

Messiah Lutheran Church

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Divine Service IV

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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: Mark Bernhardt

Ushers: Scott Tobalsky & Sergei Varvil

Greeters: Dave & Connie Mickelsen

Organist: Henry Buehrens

Altar Guild: Kris Kochman & Amy Vallis

Confession and Absolution

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 27:1a, 11–12, 14; antiphon: Ps. 27:7, 9b



Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*

be gracious to me and | answer me!

O you who have | been my help,*

forsake me not, O God of my sal- | vation!

The LORD is my light and my sal- | vation;*

whom | shall I fear?

Teach me your way, | O LORD,*

and lead me on a level path because of my | enemies.

Give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;*

**for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out
| violence.**

Wait | for the LORD;*

be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the LORD!

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.

Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*

be gracious to me and | answer me!

O you who have | been my help,*

forsake me not, O God of my sal- | vation!

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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O God, You have prepared for those who love You good things that surpass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

1 Kings 19:11–21

¹¹[The LORD] said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.”

And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” ²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

Gradual

Ps. 84:9, 8



**Behold our shield, | O God;*
look on the face of your a- | nointed!
O LORD God of hosts, | hear my prayer;*
give ear, O God of | Jacob!**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 5:1–11

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.”

¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Nicene Creed

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Sit

"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

LSB 688

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offertory Hymn - We Give Thee But Thine Own *LSB 781, v. 1-2, 6*

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

Stand

Preface

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Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

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Distribution

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LSB 427

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

LSB 454

Baptismal Waters Cover Me

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Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

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Benedicamus and Benediction

Jesus, Lead Thou On

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+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 Asbury, Exavier Padro, & veterans.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Rylie Snodgrass, John Funk (friend of Steve and Sarah Billings), Michelle Knull, Roger & Sara Lyngen, Linda Polcin, Pat Tomsheck, Jane Gundlach, Kathy Knutell, Michelle Wert, Monica Scholz, Bill Colombe, Donna Boyd, Vernon Koch, and Anita Brothers.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 20th+

- ✘ **FIRE NIGHT:** Our next Fire Night will be this Friday, July 25th. Come to the parsonage backyard at 6:00 pm. Bring an appetizer to share. Bring chairs and drinks for yourself and enjoy a night of fellowship with your Messiah family.
- ✘ **SAVE THE DATE!** We are combining the church picnic and Oktoberfest into one event, planned for Sunday afternoon or evening September 28th. This will not be a fundraiser; just a fun time of fellowship as a congregation. The church and a group of volunteers will provide the brats and schnitzel and everyone else will bring sides, desserts, and drinks. More details to come.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Lord's Work contributions budget YTD as of 7/18:	\$147,524
Lord's Work contributions received YTD as of 7/18:	\$121,503
Difference:	-\$26,021
Restricted contributions YTD as of 7/18:	\$12,596

ATTENDANCE 7/13: 91

BIRTHDAYS

7/26 Donna Boyd

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

7/22 Dennis Helmke

ANNIVERSARIES

7/23 Jeff & Amy Vallis (31 years)