

Messiah Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

THE PARABLE



OF THE SOWER



Sexagesima Sunday-
Sola Scriptura

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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: Scott Tobalsky & Mark Bernhardt

Greeter: Mary Rusch

Organist: Elyse Adams

Altar Guild: Amy Vallis & Dorothy McConville

Confession and Absolution

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 44:1–2, 7–8; antiphon: Ps. 44:23, 25a, 26a



Awake! Why are you sleeping, | O Lord?*

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!

For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.*

Rise up; come | to our help!

**O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have | told us,*
what deeds you performed in their days, in the | days of old:**

you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you |
planted;*

you afflicted the peoples, but them you | set free.

But you have saved us | from our foes*

and have put to shame those who | hate us.

In God we have boasted con- | tinually,*

and we will give thanks to your name for- | ever.

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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For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.*

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Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant
that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Holy Gospel

Luke 8:4–15

⁴When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: ⁵“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

⁹And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ ¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

Sit

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

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Offertory

Sit

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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The Words of Our Lord

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**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, 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), Jim Knuth, Mary Jo Jiter, Dave Dissen, Rick Holtz, and Gail Kulbacki.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8th+

- ✧ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES:** The morning study at 9:30 will finish the book of Jonah. There will be no morning study next week, February 18th. The evening study at 6:30 discusses the Book of Concord and closes with Compline. This will be the last evening study until after Easter.
- ✧ **PALMS:** If you have any palm crosses at home from last Palm Sunday, please bring them to church by next Sunday. They will be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.
- ✧ **ASH WEDNESDAY:** Next Wednesday, February 18th, Imposition of Ashes with Confession and Absolution will be offered from 6-8:15 am. Divine Services with Imposition of Ashes will be held at 9:00 am and 6:30 pm.

ATTENDANCE 2/1: 86

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 2/7/26

Weekly receipts for operating budget	\$8,332
Weekly need for operating budget	\$4,869
Difference	+\$3,463
Weekly long-term and fund receipts	\$425

+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

2/12 Thomas Kochman
Amy Vallis
2/14 Steve Billings
Brian Blair

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

2/9 Henry Buehrens
Linda Polcin
2/11 Mike Henning
2/12 Sarah Billings
2/13 Mark Varvil

ANNIVERSARIES

2/10 Pastor Roemke's Installation Anniversary (13 years)