

**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
**The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**



**First Sunday in Lent**  
**Invocavit**

**February 22, 2026**

**Divine Service III**

# 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:** Scott Tobalsky

**Ushers:** Mark Mielke & Kelvin Nelson

**Greeter:** Marge Harmon

**Organist:** Monica Scholz

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

**Fellowship:** Scott & Kate Tobalsky

Stand

**Confession and Absolution**

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**+SERVICE OF THE WORD+**

**Introit**

Ps. 91:1-2, 9-10, 13; antiphon: Ps. 91:15a, c, 16



When he calls to me, I will | answer him;\*

I will rescue him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him\*

and show him my sal- | vation.

**He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High\***

**will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.**

I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my | fortress,\*

my God, in | whom I trust.”

**Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—\***

**the Most High, who is my | refuge—**

no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,\*

no plague come | near your tent.

**You will tread on the lion and the | adder;\***

**the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.**

**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.**

When he calls to me, I will | answer him;\*

I will rescue him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him\*

and show him my sal- | vation.

**Kyrie**

LSB 944, v. 1-3



1 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.  
 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.



Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.  
 Chris - te e - le - - - i - son.  
 Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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

*Genesis 3:1–21*

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,  
“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat

all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
He shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise His heel.”

<sup>16</sup>To the woman He said,  
“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;  
in pain you shall bring forth children.  
Your desire shall be for your husband,  
and he shall rule over you.”

<sup>17</sup>And to Adam He said,  
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife  
and have eaten of the tree  
of which I commanded you,  
‘You shall not eat of it,’  
cursed is the ground because of you;  
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
<sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

<sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread,  
till you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
for you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.”

<sup>20</sup>The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of  
all living. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments  
of skins and clothed them.

## Gradual

*Ps. 91:11–12*



**He will command His angels con- | cerning you\*  
to guard you in | all your ways.  
On their hands they will | bear you up,\*  
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**



down, for it is written,

“‘He will command His angels concerning you,’ and

“‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to Him, “All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“‘You shall worship the Lord your God  
and Him only shall you serve.’”

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.

## **Apostles’ Creed**

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*Sit*

## **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

*LSB 657*

## **Sermon**

*Stand*

## **Offertory**

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## **Prayer of the Church**

*Sit*

## **+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

*Stand*

## **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 Christ, You Walked the Road**

*LSB 424*

## **Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering**

*LSB 600*

## **O Love, How Deep**

*LSB 544*

## **The Tree of Life**

*LSB 561*

*Stand*

## **Nunc Dimittis**

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## **Thanksgiving**

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**Salutation and Benedicamus  
Benediction**

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**Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise**

*LSB 917*

**+ V D M 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, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>+

- ✘ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** The morning study at 9:30 am will start the book of Lamentations.
- ✘ **LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES** begin this Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Matins at 9:00 am with Bible study following at 9:30 am. Soup supper potluck at 5:45 and Vespers at 6:30. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to provide something for the soup potluck.
- ✘ **EASTER FLOWERS:** Please use the sheet in the hallway to sign up to provide Easter flowers. See Kris Kochman with any questions.
- ✘ **NEVIUS BAPTISM:** The Nevius family will be here next Sunday for Annie's baptism. Today we are having a door offering for them, either cash or a check made out to Nate Nevius. On March 1<sup>st</sup> we will have a potluck brunch. Beef and cake is being provided; please sign up to bring rolls or a side dish. We 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.

**ATTENDANCE 2/15: 98**

## **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 2/21/26**

Weekly receipts for operating budget	\$3,511
Weekly need for operating budget	\$4,869
Difference	-\$1,158
Weekly long-term and fund receipts	\$300

**BIRTHDAYS**

2/23 Sandy Jenista  
2/24 Tatum Nehls  
2/25 Scott Tobalsky  
2/27 Staci Szela  
Artyom Varvil  
Sergei Varvil  
2/28 Lena Roemke

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

2/26 Hayley Weathersby  
Payton Weathersby

**ANNIVERSARIES**

2/27 Mike & Dorothy McConville (27 years)