

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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# 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:** Scott Tobalsky

**Ushers:** Mark Mielke & Kelvin Nelson

**Greeter:** Mary Rusch

**Organist:** Henry Buehrens

**Altar Guild:** Tamara Weathersby & Kris Kochman

**Fellowship:** Cake in celebration of the mortgage retirement.

## LSB 861

## Confession and Absolution

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**+SERVICE OF THE WORD+**

*Ps. 31:1, 5, 9, 16; antiphon: Ps. 31:2b–3*



**In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to  
shame;\***

**in Your righteousness de- | liver me!**

Into Your hand I commit my | spirit;\*

You have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

**Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | in distress;\***

**my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body | also.**

Make Your face shine on Your | servant;\*

save me in Your | steadfast love!

**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.**

Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,\*

a strong fortress to | save me!

For You are my rock and my | fortress;\*

and for Your name's sake You lead me and | guide me.

## Kyrie

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## Gloria in Excelsis

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; 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

*Isaiah 35:3–7*

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
“Be strong; fear not!  
Behold, your God  
will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.  
He will come and save you.”  
<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.  
For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

## Gradual

*Ps. 77:14–15*



**You are the God who works | wonders;\***  
**You have made known Your might among the | peoples.**  
**You with Your arm redeemed Your | people,\***  
**the children of Jacob and | Joseph.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 13:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when the perfect comes, the

partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

<sup>13</sup>So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

*Stand*

## **Alleluia and Verse**

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## **Holy Gospel**

*Luke 18:31–43*

<sup>31</sup>Taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup>For He will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. <sup>33</sup>And after flogging Him, they will kill Him, and on the third day He will rise.”

<sup>34</sup>But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

<sup>35</sup>As He drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup>And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant.

<sup>37</sup>They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” <sup>38</sup>And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>39</sup>And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>40</sup>And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he came near, He asked him, <sup>41</sup>“What do you want Me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.”

<sup>42</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.” <sup>43</sup>And immediately he recovered his sight and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

*Sit*

## **Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

*LSB 849*

## **Sermon**

*Stand*

## **Nicene Creed**

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## **Offertory**

### **+RETIREMENT OF A DEBT+**

- P** Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, it is with joy and gratitude that we announce the retirement of the debt for our mortgage.

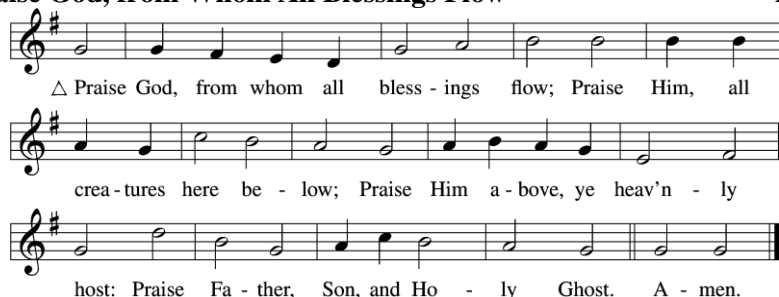
**P** In thanksgiving to God, we now burn this mortgage in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*While the mortgage is being burned, the congregation sings the Common Doxology:*

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

*LSB 805*



**P** Let us pray:

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have guided us in wisdom and given us the courage and resources for paying off our mortgage. With gratitude we remember our years of planning and work. Continue to grant us unity of counsel, purity of intention, and the holy purpose to nurture Your people by Word and Sacrament and to extend Your Church for the salvation of the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

**+RECEPTION OF MEMBERS BY PROFESSION OF FAITH+**

**P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles:

"Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

**P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

**P** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

**R** *Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

**R** *I will, with the help of God.*

**P** Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your son and daughter to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The grace of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**C** **Amen.**

**Prayer of the Church**

*Sit*

## +SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

*Stand*

**Preface**

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**Sanctus**

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Lord's Prayer**

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**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini**

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**Agnus Dei**

*Sit*

**Distribution**

**God, Whose Almighty Word**

*LSB 979*



1 God, whose al - might - y word Cha - os and  
2 Lord, who once came to bring, On Your re -  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, Life - giv - ing,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, Glo - ri - ous



dark - ness heard And took their flight: Hear us, we  
deem - ing wing, Heal - ing and sight, Health to the  
ho - ly dove, Speed forth Your flight; Move on the  
Trin - i - ty, Wis - dom, love, might! Bound - less as



hum - bly pray, And where the Gos - pel day  
sick in mind, Sight to the in - ly blind:  
wa - ter's face, Bear - ing the lamp of grace,  
o - cean's tide, Roll - ing in full - est pride,



Sheds not its glo - rious ray, Let there be light!  
Oh, now to hu - man - kind Let there be light!  
And in earth's dark - est place Let there be light!  
Through the earth, far and wide, Let there be light!

**Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me**

*LSB 722*

**Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

*LSB 685*

**Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good**

*LSB 819*

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

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**Post-Communion Collect**

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**Benediction**

**Alleluia, Song of Gladness**

*LSB 417, choir v. 3*

+ 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 Tomsheck, Connie Bernhardt (mother of Mark Bernhardt), Jane Gundlach, Kathy Knutell, Scott Carpenter, Tatum Nehls, and Jerry Kochman.

### +ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>+

- ✘ **ASH WEDNESDAY:** This Wednesday, March 5<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. There will be no morning Bible study this week.
- ✘ **LENTEN DEVOTIONAL:** Pastor Roemke has compiled a daily Lenten devotional booklet for you use during this penitential season.
- ✘ **CRAFT NIGHT** is this Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Join us at 6:00 pm for a fun evening of crafting and fellowship.
- ✘ **EASTER FLOWERS:** Please use the sheet in the hallway to sign up to provide Easter flowers. See Kris Kochman with any questions.
- ✘ **LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES** begin Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Matins at 9:00 am with Bible study following at 9:30 am. Soup supper potluck at 5:45 and Vespers at 6:30.

### +CONTRIBUTIONS+

Lord's Work contributions budget YTD as of 2/28:	\$45,115
Lord's Work contributions received YTD as of 2/28:	\$31,038
Difference:	-\$14,077
Restricted contributions YTD as of 2/28:	\$4,624

### ATTENDANCE 2/23: 98

#### BIRTHDAYS

3/2	Linda Polcin
3/4	Jim Madison
	Ken Ortiz
	Terry Sommer
3/5	Jerome Knull

#### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

3/3	Eric Davidson
	Amy Wright
3/7	Jerry Tobalsky
3/8	Evone Hagerman

**+MARCH EVENTS AT MESSIAH+**

Wednesday	3/5	6:00-8:15 am	Imposition of Ashes
		9:00 am	Ash Wednesday Divine Service
		6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Divine Service
Friday	3/7	6:00 pm	Craft Night
Wednesday	3/12	9:00 am	Lenten Matins
		9:30 am	Bible Study
		5:45 pm	Soup Supper Potluck
		6:30 pm	Lenten Vespers
Tuesday	3/18	6:00 pm	Parish Planning Committee Mtg
		7:00 pm	Spiritual Life Council Meeting
Wednesday	3/19	9:00 am	Lenten Matins
		9:30 am	Bible Study
		5:45 pm	Soup Supper Potluck
		6:30 pm	Lenten Vespers
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		9:30 am	Bible Study
		5:45 pm	Soup Supper Potluck
		6:30 pm	Lenten Vespers