

# Messiah Lutheran Church

## The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Last Sunday of the Church Year

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Divine Service I

# 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:** Tyler Nehls

**Ushers:** Mark Mielke & Kelvin Nelson

**Greeter:** Irene Bashinsky

**Organist:** Monica Scholz

**Altar Guild:** Amy Vallis & Dorothy McConville

**Altar Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are provided by Mike & Debbie Snodgrass in thanksgiving for their granddaughters.

Confession and Absolution

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 39:4–5, 7–8; antiphon: Is. 35:10



The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with |  
singing,\*

everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.

They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,\*

and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

**O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my  
days;\***

**let me know how fleeting | I am!**

Behold, You have made my days a few handbreadths, and my  
lifetime is as nothing be- | fore You.\*

Surely all mankind stands as a | mere breath!

**And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?\***

**My hope | is in You.**

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.\*

Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

**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.**

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Kyrie

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This Is the Feast

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds  
of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves,  
we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; 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

*Isaiah 65:17–25*

- <sup>17</sup>“For behold, I create new heavens  
and a new earth,  
and the former things shall not be remembered  
or come into mind.
- <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever  
in that which I create;  
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,  
and her people to be a gladness.
- <sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem  
and be glad in My people;  
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping  
and the cry of distress.
- <sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it  
an infant who lives but a few days,  
or an old man who does not fill out his days,  
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,  
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
- <sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- <sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of My people be,  
and My chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- <sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain  
or bear children for calamity,  
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,  
and their descendants with them.
- <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer;  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
- <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,  
and dust shall be the serpent’s food.  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all My holy mountain,”  
says the LORD.

## Gradual

*Ps. 45:14–15*



**In many-colored robes [the King's daughter] is led | to the King,\***

**with her virgin companions following be- | hind her.**

**With joy and gladness they are | led along\***

**as they enter the palace | of the King.**

## Epistle

*1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with Him.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

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## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 25:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the Bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the Bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the Bridegroom! Come out to meet Him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the Bridegroom came, and those who were ready

went in with Him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But He answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

*Sit*

**Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying** *LSB 516*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed** *p158*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offertory** *p159*

*Sit*

***Be Still My Soul*** *Choir*

**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

*Stand*

**Preface** *p160*

**Sanctus** *p161*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Lord's Prayer** *p162*

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini** *p163*

**Agnus Dei**

*Sit*

**Distribution**

**The Tree of Life** *LSB 561*

**At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing** *LSB 633*

**Jerusalem, My Happy Home** *LSB 673*

**The Day Is Surely Drawing Near** *LSB 508*

*Stand*

**Thank the Lord** *p164*

**Post-Communion Collect** *p166*

**Benediction**

**A Multitude Comes from the East and the West** *LSB 510*

**+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, Anita Brothers, the Nevius Family, Nicole Padro (daughter of the Brayas), Jan Sandberg (mother of Jim Sandberg), Sarah Hagerman, Ken Gundlach (uncle of Sarah Billings), Brandon Smith (son-in-law of Jeff & Amy Vallis), Wayne & Jeannie Pannette (brother-in-law and sister of Marilyn Dissen), Linda Davis (sister of Steve Billings), and Louie Capriotti.

**+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>+**

- ✧ **ANNUAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY** follows the Divine Service today. Congregation members are encouraged to attend.
- ✧ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES:** There are no Wednesday Bible studies this week.
- ✧ **THANKSGIVING DIVINE SERVICE** is this Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.
- ✧ **DECORATING:** Next Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be decorating for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Please stay to help if you can.
- ✧ **ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES** begin Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will have Advent Matins at 9:00 am, as an alternative to those who are not able to come in the evening. At 5:45 pm we will have a Chili potluck dinner; sign-up on the bulletin board. At 6:30 pm we will have Advent Evening Prayer.
- ✧ **POINSETTIAS:** Please use the sheet on the bulletin board to sign up to provide a poinsettia to beautify our sanctuary during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Please submit payment by Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Lord's Work contributions budget YTD as of 11/21:	\$240,932
Lord's Work contributions received YTD as of 11/21:	\$186,074
Difference:	-\$54,858
Restricted contributions YTD as of 11/21:	\$35,552

**ATTENDANCE 11/16: 107**

**BIRTHDAYS**

11/24 Abby Hiebert-Schultz  
Brooke Koch  
11/25 Stephanie Zuehls  
11/29 Henry Buehrens

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

11/25 Mike Martin  
Mary Anne Enriquez  
11/27 Teddy Koch  
11/29 Artyom Varvil  
Sergei Varvil

**ANNIVERSARIES**

11/24 Louie & Kathy Capriotti (52 years)  
Jim & Mary Sandberg (41 years)