

Messiah Lutheran Church

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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: Scott Tobalsky

Ushers: Mark Mielke & Garrett Koch

Greeter: Mary Rusch

Pianist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Tamara Weathersby & Diana Dissen

Fellowship: Donna Boyd

LSB 541

Stand

Confession and Absolution

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 25:1–2, 17–18, 20; antiphon: Ps. 25:15–16



My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for He will pluck my feet out | of the net.
Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

To You, | O LORD,*

I lift | up my soul.

O my God, in You I trust; let me not be | put to shame;*
let not my enemies exult | over me.

**The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;*
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.**

Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*
and forgive | all my sins.

Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!*

Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in 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.

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

Kyrie-II

LSB 944, v. 1-3

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

Stand

Psalm 123:1-3a



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

Luke 11:14–28

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

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Sit

Lord of Our Life

LSB 659

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

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Prayer of the Church

Sit

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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Preface

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Sit

Distribution

Be Still, My Soul

LSB 752

Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode

LSB 714

Christ, the Life of All the Living

LSB 420

Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness

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Nunc Dimittis

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Thanksgiving

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Salutation and Benedicamus

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Benediction

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Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

LSB 697

+VDM 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, Jane Gundlach, Kathy Knutell, Diane Gundlach, Dave Mickelsen, Michelle Wert, Brian Roemke (Pastor's father), Yvonne Batsakis, and Lesa Roemke.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 23rd+

- ✱ **LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES** continue this Wednesday, March 26th. Matins at 9:00 am with Bible study following at 9:30 am. Soup supper potluck at 5:45 and Vespers at 6:30. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to provide something for the soup potluck.
- ✱ **EASTER FLOWERS:** Payments are due today.
- ✱ **THRIVENT CHOICE:** Thank you to all of you who have directed your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Messiah. In 2024, we received \$1,448 through this program. Any Choice Dollars you have now will expire on March 31st, so you must chose a beneficiary before then. Please contact your Thrivent representative with any questions.
- ✱ **EASTER EGG HUNT:** Cash donations are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt for the children on Easter Sunday. Please see Kate Tobalsky if you would like to contribute.
- ✱ **MEDICAL LEAVE:** Lesa is having surgery this week and will be out for a couple of weeks. If you have any questions or issues that cannot wait until she gets back, please reach out to Pastor Roemke.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Lord's Work contributions budget YTD as of 3/21:	\$60,682
Lord's Work contributions received YTD as of 3/21:	\$47,241
Difference:	-\$13,441
Restricted contributions YTD as of 3/21:	\$5,899

ATTENDANCE 3/16: 112

BIRTHDAYS

3/23	Todd Giese
3/27	Toni Marshman

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

3/28	Scott Tobalsky
3/29	Bob Hagerman

ANNIVERSARIES

3/24	Barry & Robin Tegel (7 years)
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+UPCOMING EVENTS AT MESSIAH+

Wednesday	3/26	9:00 am	Lenten Matins
		9:30 am	Bible Study
		5:45 pm	Soup Supper Potluck
		6:30 pm	Lenten Vespers
Wednesday	4/2	9:00 am	Lenten Matins
		9:30 am	Bible Study
		5:45 pm	Soup Supper Potluck
		6:30 pm	Lenten Vespers
Wednesday	4/9	9:00 am	Lenten Matins
		9:30 am	Bible Study
		5:45 pm	Soup Supper Potluck
		6:30 pm	Lenten Vespers