

# 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:** Mike Martin

**Ushers:** Brent Jiter & Mark Mielke

**Greeters:** Dave & Connie Mickelsen

**Organist:** Henry Buehrens

**Altar Guild:** Kris Kochman

*Stand*

**Confession and Absolution**

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**+SERVICE OF THE WORD+**

**Introit**

*Ps. 33:1, 18–20; antiphon: Ps. 33:5b, 6a*



The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alle- | luia.\*

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alle- | luia.

**Shout for joy in the LORD, O you | righteous!\***

**Praise befits the | upright.**

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear Him,\*

on those who hope in His | steadfast love,

**that He may deliver their | soul from death\***

**and keep them alive in | famine.**

Our soul waits | for the LORD;\*

He is our help | and our shield.

**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.**

The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alle- | luia.\*

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. 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, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same 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**

*Ezekiel 34:11–16*

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he

is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

## **The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want**

*LSB 710*

### **Epistle**

*1 Peter 2:21–25*

<sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. <sup>23</sup>When He was reviled, he did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

*Stand*

### **Alleluia and Verse**

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### **Holy Gospel**

*John 10:11–16*

<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

*Sit*  
**The King of Love My Shepherd Is** *LSB 709*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed** *p174*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offertory - New Testament Cantic** *p266*

*Sit*

**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

*Stand*

**Preface** *p177*

**Sanctus** *p178*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**The Words of Our Lord** *p179*

**Proclamation of Christ**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Pax Domini** *p180*

**Agnus Dei**

*Sit*

**Distribution**

**I Am Jesus' Little Lamb** *LSB 740*

**Have No Fear, Little Flock** *LSB 735*

**Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me** *LSB 683*

**O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe** *LSB 666*

*Stand*

**Thank the Lord** *p181*

**Post-Communion Collect** *p183*

**Benediction**

**Shepherd of Tender Youth** *LSB 864*

**+VDM A+**

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

### +PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Lena Roemke, 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 Knoll, Gail Kulbacki, Roger & Sara Lyngen, Linda Polcin, Pat Tomsheck, Jane Gundlach, Kathy Knutell, Diane Gundlach, Dave Mickelsen, Michelle Wert, Monica Scholz, and Amara and Autumn (granddaughters of John Adams).

### +ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 4<sup>th</sup>+

- ✘ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES** will resume this Wednesday at 9:30 am and 6:30 pm. There will be no studies on the 14<sup>th</sup> due to Pastor being out of town at the Spring Pastors' Conference.
- ✘ **NATIVE PRAIRIE RESTORATION PROJECT:** Join us to learn about Messiah's Prairie Restoration Project on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 11:30 am. A speaker from Root Pike WIN will discuss the community benefits of restoring a prairie and share what the process of starting and establishing a prairie will look like. Other speakers will share their experiences with prairie restoration and there will be time for questions and fellowship. Open to the public. A baked goods fundraiser to benefit the costs of prairie installation will take place at the event.
- ✘ **MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE:** Next Sunday we will have roses for sale. Due to quality concerns, only red roses will be available this year. There will be flower sleeves and a limited amount of greenery available. Suggested donation remains \$3 per rose (cash please). All proceeds benefit the Kenosha chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life. Funds are used for educational purposes and support for local Pro-Life programs. Contact Sandy Martin with any questions.
- ✘ **ALTAR GUILD:** Volunteers are needed for Altar Guild, assisting with communion set-up and light cleaning of the altar on weekends. For details, talk with Kris Kochman.

### +CONTRIBUTIONS+

Lord's Work contributions budget YTD as of 5/2:	\$90,442
Lord's Work contributions received YTD as of 5/2:	\$76,386
Difference:	-\$14,056
Restricted contributions YTD as of 5/2:	\$8,149

**ATTENDANCE 4/27: 106**

## **BIRTHDAYS**

5/5     Ryan French  
       Paul Hegland  
       Al Swift  
5/8     Grace Vallis  
5/9     Mark Brenner  
5/10    Jeremy Gerlach

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

5/10     Nate & Gabby Nevius (11 years)