

Messiah Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



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Divine Service III
With the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for
Luke Matthew Tobalsky

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: Mark Varvil & Roger Jeschke

Greeter: Marge Harmon

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Cara Zietz & LeAnn Varvil

Fellowship: Baptism cake provided by the Altar Guild.

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Audrey Walsh in honor of her 90th birthday.

+++HOLY BAPTISM+++

- P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own.

Therefore, depart, you unclean spirit, and make room for the Holy Spirit in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of the candidate while saying:

- P** Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

- P** Let us pray.

O almighty and eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray on behalf of Your servant Luke, who asks for the gift of Your Baptism and desires Your eternal grace through spiritual rebirth. Receive him, Lord, according to Your promise: “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.” Now give Your blessing to him who asks and open the door to him who knocks, so that he may obtain the eternal blessing of this heavenly bath and receive the promised kingdom that You give; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

- P** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Luke according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate.

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even ✠ forevermore.

C Amen.

Sit

P Luke Matthew, do you renounce the devil?

R Yes, I renounce him.

P Do you renounce all his works?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R Yes, I believe.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

R Yes, I believe.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

R Yes, I believe.

P Luke, do you desire to be baptized?

R Yes, I do.

The pastor pours water three times on the head of the candidate while saying:

P Luke Matthew, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

A white garment may be placed on the newly baptized.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

C Amen.

P Peace ✠ be with you.

C Amen.

All return to their places.

Stand

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 54:1–3, 7; antiphon: Ps. 54:4–5



Behold, God is my | helper;*
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.
He will return the evil to my | enemies;*
in your faithfulness put an | end to them.

**O God, save me, | by your name,*
and vindicate me | by your might.**

O God, | hear my prayer;*

give ear to the words | of my mouth.

For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men | seek my life;*

they do not set God be- | fore themselves.

For he has delivered me from every | trouble,*
and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.

**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.

Behold, God is my | helper;*
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.
He will return the evil to my | enemies;*
in your faithfulness put an | end to them.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; 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

2 Samuel 22:26–34

26“With the merciful you show yourself merciful;
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;

- ²⁷with the purified you deal purely,
and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.
- ²⁸You save a humble people,
but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.
- ²⁹For you are my lamp, O LORD,
and my God lightens my darkness.
- ³⁰For by you I can run against a troop,
and by my God I can leap over a wall.
- ³¹This God—his way is perfect;
the word of the LORD proves true;
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.
- ³²“For who is God, but the LORD?
And who is a rock, except our God?”
- ³³This God is my strong refuge
and has made my way blameless.
- ³⁴He made my feet like the feet of a deer
and set me secure on the heights.”

Gradual

Ps. 8:1



O | LORD, our Lord,*
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!
You have set your | glory*
above the | heavens.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:6–13

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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Alleluia. Blessèd is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments! Alleluia.
Ps. 112:1

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.”

¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

Nicene Creed

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Sit

What Is the World to Me

LSB 730

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

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Prayer of the Church

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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, Bill Colombe, Anita Brothers, the Nevius Family, and Nicole Padro (daughter of the Brayas).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 17th+

- ✠ **MEETINGS THIS WEEK:** The Parish Planning Committee will meet this Tuesday, August 19th at 6:00 pm. The Spiritual Life Council will meet the same evening at 7:00 pm.
- ✠ **PRAIRIE PROJECT UPDATE:** Messiah's Prairie Project is making great progress! The committee has selected ILM as the vendor to carry out the two necessary herbicide treatments and the seed drilling/planting. The first herbicide treatment is planned for later this month, followed by the second treatment in September. We will receive a one-week notice before each treatment. Planting will take place in early winter, most likely in November or December. Additionally, the committee is working on creating signage to inform the community about the prairie in progress. These signs will be displayed during the first couple of years while the prairie is being established.
- ✠ **FIRE NIGHT:** Our next Fire Night is scheduled for Friday, August 29th.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Lord's Work contributions budget YTD as of 8/15:	\$168,282
Lord's Work contributions received YTD as of 8/15:	\$135,276
Difference:	-\$33,006
Restricted contributions YTD as of 8/15:	\$13,800

ATTENDANCE 8/10: 81

BIRTHDAYS

8/18	Colleen Nevius
8/21	Gabby Nevius
8/22	David Knuth
	Lynda Koch

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

8/17	Kendra Vallis
8/18	Mary Rusch