,275
Lord's Work contributions received YTD as of 4/5:	\$61,310
Difference:	-9,965
Restricted contributions YTD as of 4/5:	\$4,488
Mortgage Balance as of 3/18:	\$21,018

ATTENDANCE 3/31: 165

BIRTHDAYS

4/11 Debbie Snodgrass
4/12 Rick Zuehls

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

4/10 Gabby Nevius
4/11 Sara Lyngen