

# **Messiah Lutheran Church**

## **The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**



**Quinquagesima Sunday-  
Sola Fide**

**February 15, 2026**

**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:** Mike Martin

**Ushers:** Mark Varvil & Roger Jeschke

**Greeter:** Deleen Nehls

**Organist:** Monica Scholz

**Altar Guild:** Tamara Weathersby & Cara Zietz

**Fellowship:** Steve & Marilyn Wikner

**Altar Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are given by Mike & Sandy Martin in gratitude to God for their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

*Stand***Confession and Absolution**

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**+SERVICE OF THE WORD+****Introit***Ps. 31:1, 5, 9, 16; antiphon: Ps. 31:2b-3*

Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,\*  
a strong fortress to | save me!  
For You are my rock and my | fortress;\*  
and for Your name's sake You lead me and | guide me.

**In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;\***

**in Your righteousness de- | liver me!**

Into Your hand I commit my | spirit;\*  
You have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

**Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | in distress;\***

**my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body | also.**

Make Your face shine on Your | servant;\*  
save me in Your | steadfast love!

**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.**

Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,\*  
a strong fortress to | save me!  
For You are my rock and my | fortress;\*  
and for Your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

**Kyrie**

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**Gloria in Excelsis**

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**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

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O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; 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 35:3–7*

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
“Be strong; fear not!  
Behold, your God  
will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.  
He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.  
For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

## Gradual

*Ps. 77:14–15*



You are the God who works | wonders;\*  
You have made known Your might among the | peoples.  
You with Your arm redeemed Your | people,\*  
the children of Jacob and | Joseph.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 13:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for

tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

<sup>13</sup>So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

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**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 18:31-43*

<sup>31</sup>Taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup>For He will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. <sup>33</sup>And after flogging Him, they will kill Him, and on the third day He will rise.” <sup>34</sup>But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

<sup>35</sup>As He drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup>And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. <sup>37</sup>They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” <sup>38</sup>And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>39</sup>And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>40</sup>And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he came near, He asked him, <sup>41</sup>“What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.” <sup>42</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.” <sup>43</sup>And immediately he recovered his sight and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

*Sit*

**Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

*LSB 849*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

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**Prayer of the Church**

**Offertory**

*Sit*

**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

*Stand*

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**Alleluia, Song of Gladness**

*LSB 417, choir v. 3*

**+VDMÄ+**

**V**erbum** D**omi**ni M**an**et in A**eternu**m  
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, Gail Kulbacki, and Rachel Higginbotham (friend of the Roemke family).

### **+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup>+**

- ✖ **ASH WEDNESDAY:** This Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.
- ✖ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES:** There are no Wednesday Bible studies this week.
- ✖ **MEETINGS THIS WEEK:** The Parish Planning Committee will meet this Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in a classroom in the education wing. The Spiritual Life Council will meet the same evening at 7:00 pm. All those coming this evening for meetings or choir, please enter through the front door or the education wing door. Do not use the fellowship hall as the spring primary election will be taking place.
- ✖ **HELP NEEDED:** If you are able, please take a few minutes after Bible study to help move tables and chairs in the fellowship hall in preparation for election day on Tuesday.
- ✖ **NEVIUS BAPTISM:** The Nevius family will be here on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> for Annie's baptism. Next Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will have a door offering for them. Please bring either cash or a check made out to Nate Nevius. On March 1<sup>st</sup> we will have a potluck brunch and will also be doing a diaper shower, so please bring a package if you are able.
- ✖ **LENTEN DEVOTIONAL:** Pastor Roemke has compiled a daily Lenten devotional booklet for you to use during this penitential season.

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 2/14/26

Weekly receipts for operating budget	\$2,210
Weekly need for operating budget	\$4,869
Difference	-\$2,659
Weekly long-term and fund receipts	\$100

### +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

2/17	Don Moe
2/19	Austin Nehls
	Logan Nevius
2/20	Connie Mickelsen
2/21	Emma Jiter

### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

2/15	Stephanie Zuehls
2/17	Nyssa Zuehls

### ANNIVERSARIES

2/18	Mike & Sandy Martin (20 years)
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