

Messiah Lutheran Church
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Vola Gratia

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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.

PRAVERS 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: Artyom Varvil & Mark Bernhardt

Greeter: Marge Harmon

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Cara Zietz & Michelle Wert

Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555, v. 1-4, choir v.5

Stand

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

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17:1–7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Gradual

Ps. 9:9–10, 18–19a



**The LORD is a stronghold for | the oppressed,*
a stronghold in times of | trouble.
And those who know your name put their | trust in you,*
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who | seek you.
For the needy shall not always be for- | gotten,*
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for- | ever.
A- | rise, O LORD!*
Let not | man prevail.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 9:24–10:5

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

^{10:1}I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank 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. 6-10

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offertory

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Sit

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Piano/Cello

+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

Sit

Distribution

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence *LSB 621*

By Grace I'm Saved *LSB 566*

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling *LSB 827*

Be Strong in the Lord *LSB 665*

Stand

Nunc Dimittis *p165*

Post-Communion Collect *p166*

Benediction

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer *LSB 918*

+ V D M A +

**Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum
The Word of the Lord endures forever**

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Rianon Padro, Exavier Padro, & 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), Michelle Knull, Gail Kulbacki, Roger & Sara Lyngen, Linda Polcin, Vernon Koch, Pat Tomscheck, Connie Bernhardt (mother of Mark Bernhardt), Yvonne Batsakis (mother of Kathy Watson), Jane Gundlach, and Kathy Knutell.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16th+

- ✘ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES:** At 9:30 am we will study the hymn Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (LSB 761). At 6:30 pm we will continue our discussion of the Book of Concord and close with Compline.
- ✘ **MEETINGS THIS WEEK:** On Tuesday, February 18th the Parish Planning Committee will meet at 6:00 pm. We will meet in the education wing due to voting in the fellowship hall. The Spiritual Life Council will meet the same evening at 7:00 pm.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Lord's Work contributions budget YTD as of 2/14:	\$32,935
Lord's Work contributions received YTD as of 2/14:	\$24,488
Difference:	-\$8,447
Restricted contributions YTD as of 2/14:	\$790

ATTENDANCE 2/9: 118

BIRTHDAYS

2/17 Don Moe
2/19 Austin Nehls
Logan Nevius
2/20 Connie Mickelsen
2/21 Emma Jiter

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

2/15 Stephanie Zuehls
2/17 Nyssa Zuehls

ANNIVERSARIES

2/18 Mike & Sandy Martin (19 years)