

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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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.

**PRAVERS 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:** Scott Tobalsky

**Ushers:** Brent Jiter & Mark Mielke

**Greeters:** Dave & Connie Mickelsen

**Organist:** Henry Buehrens

**Altar Guild:** Cara Zietz & Kris Kochman

**Altar Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are provided by Mike & Debbie Snodgrass in memory of Doris Colombe.

## Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555 v. 1-5

## Confession and Absolution

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### +SERVICE OF THE WORD+

#### Introit

*Ps. 18:1-2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: Ps. 18:5-6a*



The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;\*  
the snares of death con- | fronted me.  
In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.\*  
From His temple He | heard my voice.

**I love You, O | LORD, my strength.\***

**The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer,**  
For You save a humble | people,\*  
but the haughty eyes | You bring down.  
**[You have] equipped | me with strength\***  
**and made my way | blameless.**  
For this I will praise You, O LORD, among the | nations,\*  
and sing | to Your name.

**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 cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;\*  
the snares of death con- | fronted me.  
In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.\*  
From his temple he | heard my voice.

## Kyrie

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## Gloria in Excelsis

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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

*Exodus 17:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

## Gradual

*Ps. 9:9–10, 18–19a*



The LORD is a stronghold for | the oppressed,\*  
a stronghold in times of | trouble.

And those who know Your name put their | trust in You,\*  
for You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who | seek You.  
For the needy shall not always be for- | gotten,\*  
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for- | ever.

A- | rise, O LORD!\*

Let not | man prevail.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 9:24–10:5*

<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

<sup>10:1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank

the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

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**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 20:1-16*

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last.”

*Sit*

**Salvation unto Us Has Come**

*LSB 555 v. 6-10*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

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**Prayer of the Church**

**Offertory**

*Sit*

**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

*Stand*

**Preface** *p160*

**Sanctus** *p161*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** *p162*

**Lord's Prayer** *p162*

**The Words of Our Lord** *p163*

**Pax Domini** *p163*

**Agnus Dei** *p163*

*Sit*

**Distribution** *LSB 648*

**Glorious Things of You Are Spoken** *LSB 648*

**Rise, My Soul, To Watch and Pray** *LSB 663*

**May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill** *LSB 698*

**Come Unto Me, Ye Weary** *LSB 684*

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis** *p165*

**Post-Communion Collect** *p166*

**Benediction**

**Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer** *LSB 918*

**+VDMÄ+**

**V**erbum **D**omini **M**anet in **A**eternum  
**T**he Word of the **L**ord 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, 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), Wayne & Jeannie Pannette (brother-in-law and sister of Marilyn Dissen), Larry Mills (friend of Mike & Sandy Martin), Jim Knuth, Mary Jo Jiter, Dave Dissen, Rick Holtz, and Gail Kulbacki.

### **+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup>+**

- ✖ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES:** The morning study at 9:30 is studying of the book of Jonah. The evening study at 6:30 discusses the Book of Concord and closes with Compline.
- ✖ **PALMS:** If you have any palm crosses at home from last Palm Sunday, please bring them to church by February 15<sup>th</sup>. They will be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

### **ATTENDANCE 1/25: 79**

### **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 1/31/26**

Weekly receipts for operating budget	\$2,406
Weekly need for operating budget	\$4,869
Difference	-\$2,463
Weekly long-term and fund receipts	\$250

### **+FEBRUARY EVENTS AT MESSIAH+**

Tuesday	2/17	6:00 pm	Parish Planning Committee Mtg
		7:00 pm	Spiritual Life Council Mtg
Wednesday	2/18	6:00-8:15 am	Imposition of Ashes
		9:00 am	Ash Wednesday Divine Service
		6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Divine Service
Wednesday	2/25	9:00 am	Lenten Matins
		9:30 am	Bible Study
		5:45 pm	Soup Supper Potluck
		6:30 pm	Lenten Vespers

**BIRTHDAYS**

2/1      Hayley Weathersby  
          Payton Weathersby

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

2/3      Vicky Nelson  
2/6      Brooke Koch