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Divine Service III

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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+

Guest Pastor: Rev. Joshua DeYoung

Elder: Scott Tobalsky

Ushers: Mark Varvil & Roger Jeschke

Greeters: Dave & Connie Mickelsen

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Kris Kochman & Dorothy McConville

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by John Tomsheck.

Fellowship: John Tomsheck

Stand

Confession and Absolution

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 98:1, 4, 6; antiphon: Ps. 98:2



The LORD has made known His sal- | vation;*

He has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done | marvelous things!*

His right hand and His holy arm have worked salva- | tion for Him.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;*

break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

With trumpets and the sound | of the horn*

make a joyful noise before the | King, 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.

The LORD has made known His sal- | vation;*

He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself.

Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4–9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us

up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Gradual

Isaiah 49:22a; John 3:14b–15



**“Behold, I will lift up my hand to the | nations,*
and raise my signal to the peoples,” | [says the Lord.]
So must the Son of Man be | lifted up,*
that whoever believes in him may have e- | ternal life.**

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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Alleluia. Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Alleluia.

Gal. 6:14

Holy Gospel

John 12:20–33

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷“Now is My soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to Him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not Mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death He was going to die.

Nicene Creed

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Sit

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

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Sermon

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Offertory

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Prayer of the Church

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Cross of Jesus

Choir

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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Preface

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Sanctus

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Lord's Prayer

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The Words of Our Lord

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Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

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Sit

Distribution

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

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My Song is Love Unknown

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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

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Thanksgiving

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Salutation and Benedicamus

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Benediction

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In The Cross of Christ I Glory

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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, Jane Gundlach, Kathy Knutell, Michelle Wert, Anita Brothers, the Nevius Family, Nicole Padro (daughter of the Brayas), Tim Watson, Jan Sandberg (mother of Jim Sandberg) and Sarah Hagerman.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14th+

- ✧ **PAT TOMSHECK FUNERAL:** There will be a visitation at Piasecki Funeral Home today from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. There will be another visitation here at Messiah tomorrow morning from 10:00 to 11:00 am. The funeral service will be at 11:00 am with interment following at St. George Cemetery.
- ✧ **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Regular church office hours will resume this week. Lesa will be in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8 am to noon. Feel free to stop by during those times. Please talk to Pastor or Lesa to arrange a time outside of those hours if necessary.
- ✧ **FIRE NIGHT:** Weather permitting, our next Fire Night will be this Friday, September 19th. 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.
- ✧ **OKTOBERFEST CHURCH PICNIC:** Our Oktoberfest-themed church picnic will be Sunday, September 28th. We will have games and fun activities immediately following the Divine Service, and will plan to eat our meal around 11:30. Pastor Roemke will make his famous pork schnitzel and the church is also providing brats and buns. Please see the sheet in the hallway to sign up for a side dish, dessert, or drinks. The recipes we use for Oktoberfest are provided, but you are welcome to use any recipe; we just ask that you keep it German-themed. See Lesa with any questions.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Lord's Work contributions budget YTD as of 9/12:	\$189,039
Lord's Work contributions received YTD as of 9/12:	\$148,793
Difference:	-\$40,246
Restricted contributions YTD as of 9/12:	\$15,005

ATTENDANCE 9/7: 101

BIRTHDAYS

9/14	Terry Wert
9/15	Irene Bashinsky
9/16	Kathy Capriotti
	Monica Scholz
9/19	Kevin Brothers
9/20	Kathy Vescova
	Jake Tobalsky

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

9/16	Peggy Holtz
9/17	Kathy Capriotti
9/18	Diana Dissen
9/19	Michelle Carpenter

ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/12 Jim & Kathy Vescova (5 years)
9/16 Scott & Michelle Carpenter (19 years)
Kelvin & Vicky Nelson (19 years)
9/18 Jim & Lori Madison (21 years)